

## *Our Stewardship of Talent*

	<b>July 7, 2019</b>	<b>July 14, 2019</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Donavan Glasser	David Herb
<b>Lector</b>	Beth Lengel	Greg John
<b>Cantor</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Tina Gordon	Beth Lengel
<b>Communion</b>	Sue Rodgers	Ja 'net Gochenauer
<b>Ushers</b>	Daryl Gochenauer* Ja 'net Gochenauer Glenn Gross	Daryl Gochenauer* Ja 'net Gochenauer Glenn Gross
<b>Greeters</b>	Dary and Ja 'net Gochenauer	Mary and Lenny Zook
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ja 'net Gochenauer	Ja 'net Gochenauer
<b>Counters</b>	Julie Grove, Rose Hlavac, Terri Myers	Tom Burson, Cheryl Neidig
<b>Nursery</b>	Judy and Steve Read	Cheryl Neidig, Rose Hlavac

## *Remembering...June 30th*

<b>Our Stewardship of Time</b>		<b>Other Designated Offerings</b>	
Sunday Worship	54	Baby Food	\$ 97.93
Sunday School	14	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	Youth Director Support	\$ 10.00
		El Salvador	\$ 9.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 196.93</b>
<b>Our Stewardship of Treasures</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1311.83</b>
Traditional Giving	\$1186.83		
Electronic Giving	\$125.00		
	<b>Tithes</b>		
General	\$ 966.90		
Benevolence	\$ 122.00		
World Hunger	\$ 26.00		
<b>Total Tithes</b>	<b>\$ 1114.90</b>		

## The Week Ahead



God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy Eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

### Sunday, July 7

9:00am           Worship  
10:30am         Sunday Church School  
2:00pm          Dulcimers Practice  
5:00pm          Tapology

### Monday, July 8

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

### Wednesday, July 10

7:00pm          Eagle Scout Board of Review

### Stewardship Snippet

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**Galatians 6:10**—So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of faith.

*Paul reminds us that we are all so integrally connected that when one benefits so do others. It's a truth that often runs counter to what our culture proclaims. In fact, the prosperity and civic freedoms we enjoy today come to us by the efforts and sacrifices of others.*

### Call to Action

**Please, stop and READ THIS critical announcement!!** Did you know that Human trafficking is a growing problem in South Central PA? The East/West (I76 turnpike) & North/South (I81) interchange facilitates easy transfer of human "cargo." Social Ministry, through Pennsylvanians Against Trafficking in Humans (PAATH) will offer a seminar on this crisis. Tentatively scheduled for September 26th at 7:00pm, the presentation will include ways to identify human trafficking signs by knowing certain clues and knowing what to do to help the victims without getting personally involved. There will be a sign up sheet on the refrigerator, Please take the time to learn what YOU can do to stop this horrible activity.

## Prepare the Way

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.



### Meditation and Readings for July 14

Deuteronomy 30:9-14      Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14         Luke 10:25-37

### Sunday, July 14

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

**Frey Village, a Diakon Lutheran Senior Living Facility**, is offering a "Friends of the Arts" program on July 27th at 2:00pm in their Courtyard. Come hear Matt and Carol Frigm perform songs about life & love with sparkling harmonies and bright bits of soft rock, country and jazz. Seating is limited so please RSVP by calling 717-930-1228. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway for more information.



**Don't forget to sign up for St. Stephen's annual Vacation Bible School.** This year's theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair. Where God's world comes together." Dates are **July 21 through 25**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with the program starting at 6:00pm. Sign up forms are available on the table in the hallway. See Cheryl Neidig for more information.



**Join Christ Lutheran Church, Filey's in Dillsburg on July 20th at 7:00pm** for an evening of music featuring the premier event for the Roots and Branches Concert Collective. The music will feature piano, voice, and flute. Gracie Shortridge, soprano, is currently studying voice at Peabody Conservatory and she and her mother formed the Roots and Branches concert collective to bring music to the community while helping those in need. Molly Shortridge will be performing on the flute, and Carole Knisely on piano.

## Prayers This Week

*Nicole, friend of Parker and Pat Lee,...just beginning chemotherapy cancer treatment*      *safety and comfort as he finds his way home*  
*Skye, Mike Kulikauskas' cousin's granddaughter,*      *Neryss Smith ...Tina Gordon's friend...recovering*  
*...suffering from the end of her parent's relationship*      *from surgery after being hit by a car while riding her*  
*Nick, young homeless gentleman from Flying J...for*      *bicycle*  
      *St. Stephen Disciples*

## Congregational Renewal – R3 Initiative!

“The R3 initiative—reFORM, reNEW, reVISION—aims to help individuals and congregations explore how God is already at work in our mission fields and grow spiritually to bring the good news of Christ to a world that needs it more than ever.”(Synod Website)

We have formally applied to the Synod to participate in the R3 process. We are looking for two or three additional brothers or sisters to join the team. As a reminder, you will be asked to participate in the monthly meetings over the next 18 months and share your experiences with all of us.

The remainder of the congregation, will need to work with the R3 team, support them and pray with and for them as we move to the next chapter of St Stephen's story. Stay tuned for additional updates.

~Mike Kulikauskas

**It's Harvest Festival planning time again!** Once again you are invited to participate in the yard sale at the Harvest Festival on September 14. Please begin saving items to donate for this sale. Smaller items that will fit in a car are welcome. The only items not requested are: electronics, baby and youth car seats, and broken or dirty items. Toys, knick knacks, clean clothing and kitchen items always sell well. The donations can be brought to Fellowship Hall beginning Monday, September 9th. Sign up sheets for help with this sale are posted in Fellowship Hall. Contact Carol Clelland if you have questions or need help with bringing items in.

## Youth and Family Ministry Director Position

St. Stephen is seeking applicants for the part-time (15 hours/week) position of Youth and Family Ministry Director. The applicant should have a basic understanding and agreement with Lutheran theology as well as an energetic and enthusiastic approach to the ministry. The applicant should have a certified lay professional degree or certificate issued by an ELCA-approved religious school; or willing to obtain. A detailed job description is available on request or at the church web site, [StStephenLC.org](http://StStephenLC.org). Submit resume to Tom Burson, Personnel Committee, c/o St. Stephen Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 266, New Kingstown, PA 17072. It may also be emailed to [employment@StStephenLC.org](mailto:employment@StStephenLC.org).

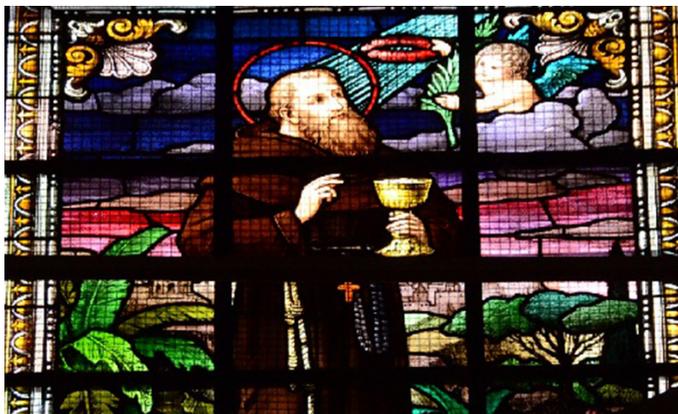
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A LUTHERAN INTRODUCTION



JORDAN COOPER

**Why do we do that?** Want to learn why we do what we do in worship? Want a deeper understanding of worship? Starting July 21, come to the summer Sunday school and learn all about different parts of worship. We'll talk about the music, the prayers that are used, how the readings are selected, why we do what we do when we do it, etc. Come with your questions. Pr. Matthew will be leading these sessions until the fall classes begin again after Labor day.

## Pillars of Faith



### Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions

Not much is known of the early life of Emmanuel Ruiz, but details of his heroic death in defense of the faith have come down to us.

Born of humble parents in Santander, Spain, he became

a Franciscan priest and served as a missionary in Damascus. This was at a time when anti-Christian riots shook Syria and thousands lost their lives in just a short time.

Among these were Emmanuel, superior of the Franciscan convent, seven other friars, and three laymen. When a menacing crowd came looking for the men, they refused to renounce their faith and become Muslims. The men were subjected to horrible tortures before their martyrdom.

Emmanuel, his brother Franciscans and the three Maronite laymen were beatified in 1926 by Pope Pius XI.

### Reflection

The Church in Syria has known persecution throughout its history. Yet it has produced saints whose blood was shed for the faith. Let us pray for the Church in Syria.

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**Be part of history...**Volunteers needed to “ring the bell” to call our brothers and sisters to worship. Did you know....The history of ringing church bells dates back to AD 400. Paulinus of Nola was the first man to introduce them to the Christian church, and Pope Sabinianus sanctioned their use in AD 604. Church bells became much more common in Europe during the Middle Ages, and the Eastern Orthodox Church carried on a long history of using bells during services. Additionally, some Lutheran Churches ring the bell thrice daily to remind us to recite the Lord’s Prayer. At St. Stephen, we ring the bell to shout out the Good News to our New Kingstown neighbors. See Wayne Lengel or Steve Read for training and to sign up.

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