

# *Worship Assistants*

**May 5, 2019**

**May 12, 2019**

<b>Acolyte</b>	Donavan Glasser	Drayce Grove
<b>Lector</b>	Steve Read	Laura Wills
<b>Cantor</b>	Art Grove	Matt Schroeder
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Steve Read	Terri Myers
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<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Lebo* Daryl Gochenauer Ja 'net Gochenauer Wayne Lengel	Dan Lebo* Laura Wills Bill Wills Wayne Lengel
<b>Greeters</b>	Daryl and Ja 'net Gochenauer	Ron and Brenda Kimmel
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Zook	Maxine Montgomery
<b>Counters</b>	Tom Burson, Cheryl Neidig, Terri Myers	Tom Burson, Cheryl Neidig
<b>Nursery</b>	Carol Clelland	Sue Rodgers

## **Attendance April 28, 2019**

## **Other Designated Offerings April 28, 2019**

Sunday Worship	77
Sunday School	39

**Total                    116**

Baby Food	\$	146.18
Bell Tower Repair	\$	153.50
Youth Director Support	\$	20.00
Social Ministry	\$	15.00
El Salvador	\$	9.00
Youth Ministry	\$	5.00

Total                    \$    348.68

## **Our Tithes; April 28, 2019**

**Grand Total                    \$   1964.18**

General	\$	1457.50
Benevolence	\$	139.00
World Hunger	\$	19.00

**Total                    \$        1615.50**

## The Week Ahead



The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

### Sunday, May 5

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

### Monday, May 6

6:00pm Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, May 7

7:00pm Committee's common meeting

### Wednesday, May 8

10:30am Bible Study (Parlor)  
7:00pm Bible Study (Wegman's café)  
7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 9

7:00pm Stop the Bleed

### Stewardship Snippet May 5, 2019

**John 21:12a** – Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

*There's nothing like gathering for a meal to build community. Jesus hosted meals to reassure his disciples of his love and presence. Notice that Jesus' meals are always relational, not transactional. Fostering community through table fellowship and conversation helps us see the Christ in one another's faces. Who are you inviting to the table?*

### Call to Action

**Volunteers Needed...** Social Ministry committee is searching for a few volunteers to work with Sally John and Crystal Houser writing grants in hopes of receiving more money to fund our many requests for help. If you have experience or a desire to learn about grant writing, please contact Sally or Crystal as soon as possible.

## Prepare the Way

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



### Meditation and Readings for May 12

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

### Sunday, May 12

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

**Making St. Stephen a safe space for all.** State child protection laws require everyone who works with children (nursery, Sunday School, VBS) to attend one of our Safe Kids training classes and complete background check paperwork. The class will provide a clear understanding of how to recognize and report suspected child abuse and begin the process of obtaining updated background clearances (at no charge to you).

If you need to receive this training, contact Tom Burson at [TomBurson@aol.com](mailto:TomBurson@aol.com) or 717-790-9393 **by Sunday, May 5.**

**Last weekend Ja'net and I** went through this month's Flying J donations. Your generosity is AMAZING! You may not think so but, because of your generous giving, we have not purchased ANY of the Personal Care Kit hygiene items. These kits are distributed to our Flying J participants. Additionally, we haven't had to buy laundry detergent in over a year..

There are some items however, that are always in low supply. We appreciate if you could focus on these items for the next month or so:

*Crystal Houser*

Deodorant	Chapstick	Band Aids
Sun Screen	Mouthwash	Wash Cloths
Razors	(alcohol free)	Socks
Floss	Toothbrush cases	
Combs	Conditioner	

## Prayers This Week

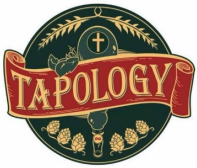
*Niki Hlavac...still testing for anemia causes*

*Jane Tracey...anticipating cancer surgery*

*Hen Yohn...in hospital with heart issues*

*David Jacobs...double lung transplant...at Mayo Clinic with pneumonia*

*St. Stephen Disciples*



Why do bad things happen to good people? Join Tapology on **Sunday, May 5** as we take on this age-old question together. The event runs from **5-7 pm at Desperate Times Brewery** in Carlisle (1201 Carlisle Springs Rd). What is Tapology? It's an event that takes place on the first Sunday of each month with members of St. Stephen and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carlisle. We meet over food and alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages to discuss a different topic each month. Come join us for discussion, friendship, and fellowship!

Spring on down to our next free

DINNER WITH Friends

BE OUR GUEST

on May 18, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

30 West Main Street, New Kingstown, PA      717-766-2168

**The Menu:**

Baked Chicken Legs  
Macaroni & Cheese

All are welcome to an evening of good food, good conversation, good fun.

**The Entertainment:**

Challenging, Fun Games for All Ages

**Stop the Bleed / Save a Life:** Bleeding Control Basic (BCon) Course is being offered for free to everyone on Thursday at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. See flyer insert for more information. Everyone should receive this training for just in case situations. A free personal "stop the bleed" kit will be offered after the training on a first come first serve basis. Tom Burson (717-790-9393 or TomBurson@aol.com) can answer questions about this event.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars...** Thank you to five St Stephen disciples for applying for Thrivent Choice Dollars to be donated to the Social Ministry Fund. The total amount donated was over \$1200!!! As most of you know, we are all about helping the needy in our communities in any way possible, dependent on our funds. These dollars have contributed significantly to our ministries and are deeply appreciated.

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## Pillars of Faith



### Saint Hilary of Arles

It's been said that youth is wasted on the young. In some ways, that was true for today's saint.

Born in France in the early fifth century, Hilary came from an aristocratic family. In the course of his education he encountered his relative, Honoratus, who encouraged the young man to join him in the monastic life. Hilary did so. He continued to follow in the footsteps of Honoratus as bishop. Hilary was only 29 when he was chosen bishop of Arles.

The new, youthful bishop undertook the role with confidence. He did manual labor to earn money for the poor. He sold sacred vessels to ransom captives. He became a magnificent orator. He traveled everywhere on foot, always wearing simple clothing.

That was the bright side. Hilary encountered difficulty in his relationships with other bishops over whom he had some jurisdiction. He unilaterally deposed one bishop. He selected another bishop to replace one who was very ill—but, to complicate matters, did not die! Pope Saint Leo the Great kept Hilary a bishop but stripped him of some of his powers.

Hilary died at 49. He was a man of talent and piety who, in due time, had learned how to be a bishop.

### Reflection

Saint Hilary teaches us to respect authority even if found in a young person. Age is not the issue: prudence and wisdom are.

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**Connections...** Why do some people bow when approaching the altar, as the cross passes by in procession, or as the elements of holy communion are consecrated? For the same reason “the elders fell down and worshiped” in the epistle text for this week (Rev. 5:14). Throughout scripture, individuals who encounter the living God often bow or prostrate themselves in an act of worship, just as the subject of an earthly monarchy would bow in the presence of the king or queen. Many of us, however, are unfamiliar with such traditions, *or are unaware that Lutherans do them.*

~Sundays and Seasons

**The annual Longsdorf Memorial Flag Ceremony** is only two weeks away. This is Parker's last year organizing and emceeding the event. He will be assisted this year by Randy Neidig Jr. The ceremony begins at 1:00pm at the cemetery on Sunday May 19th. As in the past, Parker and Randy need help loading tables and the lectern in his truck on Saturday, May 18th around 8:00pm. (immediately following Dinner with Friends). Please call either Parker (717-697-2049) or Randy (717-796-2452) if you have questions or who would like to volunteer.

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