

Worship Assistants

	June 24, 2018		July 1, 2018	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
Acolyte	Sara Houser	David Herb	David Herb	Jenna Gordon
Lector	Melinda Bailey	Steve Read	Larry Bouchat	Julie Grove
Cantor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Assisting Minister	TBD	TBD	Sara Houser	Tina Gordon
Communion	Sue Rodgers	Tom Burson	Sue Rodgers	Julie Grove
Ushers	Daryl and Ja'net Gochenauer	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Judy Read	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Bev Caley	Tom Burson* Julie Grove Austin Batcheler
Greeters	Mary and Lenny Zook	Ira and Le Ewell	Daryl and Ja 'net Gochenauer	Frank and June Roberto
Altar Guild	Cheryl Neidig & Mary Zook		John and Maxine Montgomery	
Counters	Patty Haggerty, Tom Burson, Cheryl Neidig		Ryan and Patty Haggerty; Cheryl Neidig	

Attendance June 17, 2018		Other Designated Offerings June 17, 2018	
8:00am service	56	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 198.50
10:45am service	29	Youth Director Support	\$ 5.00
Total	85	Social Ministries	\$ 5.00
Sunday School		Social Ministries (via Gift Card)	\$ 10.00
		National Youth Gathering	\$ 643.00
		El Salvador	\$ 132.00
		Camping Support	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$ 1003.50
Our Tithes; June 17, 2018		Grand Total	\$3168.00
General	\$ 1491.50		
Benevolence	\$ 658.00		
World Hunger	\$ 15.00		
Total	\$ 2164.50		



Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Call to Action

Sunday, June 24

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

Monday, June 25

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 26

9:00am The Breakfast Club

*Shut-In
& Visitation
Ministry*

We need your help! Thank you to all those who are humbly serving as Eucharistic Ministers to our shut-in disciples. This is a powerful ministry that serves both the person being visited and the Eucharistic Minister. We are looking for more individuals who feel called to be Eucharistic Ministers and other visitations. We need help to check in with people we haven't seen in worship lately and with those who have been coming to worship more infrequently. Please call or e-mail Pastor Matthew or let Kevin know your interest. Thank you.

Are you hungry? Everybody needs nourishment, both physical and spiritual. Pastor Matthew has started a new summertime fellowship opportunity, "Lunch and Listening." He will be having lunch every Thursday at noon at the church pavilion. This program will last through September 6th.

Stewardship Snippet

Psalm 107:1 – O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Thankfulness is a gateway response for steward/disciples because gratitude leads us to see our blessings in terms of abundance rather than scarcity. When we see our blessings as abundance, we can let go of them and share with our needy neighbors. So give thanks always!

Reflection and Meditations

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.



Readings for Next Week

Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, July 1

8:00am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship
2:00pm Dulcimer's Practice
5:00pm Tapology

POSITION AVAILABLE: Seeking a full time, live in Cemetery Caretaker for Zion Lutheran Church, Enola, PA. This position is responsible for the overall appearance of cemetery and church grounds and snow removal in the winter. The successful candidate will have a strong work ethic and previous experience in a general labor or grounds keeping type position.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the opening and closing of gravesites
- Maintain log books for inventory, maintenance and all cemetery related work performed
- Maintain all church and cemetery grounds encompassing 6.5 acres.
- Perform routine maintenance of equipment
- Perform snow and ice removal in a timely manner
- Attend monthly meetings

Compensation:

Housing is provided in lieu of traditional salary. Caretaker responsible for all utilities.

Interested parties please send resume to Zion Lutheran Church, 265 N Enola Drive, Enola, PA 17025. For questions, call 717-732-9652.

Prayers This Week

The Weigel Family for ongoing health issues



St. Stephen Sunday Church School is alive and well this Summer! Yes, we will continue to meet from June 17th thru September 2nd prior to the commencement of our Fall program with Rally Day, scheduled for September 9th.

2 youth classes will continue to be offered: 1 for younger youth and one for older youth (middle school'rs and up) with varied programs in the planning stages.

1 combined adult class will be offered in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY: Pastor Matthew will lead a hymn sing.

July 1st - September 2nd: Pastor Matthew and others will lead a series of "Who am I Becoming?" sessions from the book, Believe!



You are all invited to our **combined worship service on SUNDAY, JULY 8, 9:30 a.m.** This summertime service will be followed by a pot luck brunch and an intergenerational program. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join all in fine fellowship

Another VBS opportunity.



At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings.

VBS will be held at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church (14 State Road, Mechanicsburg) from Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13. Kids and families are invited to come for dinner at 5:30 every evening in the fellowship hall. Then we'll gather in the sanctuary at 6:15 to start our Shipwrecked adventure! Each evening wraps up at 8:30 p.m. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Come join **St. Stephen** for Vacation Bible School "Operation Overboard – dare to Go Deep with God!" **Sunday July 15th through Thursday July 19th** starting at 5:30pm with a light meal. Please stop by the VBS table in the fellowship hall for information/sign up to attend or help. Any questions please call/text Cheryl Neidig 717-802-0942 or email cdneidig@msn.com.



The alternate liturgical color for this Sunday is White which suggests gladness, light, and joy. It is used for festivals of Christ...**the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**...and on the days of saints who were not martyrs.

You are invited to read about Saint John the Baptist.

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Saint John the Baptist's Story



Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." But John would have agreed completely with what

Jesus added: "[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human

as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

Reflection

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00am—2:00pm

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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