



Worship Assistants



	September 10, 2017		September 17, 2017	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
Acolyte	Sara Houser	Drayce Grove	David Herb	Jenna Gordon
Lector	Laura Wills	Greg John	Sue Rodgers	Pat Gilmore-Lee
Cantor	Paulette Krewson	Greg John	Lynne Immell	Kathy Burson
Assisting Minister	Beth Lengel	Julie Grove	Crystal Houser	Tina Gordon
Communion	Ja 'net Grey	Tom Burson	Daryl Gochenauer	Art Grove
Ushers	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Beverly Caley	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Julie Read	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Beverly Caley	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Julie Read
Greeters	Bev Caley Stephanie Sauve	Steve & Judy Read	Dolores Lebo	Ken & Carol Clelland
Altar Guild	Crystal & Sara Houser		Crystal & Sara Houser	
Counters	Art & Julie Grove; Parker Lee		Art & Julie Grove; Parker Lee	

Attendance September 3, 2017

8:00am service	47
10:45am service	34
Total	91
Sunday School	27

Our Tithes; September 3, 2017

General	\$ 6156.50
Benevolence	\$ 804.00
World Hunger	\$ 19.00
Total	\$ 6979.50

Other Designated Offerings September 3, 2017

El Salvador	\$ 6.00
Bell Tower Repair	\$ 483.21
Disaster Relief	\$ 60.00
Kate's Kids	\$ 10.00
Social Ministries (via GGC)	\$ 16.25
Total	\$ 575.46
Grand Total	\$ 7554.96

Pastoral Care in Times of Emergency or Crisis. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call the St. Stephen office at 766-2168 (leave a voice mail if necessary), or call Pastor Matthew at 717-805-7598.

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Office Hours: *Monday – Thursday*
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This Week At St. Stephen

Sunday, September 10, Rally Day

8:00am Worship
9:30am Sunday Church School
10:45am Worship
4:00pm Rejoicing Spirits Service

Monday, September 11

6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

4:30pm Social Ministries Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

6:00pm Quilting

Thursday, September 14

9:00am Quilting

Saturday, September 16

8:00am Men's Breakfast
5:00pm Community Meal

Sunday, September 17

8:00am Worship
9:30am Sunday Church School
10:45am Worship

♦ **Please welcome** Mrs. Abby Best to the organist bench this morning!

♦ **Pastor Matthew will be installed** on Sunday, September 24th at 4:00pm here at St. Stephen. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan on attending the reception to follow. This allows us to plan accordingly.

♦ **Apple Pie Crust Makers Needed** – No Experience Necessary We will be making 75 apple pie crusts on Saturdays: September 30th and October 7th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. We will finish earlier if we get enough helpers! Call Tina or Rose with questions.

♦ **The ELCA. through the Synod has an opportunity** to stand by our neighbors as Hurricane Harvey, one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade, continues to affect large areas of Texas . Please pray for the victims and consider giving today to support the needs in this response and others like it. Please enter “**US Hurricane Relief**” in the check memo line. One hundred percent of your designated donation will be sent to the Synod and used to assist those affected by the hurricane until the response is complete.

♦ **Act(s) Now!** Join in the conversation as we journey through the Book of Acts and explore the stories of key figures in the Book of Acts and how it relates to our lives today. The multiple week bible study will take place on **Wednesdays** beginning on **September 20th**. Pr. Matthew will be leading the bible study at two different times to accommodate people's availability – 10:30am and 7:00pm. Come and join in the conversation and invite your friends too. Please contact Pr. Matthew if you are interested in being a part of this study.

♦ **The RAVEL TRIO** will open the 2017-2018 Fine Arts at First Concert Series at First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford St., Carlisle on Sunday, September 24 at 3 P.M. Based in Baltimore, the Ravel Trio features violinist Simon Maurer, cellist Nancy Baun, and pianist Daniel Lau. It is hailed internationally for its conversational concert style, musical passion, and "unflagging energy and verve". Featured in the program will be works by Haydn, Babadjanian, Schoenfield, and Dvorak. The piano trio's concert will benefit Carlisle Meals On Wheels. All proceeds raised will be donated to the organization in support of its mission to deliver

nutritious meals to homebound residents in the community. The concert is free of admission and will be followed by a dessert reception. Call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org for more information.

♦ **St Stephen is collecting bars of soap** for Lutheran World Relief this year. In the past we have collected and assembled personal care and school kits. We are working with St Mark Lutheran Church for this collection. Any kind and size of soap is acceptable. Please place your donation in the box on

the stage. October 15th will be the last Sunday to donate. Thank you from your Social Ministry Committee.

♦ **The next “God’s Work, Our Hands”** work day is Sunday September 17th. This time around, there are four options available; New Hope Ministries, P.E.T. Carlisle, Lutheran World Relief Projects, and Memorial Park clean up. Please sign up with Pastor Sigrid Hipkiss (717-766-7091 or pastor-sigrid@trindlespringlelutheran.org) if you wish to “lend a hand!”



Prayer Ventures—September

September 10 When there is conflict, disagreement or a problem among us, we pray we are caring, honest and principled with each other for the sake of healing, reconciliation, redirecting our lives or better understanding one another.

September 11 Give thanks for grandparents who touch our lives, share their faith, pass on wisdom and lessons learned in life, influence us through their example and add to the vibrancy of our communities.

September 12 We remember in our prayers the men and women of all ages and backgrounds who respond to God’s call to lives of service and ministry and pray for those attending or entering seminary or participating in distributed learning programs that they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, enthusiasm and skill for serving the church and world.

September 13 Remember the words of Jesus to “love one another,” and pray for his commandment

to be in the foreground of our thinking, actions, decisions, relationships and worldview.

September 14 Holy Cross Day Pray that when we see or use the symbol of the cross we are filled with the hope and joy of faith in God’s victory over death for us in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

September 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month We give thanks for the gifts and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans and pray for the growth of ELCA Latino ministries as they share the gospel, encourage new leaders and serve their neighbors in many different community contexts.

September 16 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global church companions in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, and ask God to move us to support and encourage their work in sharing the good news of the gospel, caring for the diverse needs of the human community, and equipping leaders for ministry.

Current Prayers Requests

Bob Lamp	
Hen Yohn	
Michael Smith/Darlene Klopp	Just entered another round of chemotherapy for brain tumor.
Family and Friends of Gail Phillippy	Gail passed last Wednesday
Pastor Rochelle Lewis	Continuing recovery from brain surgery. Still has headaches and swelling.
Jimmy and Family	Friends of Roger and Lynne Immell. Jimmy is in hospital with injuries from truck accident.
Joel Gochenauer	Daryl's nephew; undergoing cancer treatment
Steve Read and Family	Steve's father passed away on September 3
John Hutchinson	Father of Rev. Martin Hutchinson in Salisbury MD - recovering from brain surgery

Prayers of Intercession

September 10, 2017

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. Reconcile our differences. Forgive our divisions. Unite us at your table. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For your creation. Increase our stewardship of all that you have given to us. Let the earth flourish for those who come after us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For peace in the world. End conflicts among nations. Help leaders and citizens truly to listen to one another and to act for the good of all. Teach us by your example. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all those in need. Bind up our hurts. Heal divisions in our families, friendships, and neighborhoods. Comfort those who need your special care *especially* Bob, Hen, Michael, Darlene, Rochelle, Jimmy, Joel, Steve, John, Phillip, LyNette, Paul, Ginny, Ken, Dottie, and Marian. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For this congregation. Make us signs of your love and forgiveness in this community and in the world. Help us to grow in our love for one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for all the faithful witnesses who put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful until the day we rejoice in your majesty with them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **Amen.**