



Worship Assistants

	January 13, 2019	January 20, 2019
Acolyte	David Herb	Liana Grove
Lector	Laura Wills	Sue Rodgers
Cantor	Paulette Krewson	Lynne Immell
Assisting Minister	Julie Grove	Terri Myers
Communion	Ja 'net Gochenauer	Greg John
Ushers	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Judy Read Greg John	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Judy Read Greg John
Greeters	Freda Wentz; Leslie Menear	Lenny and Mary Zook
Altar Guild	Ron and Brenda Kimmel	Ron and Brenda Kimmel
Counters	Julie Grove, Tom Burson	Julie Grove, Tom Burson
Nursery	Maxine Montgomery	Judy Read

Attendance January 6, 2019		Other Designated Offerings January 6, 2019	
Sunday Worship	75	Social Ministry	\$ 515.00
Sunday School	34	ELCA Good Gifts (Fish Farm)	\$ 80.87
Total	109	Youth Ministries	\$ 80.00
		El Salvador	\$ 73.00
		Bell Tower Repair	\$ 53.50
		Youth Director Support	\$ 50.00
		Kate's Kids	\$ 10.00
		Social Ministry (via Gift Card)	\$ 26.25
		Total	\$ 888.62
Our Tithes; January 6, 2019		Grand Total	\$ 7451.47
General	\$ 5671.85		
Benevolence	\$ 861.00		
World Hunger	\$ 30.00		
Total	\$ 6562.85		

The Week Ahead



The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters ... the rivers ... fire.”

On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

Sunday, January 13

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

Monday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 16

10:00am Bible Study
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Saturday, January 19

5:00pm Dinner With Friends

Call to Action

Stewardship Snippet

January 13

Luke 3:21 –A voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus hears God's words of comfort and love, and his life was never the same. At our baptism we also receive God's promises as God declares us sons and daughters. Baptism is the defining moment for our lives.

Prepare the Way

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our



God rejoices over God's people “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride.” By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

Meditation and Readings for January 20

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 20

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

Interested in learning about Communion – what is it? Who can receive? What does it mean? How do I do it right? Sign up for our next Communion Class where we'll have a conversation, answer your questions, and teach you about the Eucharist. This is ideal for those interested in receiving communion and those who have been receiving but want to know more. The class will be Sunday, Feb. 17, at 10:30am. We'll meet in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Pastor Matthew with your intent to participate by Feb. 10 either by email (pastor@ststephenlc.org) or phone (717-266-2168).

Join us for a warm evening of fine food and fellowship
at our January

Menu Karels and Italian Sausage Veggies, Salad Dessert	DINNER WITH Friends 	Entertainment 8 29 35 50 71 5 22 38 46 75 11 19 39 57 70
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Saturday, January 19 @ 5:00 P.M.
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
30 West Main Street, New Kingstown, PA
Phone: 717-766-2168 www.StStephenLC.org email:office@StStephenLC.org

Prayers This Week

David and Tammy, Glenn and Jean Gross' son and daughter-in-law, marital issues
Kent, Ken and Carol Clelland's son; brain



Social Ministry will be hosting another Freezer Meal Day on Jan. 20. We will purchase all ingredients ahead of time, so we just need folks to help prepare and package the casseroles. These meals are distributed to those in our congregation who are homebound or just returning from hospital stays. Bring a bag lunch to eat after the Sunday Church School hour, and we'll begin preparations after a brief lunch break, at approximately 12:15. If you are interested please sign up in fellowship hall.

WE CAN DO IT

The Middle School Sunday Church School Class is leading the way with a Souper Bowl contest.

- This year we are having two teams which church members must sign up for to participate.
- There is Team Noodle, which will collect chicken or any noodle soup, and Team Veggie, that will collect vegetable beef soup or any veggie soup.

All donated canned soup will be given to the New Hope Food Bank.

Sign up now for Team Noodle or Team Veggie

Start bringing in those cans of soup - Help relieve hunger in our community

Sign up sheets for the teams with rules and status updates are on the bulletin board.
All soup can be dropped off at the table in the entryway.

The winning team gets a pizza party after Super Bowl Sunday— February 3rd—after Sunday Church School.

God's Work Our Hands

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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.

Pillars of Faith



Saint Hilary of Poitier

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up

with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this trouble-maker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

Reflection

Christ said his coming would bring not peace but a sword (see Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasize about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems. Christ did not escape at the last moment, though he did live happily ever after—after a life of controversy, problems, pain and frustration. Hilary, like all saints, simply had more of the same.

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