



## The Week Ahead



Remember the Sabbath day. Call the Sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

### Sunday, August 25

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

### Monday, August 26

6:00pm           Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, August 27

9:00am           Breakfast Club

### Stewardship Snippet

August 25, 2019

**Luke 13:12** – When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”

*We don't know the exact diagnosis of the crippled woman, yet we know Jesus heals her and sets her free. Jesus desires to free us from all our dis-eases: crippling debt, misplaced priorities, mass consumerism, and all the related disordering of our lives caused by believing “the lie of more.” Are you ready and willing to be healed?*

### Call to Action

**The altar flowers are sponsored** today by Lee and Ginny Buzilow in memory of Karen Marie Buzilow who died on August 25, 1970. She is stilled loved by all who knew her.

**With the start of the new church school year in September**, we plan to expand the class offerings for our children. To enable this, we need a teacher for our pre-K thru 2nd Grade class. Please consider this opportunity. If in doing so you feel the calling, please contact the pastor or Greg John.

**St. Stephen will kick-off our 2019-2020 Sunday Church School** year in a Rally Day celebration on September 8th at 10:30 AM. Plan to join us for an introduction to our curriculum and teachers, an overview of how our program relates to the continuing ELCA theme of "God's Work, Our Hands", updates on a few of our outreach programs that bear witness to that theme, and a couple of related, age-appropriate activities.

## Prepare the Way

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.



### Meditation and Readings for September 1

Proverbs 25:6-7   Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16   Luke 14:1, 7-14

### Sunday, September 1

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

**The Flying J Ministry** could use your help and fine baking skills! We are looking for baked good for the following dates: September 5, 19; October 3, 17; November 7,21 and December 5,19. The sign up sheet is on the refrigerator. See Lynne Immell with questions.

### BIBLE STUDY on the BOOK OF REVELATION WEDNESDAYS, STARTING SEPTEMBER 11



Two locations:  
10:30 am at St. Stephen  
7:00 pm at Wegmans's Café,  
Carlisle Pike

Epistles. Apocalypse. Prophecy. You may have heard about these concepts but have you ever actually read the book of Revelation? It's full of crazy images. People have tried to interpret its meaning for centuries.

These too are trying times. It's perhaps easy to think they are the end times. But many times in history people have lived through days as difficult as these. What can we learn in these times through the lens of the book of Revelation?

Join in a lively and broad discussion of this controversial final book of the Bible Wednesdays this fall.

While you will benefit most from attending each week, feel free to join in at any time. If you need a Bible, call the church office at 717-766-2168.

Nicole D...friend of Parker and Pat Lee...suffering from cancer.

Family and friends of Crystal Houser....Crystal's father passed away from cancer

Katie Therrain, Leslie Immel's friend...dealing with 4th round of cancer and is only 39 years old

St. Stephen Disciples.

### Recognizing God in our Midst/ Thurs, September 19, 7:00-8:30PM/ St Stephen Fellowship Hall.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? God wants us to be aware of Christ's presence. If we want what God desires, we first learn how to recognize the presence of Christ. To do so, we slow down long enough to redirect our 'busyness' with opportunities that pay attention to Jesus' presence in our midst. Growing our awareness of Christ's presence requires a different rhythm to our life. A rhythm many of us were never taught, yet we deeply desire. In an effort to catch up to some of what the Holy Spirit is doing in your life, we invite you to take a few moments with God during this workshop. Together, we will gently become aware of where God has been with you in your own life and notice how God is moving in the lives of others. Come and see how you can encounter God in the ordinary.

Workshop presenter Deacon Marsha Roscoe desires to help others grow in faith and discipleship and serves on the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as a deacon. She is currently under call with the Lower Susquehanna Synod as the Director for Mission Interpretation. In 2016, she founded Breathing in Christ. In ecumenical partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA, she is also on the staff of the Stevenson School for Ministry.



**Sunday, September 9, 2019**  
**10:30 A.M.**

# RALLY DAY

at  
**St. Stephen Lutheran Church**  
New Kingstown, PA

 **Meet the SCS Teachers**

**Learn about our new curriculum**



**Practice Living the Good News in a work project to help our neighbors in need.**

  
**Sunday**

**Cookie Baking for Flying J Ministry**  
Bakers and Baggers Needed

### HARVEST FESTIVAL YARD SALE

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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Did you lose a key?** A small key was found with the Bell Tower offering last week. Please call or stop by the office to claim it!

**The choir is getting ready to sing!** September is just around the bend which means the St. Stephen choir is getting ready to lift their voices! Practices resume on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please see Abby if you wish to join!

## Pillars of Faith



**Saint Louis of France**

At his coronation as king of France, Louis IX bound himself by oath to behave as God's anointed, as the father of his people and feudal lord of the King of Peace. Other kings had done the same, of course. Louis was different in that he actually interpreted his kingly duties in the light of faith. After the violence of two previous reigns, he brought peace and justice.

Louis "took the cross" for a Crusade when he was 30. His army seized Damietta in Egypt but not long after, weakened by dysentery and without support, they were surrounded and captured. Louis obtained the release of the army by giving up the city of Damietta in addition to paying a ransom. He stayed in Syria four years.

Louis deserves credit for extending justice in civil administration. His regulations for royal officials became the first of a series of reform laws. He replaced trial by battle with a form of examination of witnesses and encouraged the use of written records in court.

Louis was always respectful of the papacy, but defend-

ed royal interests against the popes, and refused to acknowledge Innocent IV's sentence against Emperor Frederick II.

Louis was devoted to his people, founding hospitals, visiting the sick, and like his patron Saint Francis, caring even for people with leprosy. He is one of the patrons of the Secular Franciscan Order. Louis united France—lords and townsfolk, peasants and priests and knights—by the force of his personality and holiness. For many years the nation was at peace.

Every day, Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent, all who presented themselves were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. He kept lists of needy people, whom he regularly relieved, in every province of his dominion.

Disturbed by new Muslim advances in Syria, he led another crusade in 1267, at the age of 41. His crusade was diverted to Tunis for his brother's sake. The army was decimated by disease within a month, and Louis himself died on foreign soil at the age of 56. He was canonized 27 years later.

### Reflection

Louis was strong-willed, strong-minded. His word was trusted utterly, and his courage in action was remarkable. What is most remarkable was his sense of respect for anyone with whom he dealt, especially the "humble folk of the Lord." To care for his people he built cathedrals, churches, libraries, hospitals and orphanages. He dealt with princes honestly and equitably. He hoped to be treated the same way by the King of Kings, to whom he gave his life, his family and his country.

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