



# Worship Assistants



	October 22, 2017		October 29, 2017	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
<b>Crucifer</b>	N/A	N/A	David Herb	David Herb
<b>Torch Bearer Acolyte</b>	David Herb	David Herb	Emma & Molly Best	Jenna & Carly Gordon
<b>Lector</b>	Sara Houser	Stacy Schroeder	Beth Lengel	Stacy Schroeder
<b>Cantor</b>	Maxine Montgomery		Maxine Montgomery	Matt Schroeder
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Crystal Houser	Steve Read	Sara Houser	Tina Gordon
<b>Communion</b>	Crystal Houser	Kathy Burson	Bill Wills	Tom Burson
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Lebo* Marty Baim Bonnie Baim Wayne Lengel	Tom Burson* Julie Grove	Dan Lebo* Bill Wills Laura Wills Wayne Lengel	Tom Burson* Julie Grove
<b>Greeters</b>	Sherri Rudacille Sue Rodgers	Steve & Judy Read	Grace Stoner	Pat & Parker Lee
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ja'net Grey		Ja'net Grey	
<b>Counters</b>	Rose Hlavac, Cheryl Neidig, Tom Burson		Rose Hlavac, Cheryl Neidig, Tom Burson	

## Attendance October 15, 2017

8:00am service	45
10:45am service	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>41</b>

## Our Tithes; October 15, 2017

General	\$ 1800.21
Benevolence	\$ 583.00
World Hunger	\$ 26.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2590.71</b>

## Other Designated Offerings October 15, 2017

Bell Tower Repair	\$ 93.50
Camping Support	\$ 10.00
Kate's Kids	\$ 15.00
IMO Gail Phillippy	\$ 150.00
El Salvador	\$ 206.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 474.50</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 3065.21</b>

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*  
*9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

### This Week At St. Stephen

#### **Sunday, October 22**

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

#### **Monday, October 23**

6:00pm      Boy Scouts

#### **Wednesday, October 25**

10:30am     Act(s) Now Bible Study  
6:00pm      Quilting  
7:00pm      Act(s) Now Bible Study

#### **Thursday, October 26**

9:00am      Quilting

#### **Sunday, October 29**

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

♦ **The flowers are sponsored today** by Sue Rodgers

♦ *"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."* –Matthew 22:21B Jesus gave this answer to a question about paying taxes, but it has implications for how we use all that we have. We give to God the things that truly belong to God – our hearts, our minds, our souls, and our very lives. When we do this, our priorities are in order and we'll know what to do with the OTHER stuff in our lives, such as our money.

♦ **Martin Luther Movie Night** AND Reformation Family Celebration . Join us on Sunday evening October 29th at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall for a fun evening which includes the latest movie on Martin Luther. There will be delicious indulgences for sale, popcorn for all, games for the children and surprises about our dear Martin! Come learn more about the reformation as presented in this production which aired on PBS in September. Donations of sweet treats are appreciated and the proceeds of these yummy indulgence sales will go towards our very active Social Ministry program. Sign up

sheets are in Fellowship Hall.

♦ **Thanks to those that volunteered** for Trunk or Treat 2017! Unfortunately, there were not enough trunks to hold all the available treats. We will try again next year!

♦ **The Thrivent Choice Dollars** program is alive and well at St. Stephen? By directing Choice Dollars(R) through Thrivent Choice, Thrivent members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. St. Stephen directs these donations to Social Ministries to help our local brothers and sisters in need. Members have donated nearly \$675.00 this year. See Kevin to get started.

♦ **Reserve your seat today...**Kelsey Hlavac will be hosting a lesson on the spiritual practice of Bible Journaling! Interested? Come to the church on Saturday, November 11, from 2pm to 4 pm to begin your journey.

♦ **Bakers Needed:** Evangelism, Social Ministries and Worship & Music will be hosting a Sale of (Sweet) Indulgences at the Reformation Showing

of Luther, Sunday afternoon Oct 29th. Proceeds will be applied to our Benevolence commitment. Please drop off your baked goods by Sunday afternoon, or bring to the event

♦**We're having a party!** On Sunday, October 29, join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 250th birthday of St. Stephen!

♦**Our church is having a Reformation 500 Book Fair!** Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall on October 29 and November 11 to order some fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family. You'll save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all the books displayed.

♦**Save those Giant receipts...**Shop for food and gas at Giant between October 1st and 31st. Bring your receipt to the church by November 2nd at 12:00 noon. Giant will donate \$1 for every receipt to Project Share. See Lynne Immell for details.

♦**Attention Parents:** Social Ministry is sending Care packages to our college students again this fall. Since all of their addresses have probably

changed from last year please submit their new ones ASAP to Sally John at Beachdogs4@verizon.net. Please also let us know of any food allergies they may have!

♦**Did you hear that we are part of a Synod in Renewal?** God is in the renewal



business. God is renewing the world. The work of renewal calls for intentionality in our spiritual lives, our shared synod life, and our relationships as we engage the world around us. As fellow disciples, we join in what God is up to. Our challenge is to follow Christ's lead. Renewal is always about God. God always goes first. While we are often three steps behind, we are on the way (the very definition of 'synod') together. Our connections to God and what God is up to will faithfully guide our next steps because together, we are following the renewing of Christ. Stay tuned and please be in constant prayer for the renewal team.

## Prayer Ventures—October

**October 22** Often torn between the pressures to choose sides in society, politics, relationships and the world, pray that the Spirit works in us to remind us daily of our responsibilities in the world to one another, and that our ultimate loyalty is to God and God's ways.

**October 23** Pray for peaceful, diplomatic resolutions to current conflicts and wars in the world and for reconciliation, healing, relief and solutions that work toward the end of suffering and injustice.

**October 24** Pray for the publishing ministry of our church – 1517 Media – and its publishing partners; give thanks for their resources developed in support of the mission and ministry of congregations, schools, leaders and members.

**October 25** Rejoice and be glad in the Lord's creative work, magnificence, strength, mercy and justice.

**October 26** Pray for the work of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, our opportunity to invest in the future of this church, deepen relationships and expand ministry opportunities that serve our neighbors and communities in the United States and around the world. Give thanks for the generosity of our members and the sharing of gifts that help us realize the goals of the campaign.

**October 27** We ask God to inspire us through the Spirit to support one another as brothers and sisters loved by God and to encourage one another to go into every corner of the world as witnesses to the hope and love we experience through faith in Jesus Christ.

**October 28** Pray for the Spirit to stir our wisdom and vision as a church that we will move into the future with a commitment to God's work in the world, growing the church, equipping new leaders, serving our neighbor and excitement for sharing the gospel in creative ways we have yet to imagine.

### Current Prayers Requests

Bob Lamp	
Hen Yohn	
Lynette Clements	Very weak
Michael Smith/Darlene Klopp	Just entered another round of chemotherapy for brain tumor.
Joel Gochenauer	Daryl's nephew; recovering from seizures and brain tumors
Family and friends of Judy Read's nephew, Adam	Adam's grandfather, Wayne, passed away on October 10 <sup>th</sup> , from complications resulting from a head on car collision
Tom	Ron and Brenda Kimmel's brother-in-law, Tom....recovering from recent kidney removal surgery and is awaiting the lab results, testing for cancer. We pray for comfort, strength and healing.
Ethel	Ron Kimmel's mother, Ethel. She is currently in the hospital recovering from multiple issues. We pray for comfort and continued healing.

### Prayers of Intercession

**October 22, 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.*

Trusting in God, we pray for the church. Fill all worshipers with your Holy Spirit. Grant them generous hearts to share God's splendor revealed to them in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation: for the power of sun, wind, and water, for the riches buried in rock and soil, for the magnificence of life in forms too many to number. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations: for leaders of governments, for fair commerce between nations, for treasurers, boards of directors, and all who justly distribute monetary resources. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor and outcast, for those who cannot afford food, medicine, clothing, and shelter, for the communities and agencies who serve the needy and advocate on their behalf. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in God's healing power, we pray for this congregation: for the unemployed and overworked, for all who are burdened by debt, for the sick and those in particular need *especially* Bob, Hen, LyNette, Michael, Darlene, Joel, Delia, Ira, Stacy and Adam's family and friends. Comfort their hearts and ours with your healing presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the saints of every time and place. By your Spirit, grant us sure confidence in the everlasting glory you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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