

Worship Assistants

	September 2, 2018		September 9, 2018	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8: 00 am service	10:45 am service
Acolyte	David Herb	David Herb	Sara Houser	Jenna Gordon
Lector	Larry Bouchat	Stacy Schroeder	Sara Houser	Greg John
Cantor	N/A	N/A	Paulette Krewson	Greg John
Assisting Minister	Emma Best	Steve Read	Sara Houser	Tina Gordon
Communion	Maxine Montgomery	Greg John	Sue Rodgers	Tom Burson
Ushers	Marty Baim* Bonnie Baim Alan Gamble Greg Gross	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Judy Read	Marty Baim* Bonnie Baim Alan Gamble Greg Gross	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Judy Read
Greeters	Dan Lebo	Frank and June Roberto	Daryl and Ja 'net Gochenauer	Steve and Judy Read
Altar Guild	Crystal and Sara Houser		Crystal and Sara Houser	
Counters	Parker Lee, Rose Hlavac		Parker Lee, Rose Hlavac	

General Budget Revenues and Expenses through August 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse)
Revenue			
Month	10,046	15,598	↓
Year	98,248	126,415	↓
Expenses			
Month	13,705	21,825	↑
Year	133,932	153,521	↑
Net Income (Loss)			
Month	(2,151)	(1,395)	↓
Year	(23,569)	(7,773)	↓

Tithes and Offerings August 26, 2018

General	\$ 926.50
Benevolence	\$ 282.00
World Hunger	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 1236.50
Bell Tower Repair	\$ 73.50
El Salvador	\$ 7.00
Youth Director Support	\$ 25.00
Baby Food	\$ 165.70
Social Ministries	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 276.20
Grand Total	\$ 1512.70



Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Sunday, September 2

8:00am Worship
 9:30am Combined Sunday School
 10:45am Worship
 2:00pm Dulcimers Practice

Monday, September 3, Labor Day

Office Closed
 6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 4

6:30p Committee's Common Meeting

Call to Action

Committee Members....Please enjoy the Labor Day Weekend and then come to the Committee's Common Meeting on Tuesday, September 4 @ 6:30pm. We will be sharing a pot luck supper with important conversation before the committees meet.

To all my "Topology assistants"....Please enjoy the Labor Day Holiday. We will not be meeting this month. Our next gathering will be on October 7th. Stay thirsty!

Stewardship Snippet September 2, 2018

James 1:17 – Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Make a list of the blessings in your life. Go ahead! These are gifts to you from God, the source of all. Now review the list and pray for each, "I thank God for" Do this every day and see how you feel.



James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Readings and Meditations for Next Week

Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146
 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 9

8:00am Worship
 9:30am Sunday Church School and Rally Day
 10:45am Worship
 2:00pm Dulcimers Practice



Calling all potential Confirmands and "Affirmands." Do you feel called to formally join your St. Stephen Brothers and Sisters in Christ? If so, please contact Pastor Matthew directly for guidance and more information.

Sunday, September 30–1 p.m. We will host, along with St. Paul Lutheran Church of Carlisle, a joint picnic at our pavilion.



There will be entertainment, games, a worship service, and lots of food! Barbecue pulled pork, hot dogs, beverages, and plates with utensils will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share at our picnic themed "One Body, One Bread."

Rally Day 2018 - Please plan to join us as we kick off St. Stephen's Fall 2018 Sunday Church School program on **September 9th at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Learn more about this year's program, participate in a few inter-generational activities, and enjoy the fellowship.

"Attention all Choir Members and all who want to become a choir member! Fall practices resumes on Wednesday September 5 at 7:00pm. I "hear" that you will be there!!" ~Abby

Prayers This Week



Randy Neidig, recovering from Gall Bladder surgery
Kay Murphy, recovering from oral surgery
Ira Ewell, continued recovery

September 15th Harvest Festival

The 1st annual Harvest Festival is nearly upon us!! Please sign up to help at our Harvest Festival! The sign up sheets with information are on the “Plugged in bulletin board” in Fellowship Hall. We need lots of help.



Keep saving items to donate for our planned yard sale on Saturday, September 15. Things such as small working appliances, dishes, books, toys, games, linens, clothing and miscellaneous items of almost every variety are acceptable. If it is clean, not broken, and will fit into a car, bring it to church. Things that are not acceptable are: children’s car seats, televisions, computers, cosmetics or suitcases. Items may be brought to Fellowship Hall Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before the Festival on Saturday, September 15.

Other plans at this time for the festival include the 2:45 p.m. auction of a beautiful quilt called “Country Crossroads” (which can be viewed on the church’s website) a bake sale (which we are asking you to donate an item), lunch by donation, homemade/artisan craft vendors, service groups displays, the Blood Mobile, and children’s activities. We have excited leaders for this festival, but we need your help. PLEASE SIGN UP

To the congregation; special in every way, apple of my eye,

“You put forth an enormous effort to surprise me with the “50 Years of Ordination Service.” It took my breath away and filled my eyes with tears of joy. Seventy-six years ago the party started with drops of water from Spirit filled hands passing on droplets of water with the words “You are Baptized in the Name I was blessed to join that parade of marching souls who are moving forward, sometimes sideways, sometimes backwards, but always in droplets of water that said ‘we are the Lord’s!’”. Thank you for making possible the plays, the youth and adult retreats, the musical and educational programs, Halloween festivities, a caring stewardship for the land, creating a place and life for dozens of needy people and the list goes on and on and on in droplets of water.

Thank you also for inviting myself and my family to last Sunday’s party of service to others in His Name. In His name, we serve a humble, threatened people in El Salvador. In His name, we serve people on the roads and byways of towns in the outreach program, ‘Truck Stop Ministry.’ In His name, we serve the disadvantaged people in the Cumberland Valley and beyond. Seventy-six years old, 50 years of service—we live and we serve and at the end, ‘well done good and faithful servant, you are mine’ and so we are - thanks to all of you!” ~Don, Pat, Chris and Dan

Ira Ewell loves to hear from the congregation. You can send cards of inspiration to The Acts House for Veterans 4403 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Tampa, Fla. 33614. His email address is ilewell@yahoo.com and his personal phone number is 813 567 9613

Our neighbors at Trinity are hosting a “meal packing event” in support of the Rise Against Hunger program. They will be gathering at the church on September 23 at 0945 to pack food. Please contact Jane Ober, 717-440-1691 if you can help.



The Autumn Bible Study this year will focus on the book of Daniel. The study begins on Wednesday, September 12th at 10:30am in the Parlor or 7:00pm at the Wegmans Café. Come on out!

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.

Pillars of Faith



Blessed John Francis Burté and Companions

These priests were victims of the French Revolution. Though their martyrdom spans a period of several years, they stand together in the Church's memory because they all gave their lives for the same principle. In 1791, the Civil Constitution of the Clergy required all priests to take an oath which amounted to a denial of the faith. Each of these men refused and was executed.

John Francis Burté became a Franciscan at 16 and after ordination taught theology to the young friars. Later he was guardian of the large Conventual friary in Paris until he was arrested and held in the convent of the Carmelites.

Appolinaris of Posat was born in 1739 in Switzerland. He joined the Capuchins and acquired a reputation as an excellent preacher, confessor, and instructor of clerics. Preparing for his assignment to the East as a mission-

ary, he was in Paris studying Oriental languages when the French Revolution began. Refusing the oath, he was swiftly arrested and detained in the Carmelite convent.

Severin Girault, a member of the Third Order Regular, was a chaplain for a group of sisters in Paris. Imprisoned with the others, he was the first to die in the slaughter at the convent.

These three plus 182 others—including several bishops and many religious and diocesan priests—were massacred at the Carmelite house in Paris on September 2, 1792. They were beatified in 1926.

Born in 1737, John Baptist Triquerie became a Conventual Franciscan. He was the chaplain and confessor of Poor Clare monasteries in three cities before he was arrested for refusing to take the oath. He and 13 diocesan priests were martyred in Laval on January 21, 1794. He was beatified in 1955.

Reflection

“Liberty, Equality, Fraternity” was the motto of the French Revolution. If individuals have “inalienable rights,” as the Declaration of Independence states, these must come not from the agreement of society—which can be very fragile—but directly from God. Do we believe that? Do we act on it?

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