



Worship Assistants

	March 3, 2019	March 10, 2019
Acolyte	Carly Gordon	Sara Houser
Lector	Lloyd Sheaffer	Carol Clelland
Cantor	Beth Lengel	Paulette Krewson
Assisting Minister	Tina Gordon	Steve Read
Communion	Caroline Sheaffer	Kathy Burson
Ushers	Julie Grove Austin Batcheler Ken Clelland Randy Neidig	Julie Grove Austin Batcheler Ken Clelland Randy Neidig
Greeters	Dolores Lebo	Dan Lebo
Altar Guild	Ja 'net Gochenauer	Ja 'net Gochenauer
Counters	Cheryl Neidig, Terri Myers	Cheryl Neidig, Terri Myers
Nursery	Judy Read	Cheryl Neidig

Attendance February 24, 2019

Sunday Worship	86
Sunday School	34
Total	120

Other Designated Offerings February 24, 2019

Bell Tower Repair	\$ 153.50
El Salvador	\$ 9.00
Dinner With Friends	\$ 30.00
Social Ministry	\$ 15.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 5.00
Youth Director Support	\$ 10.00
Baby Food	\$ 135.88

Our Tithes; February 24, 2019

Total \$ 358.38

General	\$ 800.50
Benevolence	\$ 135.00
World Hunger	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 955.50

Grand Total \$ 1313.88

The Week Ahead



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

Sunday, March 3

9:00am Worship
10:30am Sunday Church School
5:00pm Tapology

Monday, March 4

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 5

7:00pm Committees’ common meeting

Wednesday, March 6

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Call to Action



Please contact Pastor Matthew if you are interested in getting Baptized or becoming a St. Stephen disciple.

Stewardship Snippet

March 3

2 Corinthians 3:17 – Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

God’s path is all about freedom. Steward/disciples find that freedom when we love God with all our being and our neighbor as ourselves! Our faith aligns us with God’s abundance and power. Freedom!

Lent begins next week! “I am, once again, looking for volunteers to bring in the Bread and Soup for our light meal, during service.” Please call/text/email/ or see Le at 717.579.5406 or l.ewell@hearinginstruments.net if you can volunteer to bring in bread and soup on any of the following dates: March 13th, 20th, 27th, or April 3rd and 10th. I will also need 2 hearty soups for the Agape, on April 18th.



Flowers This Week

The altar flowers are sponsored today by Bill and Laura Wills in celebration of Lloyd and Caroline Sheaffer’s 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Prepare the Way



These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God’s grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

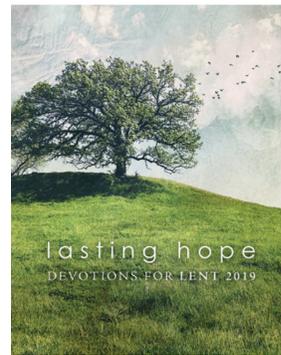
Meditation and Readings for March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 10

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

The Educational Ministry Committee has purchased



Lenten devotional books. Lasting Hope explores the Psalms with an entry for each day in Lent. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection and a prayer. This is an easy way to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey. Pick up a copy in the Fellowship Hall – one per family, please.

Camping Scholarship Donations

The Educational Ministry Committee and many members of our congregation want everyone in the St. Stephen family to have the opportunity to experience church camp, regardless of the family’s ability to pay. We believe that summer camp is a wonderful opportunity to live in Christian community, to experience God’s presence in the great outdoors and to be renewed in their faith.



Through the generosity of present members of our congregation, and endowed funds of those who have gone before us, we are able to offer scholarships to help make camp a reality for all who are interested. To contribute to this fund, please note “camping scholarship fund” on your check or offering envelope.

Prayers This Week



*Nike Hlavac, daughter of Rose....now recovering at home from low blood count
Mary, daughter of Mike's friend...prayer of thanks...successful cardiac procedure
Mike Tracey, Jane's husband...health con-*

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Nancy Gruver, Cheryl Neidigs mother...admitted to a hospital in Florida.
St. Stephen Disciples*



Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services (CROSS) is having a fundraiser at Hoss's on **March 19 2019**. Please see the flyer in the hallway for more details and to pick up the "Cash Cow Card." They are also looking for paid staff help to do direct care with adults with intellectual disabilities. See the flyer for more information.

Online Bible Study...A few pastors from the Mechanicsburg and New Kingstown ELCA congregations are going to be piloting an online Bible Study on selected passages from the book of Acts. The format we will be using is Facebook live. To access the study just go to the Trindle Spring Lutheran Facebook page for the event titled Acts – Online Bible Study. Each week one of the pastors will be hosting the study, and you are invited to type in questions for conversation or clarification. This is a pilot study, so we are hoping for some good participation and feedback that will effect how we utilize this kind of study moving forward. The Bible Study will start at 7:30pm on the following dates: **March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 6, 20**



March on down to our next

<p>The Menu</p>  <p>Corned Beef & Cabbage Various Desserts</p>	 <p>BE OUR GUEST</p>	<p>The Entertainment</p>  <p>Christian Family Comedian</p>
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at
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
30 West Main St., New Kingstown, PA - 717.766.2168
Saturday, March 16th @ 5:00 P.M.

*You don't need to be Irish eat with us. Just BE.
All are welcome to an evening of fine food and fun entertainment.*

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



Katharine Drexel

If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away millions of dollars. Katharine Drexel did that.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, she had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, Katharine also had a grand debut into society. But when she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, she saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound turn.

Katharine had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by what she read in Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*. While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't

you become a missionary?" His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities.

After three and a half years of training, Mother Drexel and her first band of nuns—Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored—opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed. By 1942, she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states.

Two saints met when Mother Drexel was advised by Mother Cabrini about the "politics" of getting her order's Rule approved in Rome. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans.

At 77, Mother Drexel suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Apparently her life was over. But now came almost 20 years of quiet, intense prayer from a small room overlooking the sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless aspirations, and meditations. She died at 96 and was canonized in 2000.

Reflection

Saints have always said the same thing: Pray, be humble, accept the cross, love and forgive. But it is good to hear these things in the American idiom from one who, for instance, had her ears pierced as a teenager, who resolved to have "no cake, no preserves," who wore a watch, was interviewed by the press, traveled by train, and could concern herself with the proper size of pipe for a new mission. These are obvious reminders that holiness can be lived in today's culture as well as in that of Jerusalem or Rome.

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