



## Worship Assistants

	March 10, 2019	March 17, 2019
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sara Houser	Donavan Glasser
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Clelland	Terri Myers
<b>Cantor</b>	Paulette Krewson	Lynne Immell
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Steve Read	Terri Myers
<b>Communion</b>	Kathy Burson	Daryl Gochenauer
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Burson* Julie Grove/Austin Batcheler Ken Clelland Randy Neidig	Tom Burson* Julie Grove/Austin Batcheler Ken Clelland Randy Neidig
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan Lebo	Larry and Laura Treaster
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ja 'net Gochenauer	Ja 'net Gochenauer
<b>Counters</b>	Cheryl Neidig, Terri Myers	Cheryl Neidig, Terri Myers
<b>Nursery</b>	Cheryl Neidig	Tina Gordon

Attendance March 3, 2019		Other Designated Offerings March 3, 2019	
Sunday Worship	80	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 121.86
Sunday School	27	El Salvador	\$ 9.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	Social Ministry	\$ 15.00
		Youth Ministry	\$ 80.00
		Boy Scouts	\$ 80.00
		Youth Director Support	\$ 60.00
		Kate's Kids	\$ 10.00
		Social Ministry (via Giant Cards)	\$ 26.25
<b>Our Tithes; March 3, 2019</b>		Total	\$ 402.11
General	\$ 6247.50	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 7531.61</b>
Benevolence	\$ 850.00		
World Hunger	\$ 32.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7129.50</b>		

## The Week Ahead



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.

### Sunday, March 10

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

### Monday, March 11

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

### Wednesday, March 13

6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper & Worship

### Saturday, March 16

5:00pm Dinner With Friends

#### Call to Action



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

### Stewardship Snippet

#### March 10

**Luke 4:3** – The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

*Our consumer culture tells us again and again that our happiness is measured in how many of our wants we can fulfill. Jesus resists temptation by remembering that we live "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4b).*

**We have begun the Lenten season.** "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.

## Prepare the Way



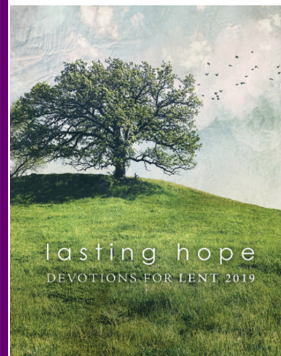
Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

### Meditation and Readings for March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17--4:1 Luke 13:31-35

### Sunday, March 17

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



*Jane Tracey's husband, Mike...in hospital for lump on neck.*

*The Neidig family, Cheryl's mother, Nancy passed away in Florida.*

*Xander Kulikauskas' "pop pop,"*

*John...recovering from cardiac surgery*

*Brian Bowling, Parker and Pat's friend, will have heart valve surgery on Mar 20*

*An unnamed friend of Mike Kulikauskas...anxious about upcoming medical procedure.*

*St. Stephen Disciples*



Give now for tornado relief

On March 3, powerful tornadoes hit Alabama, Georgia and Florida, causing widespread destruction. At least 23 people have died in Lee County, Ala., and others are still unaccounted for. More than 1,000 homes have been damaged, and thousands of people have lost power. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is working with those in the impacted states, including partnering with congregations in the Southeastern Synod to respond with immediate relief. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "U.S. tornadoes" will be used to help those affected by tornadoes until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. **Please give today.**

**March on down to our next**

The Menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage  
Various Desserts

The Entertainment

Christian Family Comedian

**at**  
**St. Stephen Lutheran Church**  
 30 West Main St., New Kingstown, PA - 717766.2168  
**Saturday, March 16th @ 5:00 PM.**

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

### Self-Care & Boundaries in Relationships **Thurs, March 28 at 7:00PM**

Taking care of others, loving your neighbors, and giving with a generous heart are things we are called to do. But what happens when these come at the expense of you? What happens when we are afraid to ever say no? What happens when we are only doing things because we feel guilty if we don't? People everywhere struggle with this balance – selfish self vs healthy self. Often our loved ones put the greatest demands on us and we can lose ourselves in the desire to please others. In this workshop, we will talk about self-care and the importance of self-love. We will discover why boundaries are important, how to set them, and how to seek a balanced and happy life. This workshop, sponsored by the stewardship committee, will be led by Kara Vojcsik, LCSW ([www.karavojcsik.com](http://www.karavojcsik.com)).

**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**



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



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### Saint Dominic Savio

So many holy persons seem to die young. Among them was Dominic Savio, the patron of choirboys.

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members save one, Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called “my distractions.” Even in play, he said that at times, “It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh.” Dominic would say, “I can’t do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God.”

Dominic’s health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954.

### Reflection

Like many a youngster, Dominic was painfully aware that he was different from his peers. He tried to keep his piety from his friends lest he have to endure their laughter. Even after his death, his youth marked him as a misfit among the saints and some argued that he was too young to be canonized. Pope Pius X wisely disagreed. For no one is too young—or too old or too anything else—to achieve the holiness to which we all are called.

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**CHRISTYAN SEAY in Concert 3/31/19...** Lyric tenor CHRISTYAN SEAY will perform in concert at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle on **Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m.** Active in recital, oratorio, and opera, he has sung extensively throughout Central PA where he resides, as well as at Weill Recital Hall in New York City and venues abroad in Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic. In April 2018, he performed in "The Underground Railroad: A Spiritual Journey," featuring operatic soprano, Kathleen Battle. Regionally, he has appeared with the Harrisburg and Lancaster Symphonies and has sung in productions with the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Philadelphia opera companies. See advertisement in the hallway for more information

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