

An aerial photograph of a snowy, mountainous landscape. A winding road is visible on the left side, and a large, circular structure, possibly a reservoir or a large building, is prominent in the center-right. The terrain is covered in snow, with some darker patches of earth or rock visible. The overall scene is serene and wintry.

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*Stories of God at work in our lives*

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*[Greek for 'Resurrection' or 'Rising Up']*



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Our congregation responds to Christ's love by feeding those who hunger in body, mind, and spirit. The stories in this issue are examples of times we have experienced God in our lives. We invite you to encounter Jesus each Sunday morning in worship (both online and onsite following social distancing protocols) or through any other of the programs and events listed throughout this publication.

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## THIS ISSUE'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: 1 Timothy 4: 11-16 NRSV



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## *a time to ...* **LEARN**

If you search the Internet looking for lists of the signs or characteristics of life, pretty much every one will include *growth* as one of the key characteristics that shows something is alive. That's because living things are always adapting to new circumstances. Adaptation means learning what new capabilities and limitations are all about. Life doesn't come with an instruction manual, so we have to learn and grow. This isn't true only for us and our bodies, but also for the entirety of our lives, including our faith.

It's a sad statistic that around two-thirds of ELCA Lutherans are either functioning atheists whose engagement with a faith community is based on non-faith things like family, social interaction, or obligation, or that they stopped learning and growing in faith when they were confirmed. Somewhere along the line, the church has let people down into believing that growth isn't needed in faith. But if we aren't growing and learning about our faith during our entire lives, then we're dying in faith and it remains just a hollow, empty ritual with little to no meaning.

Faith that is growing is vibrant and impacts other parts of our life. Growing and learning in faith doesn't mean that everything is perfect or great. There will be potholes along the journey. And we never really arrive—growth and learning do not have a destination. Growing and learning in faith is not about getting the right answers.

Growing and learning in faith is about *living* the faith. It is a process and a journey.

The early Christians were called The People of The Way. Jesus put as much emphasis on how we live as he did on where we are going. For Jesus, the means are as important as the end result. Christianity and following Jesus is a continual path of learning and growing into the faith that God gives us, one that we practice our entire lives.

I invite you to read the stories and articles in this edition of the magazine. And, more importantly, take the opportunity for self-reflection and self-examination. Where is growth already happening in your life? Where does it need to happen? What are you going to do about it?

There are many opportunities for you to grow and learn in faith with our congregation. There is Sunday School each week. Bible Studies happen on a regular basis. Worship is ongoing. We offer programs throughout the year as well.

In addition, I'm always available as a resource to recommend books, programs, and spiritual practices that may help you in your faith growth. I want you to grow in faith. Let me help you do that. I can be reached at 717-766-2168 or by email at [pastormatthewbest@gmail.com](mailto:pastormatthewbest@gmail.com).

Pastor Matthew Best



# WHAT IS TRUTH?

by Rev. Matthew Best

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*These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

1 Timothy 4:11-16, NRSV

In 1 Timothy, Timothy is facing false teachers by himself among the faithful. Hmm. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

"What is truth?" is the age-old question that Scripture records Pontius Pilate asking Jesus during his interrogation according to the Gospel of John.

Jesus is recorded as saying, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" in John's Gospel along with claiming that he is "the way, the truth, and the life."

Even Proverbs speaks about truth, declaring "He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit." (Proverbs 12:17)

While it's pretty safe to say most people believe that truth is a good thing, the challenge arises when we try to figure out what is truth.

In our current context, we have a wide variety of sources that claim to represent the truth. "News" channels and outlets, online sites, videos, articles, books, speakers, prominent figures, politicians, pastors, self-help gurus, and everyone else seems to lay claim to the truth. But how is that possible—especially when, more often than not, there are opposing sets of facts and information? And that's not counting the spin put on the information either, which often is nothing more than twisting what is there to fit a pre-determined agenda.

In the last few years, I have felt separated from more people than I can recall in my entire life. Part of this is due to a raging pandemic which causes physical separation in order to keep people safe. But part of this are other types of pandemics—the conspiracy theories and rabid partisanship that have plagued our nation, destroying relationships and trust. I have often felt as though I don't reside in the same reality as some others.

Our reading from 1 Timothy offers something that the world can't. It's not the answer that will win people over—I don't

think such a thing exists, nor is that what we are called to provide. We aren't called to win arguments.

We are called to be in relationship with people, to move towards shalom, and to see the image of God in others.

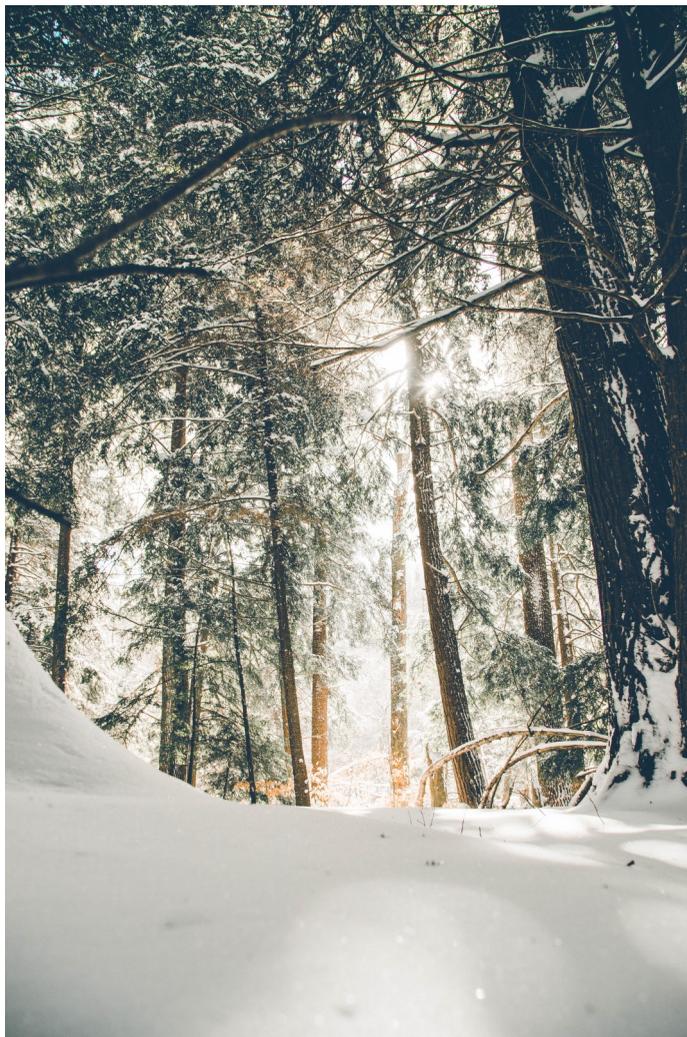
We can't control what others will say or do. We certainly have no control over what others will believe either. Most of our arguments fall on deaf ears. But what 1 Timothy provides is sound advice for the faithful. The letter offers the following specific faith practices in which we are called to grow ...

**Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.**

Setting an example is about letting go of the need to be right through argument. It's growing into faith so that faith leads to action. What good is faith without action after all? In a world in which the truth is often portrayed as a set of alternative realities, we are called to set an example of how to live, how to speak to others, and how we treat others, regardless of who they are or what they believe, or how they will respond.

**Give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching.**

If you want the source of truth, there is no better option than Scripture. But here's the warning: it's not comfortable or easy. There are many portions of Scripture that are quite unpleasant, that make no sense, and that seems to contradict one another. I had a seminary professor once say that he didn't take the Bible literally, but he did take it seriously. The Bible isn't an answer book. Jesus, being a Jewish rabbi, saw Scripture as the place we go to first to begin a conversation, not settle a matter. This allows us to engage in Scripture faithfully, to ask questions, and have faithful doubt.



**Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them.**

This is what it comes down to—putting faith into action. Our faith isn't just head knowledge, rather it is a living faith. Faith is a relationship with God, something that is alive, that grows. We continue to learn not only about faith, but how faith impacts us, forms us, and transforms us. Faith is about pushing us into living a different way from the world, but still in the world. Christ set the example for us and as Christians, we are called to follow his example, to put his teachings into practice, to share them with others, and to devote ourselves to a life of faith.

The world loves to offer us its version of truth, full of certainty. Click this! Read this! Watch this and you'll know! Listen to this politician! Buy this product and you'll be all set! Invest your money with us and you'll be rich and won't have to lift a finger! Act now!

A chaotic world that focuses on determining who is "us" and who is "them" sells us certainty. But if we have certainty and we know for sure, then we don't need faith.

Faith is something hoped for without evidence we can see. It is gift that God gives us.

And God is infinite and expansive. What kind of God would this be if the gift of faith was so small that we could grasp it fully?

Instead it is a gift that we'll never fully understand.

A gift that we continue to unwrap and explore.

A gift that grows with us our entire lives.

A gift that teaches us.

A gift that never wears out.

God gives you the gift. Unwrap it. Take it out of the box. Try it on. And live into it. †

# THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER

by SallyJohn



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When I was growing up, volunteering was introduced as a way of life at an early age. As soon as I outgrew participating in summer Bible School, I was “volunteered” to assist the adult leaders. As the youth representative to church council, I was elected to serve as Secretary of Council. Every August for several weeks, I found myself at the local elementary school helping my mom, who was the school secretary. I delivered stacks of textbooks to classrooms, helped the librarian unpack books, made mimeograph copies of classroom materials, and helped teachers put up bulletin boards to get ready for the approaching school year. The summer before I was old enough to get my first paying job, at age fourteen, I was again “volunteered”—this time as a candy striper at the nearby hospital.

I don’t remember ever having a say in these things—they just somehow came to be. None of the hours I put in had anything to do with earning a merit badge or accruing time for an honor society requirement. I did not receive any benefit from these experiences—or did I ... ?

Unbeknownst to me at the time, it seems this patchwork of opportunities would shape my life as an adult. Those early

“mandatory” volunteering experiences helped me learn how to be an active and responsible member of a church community, and I have since chosen to be involved in the life of the church. Experiencing the excitement of a new school year—and perhaps the hypnotic smell of freshly mimeographed paper—helped me learn to love the educational environment. It felt natural for me to make education my career. Even the days of being a candy striper created a profound impact. The traumatizing time I spent as a young girl helping burn victims in agonizing pain cemented the realization that I was probably not cut out for the medical profession.

All volunteer activities present the potential for learning and growth. We not only learn about the activity or job at hand, we also gain important life-skills that involve working as part of a team, managing time, and sharpening communication skills. They put us in situations where we are exposed to other peoples’ viewpoints and we have the chance to learn from other peoples’ strengths.

A University of Calgary study found that seniors who did volunteer work on a regular basis “were 2.44 times less likely to develop dementia than those who didn't volunteer.” Psy-

chology Today states that teenagers who volunteer “can learn compassion and empathy, gain self-esteem, broaden their social circle, and explore career or hobby interests.” Additionally, a study at St. Louis University showed that veterans who experienced PTSD made “improvements in overall health, mental health and social functioning” when they regularly volunteered.

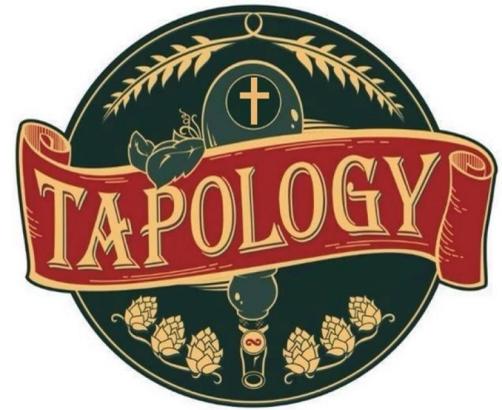
A church is very much built on and maintained by its volunteers. Its work is carried out by congregation members who are ministers proclaiming the mission of that church through everyday living. Opportunities abound, with options to be active at short-term events or in roles that involve ongoing goals. All ages and skill levels are needed.

I recently found out that one member of the Help Team (formerly the Social Ministry Committee) is 89 years young. She attends almost every committee meeting, participates regularly in activities, and is always anxious to help where needed. She seems to thrive on the learning and social interaction that being a volunteer provides. Despite hip surgery and the recent loss of a close family member, she always has a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes. I’m sure there are days when that is not an easy feat. What a grace-filled inspiration she is for the youth and adults of our congregation!

Now in my retirement years, I know that the personal benefits of volunteering will no longer help me choose my now long-past career. Nor will they hone my time management skills—if I don’t have them by now I never will! But volunteering can keep my pulse pumping by communicating with spoken and written word, engage my brain in focused work, and provide purpose for my heart and soul. †



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# LEARNERS BECOME DOERS

*by Lloyd Sheaffer*

In our church year, we currently are in the midst of the Season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the appearance and manifestation of who the man Jesus truly is. He is manifested to the Magi as the King of Israel; He is revealed as God's Beloved Son; He appears as a miracle worker, a prophet, a healer, a teacher; Jesus appears as the epitome of the greatest commandment, a lover of God, a lover of all God's people, a lover of enemies.

In the focus passage from 1 Timothy, St. Paul writes to his protégé Timothy, "Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching." (1 Timothy 4:13) An implied outcome of Paul's instruction is that learning will occur in those who listen to the scriptures and are taught by Timothy.

As reported in the scriptures, teaching and learning were important to Jesus in his earthly ministry. Remember how often our Lord taught his disciples, which etymologically means learners, through parables and interpretations of the Jewish scriptures.

Lately in our St. Stephen parish, members have been labeled as disciples; while over the centuries the meaning of disciple has evolved to include follower as a definition, the term at its core remains learner. Thus, faithful disciples must continue to learn. Our parish is the perfect place to learn, particularly in our Sunday Church School program.

I have been teaching Sunday School in one way or another since I was sixteen. My first foray into teaching was as an assistant teacher in my Aunt Mary's Junior High class in the balcony of our small Lutheran church; once a month I was the lead teacher to a group of young 'tweeners. Now, 58 years later, I prepare a lesson every week, although my pupils are now 'tween fifty and .....

As Christians, we never stop growing, nor should we ever stop learning. Sometimes learning means "unlearning" things that have become ingrained in us. For instance, in a recent Epiphany season lesson on The Baptism of Our Lord, we discovered that, in Luke's version, John the Baptist did not baptize Jesus



because John had been arrested and thrown in jail by Herod.

Now the group needed to re-examine this entire account and exegete the passage carefully to discover what Luke is saying to us, Christ’s disciples/learners: that it was not *who* baptized Jesus but *what happened* at the baptism that is important.

By the end of the session, the assembled learners recognized that the writer of Luke was emphasizing the

presence of the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ life as well as stressing the relationship between the Heavenly Father and the Son. This new enlightenment—perhaps an epiphany—led to heartfelt discussions of the work of the Holy Spirit now in the lives of those gathered in that adult Sunday Church School class. Furthermore, the inspired pupils identified how the Holy Spirit enables them to live, using Jesus as a model of serving others today.

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, I have come to sense that nowhere is the Spirit more active than when a group of committed learners assemble to study and learn about the foundations of their shared faith. The graceful conversations and the earnest questions raised are inspired by the Spirit’s presence in the class. Certainly as the teacher I plan and prepare the lesson for each week, reading and researching and translating and praying but what makes the lessons vital is God’s moving among the disciples as they share their thoughts, raise their doubts, or lovingly challenge ideas and views offered by their peers. During these experiences is when honest learning occurs.

The new year is still new; it is not too late to make a resolution for A.D. 2022. I suggest that one way we all can ensure that 2022 is, in truth, a year of Our Lord (Anno Domini) is for all to become involved in the learning—i.e. discipling—opportunities offered at St. Stephen Lutheran Church: Sunday Church School for all ages, week-night Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, Stewardship wellness programs, pastoral seminars, church camping, and other special Educational Ministry presentations.

The structures may be a bit different during these pandemic times but the outcomes will be the same: participating disciples will be not just “followers” of Christ but will be “learners” of how to be “doers” of Christ.

Please join us. Learning is a life-long adventure.

And we all still have much to learn. †



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Upcoming dates: TBD

*While we are unable to host these delightful meals right now, our congregation remains committed to helping the hungry. If you are in need, contact the church office at 717-766-2168.*

# Longsdorf Cemetery

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# Community Event: March 17 - 6 p.m.

## Healthy Choices for Managing



See the church website for full details!

## WORSHIP & STUDY OFFERINGS

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All events at the church unless otherwise specified. Note: Hybrid means *both* in-person and online.

### Online Bible Study ... Wednesdays at 7:00PM via Zoom through February 23

We continue to study and discuss the book of Isaiah. All are welcome to explore this book together. Visit our website for a link to the online gathering. Note: we will take a break from gathering during Lent.

### Ash Wednesday Services ... Wednesday, March 2

Drive-through imposition of ashes from 5:30-6:30PM (at our side entrance)

Hybrid worship service at 7:00PM. Visit our website for a link to the online gathering.

### Online Lenten Midweek Services ... Wednesdays from March 9 to April 6 at 7:00PM

Lent offers a unique opportunity to pause and reflect; these services will allow us to hone in on God's message for us in these times. Visit our website for a link to the online gathering.

### Holy Week Offerings ... April 10-17

Watch our website for details (subject to change based on COVID numbers). All are welcome!

- Palm Sunday, April 10 at 9:00AM (*hybrid*)
- Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:00PM (*online*)
- Good Friday, April 15 at noon and 7:00PM (*format TBD*)
- Easter Vigil, April 16 at 7:00PM (*format TBD*)
- Easter Sunday, April 17 at 9:00AM (*hybrid*)



# ST. STEPHEN

## Evangelical Lutheran Church



# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

*by Karen Hendricks*

You may have noticed that St. Stephen now has a formal logo! There's a great deal of meaning and significance behind its colors and design. When you think about companies, organizations, and brands that have special meaning to you, chances are, those logos come to mind. And that's what a well-designed logo should do—it should encapsulate the core identity of that organization. It should also be memorable.

### Here's how St. Stephen's logo was created

The process started last year, when the church's communications team discussed a series of questions about St. Stephen to create what's called a "design brief." This information helped a very talented local graphic designer create several options. The graphic designer generously and kindly donated her time and talents to our project.

Our design brief described St. Stephen's congregation and ministries, its place within the structure of the ELCA, and its new mission statement. We described St. Stephen with the following words:

- Welcoming, friendly, approachable, inviting
- Caring, faithful
- Christ-led, Spirit-led
- An energetic, active church
- We like to help others
- A living church

The graphic designer created several logo options and the communications team was unanimous in its decision (*posted at the top left of this page*).

### More about our new logo

Here's how Jessica described the logo and why she made the design choices she did:



The logo uses the base of the ELCA color palette (see image on our church sign at right) with transparency to invoke movement and interesting symmetrical shapes. The fonts are sophisticated as well as clean and friendly.

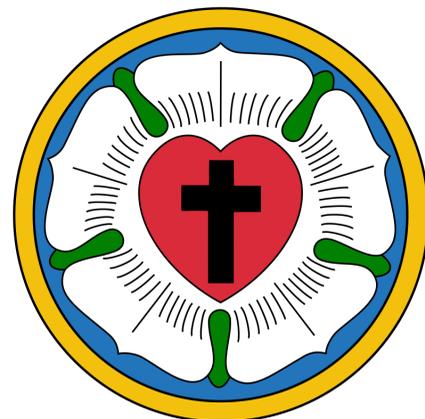
The inspiration for this option was the idea of an abstract rose (similar to Luther's Rose, also pictured at right). The petals converge to reveal the cross.

**Exciting things to come**

We have started using the logo on the church Facebook page (follow us at Facebook.com/StStephenLC.org) as well as our weekly emails and prayer requests.

And, very soon, you will see the new logo and its colors integrated into our brand new St. Stephen website, designed as a fresh, new, user-friendly online "home" for St. Stephen.

Now, when you see the new logo, we hope you enjoy knowing the full story behind it. †



**THE LUTHER ROSE**

# SUPPORTING & ACCOMPANYING A FAMILY'S CALL TO SERVE GOD IN EL SALVADOR

by Caroline Sheaffer



Every time I receive a note from Pastor Wilbur (name is anglicized), I know my day will be blessed and brighter. He has a way of lifting my mood and making me smile with the concern and unending gratitude he shares, not to mention the numerous photos and videos that make me laugh.

Wilbur is the son of martyred Lutheran pastors, both assassinated outside their church in 2006. Like his parents, he felt a call to serve as an ordained pastor. However, he needed to drop out of seminary when he feared for his own life. When he was ready to return, he received no support and had no means to finance his studies.

We had spent considerable time with Wilbur, trusting he would make a wonderful local pastor. He is Christ-centered and grounded firmly in the Gospel as well as caring and compassionate, warm, and gracious. We wanted to be able to support him but needed to work through his bishop.

Enter our El Salvador scholarship program, specifically Pastor Seiple, who approached his bishop asking what the issues were and how we could expedite things for

this committed young man, who by now was married with two young daughters. It was a time to learn for Wilbur.

The scriptural basis for this article is apropos: “Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you, which was given to you when the prophets spoke and the elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all.” (1 Timothy 4: 14, 15)

Once the bishop gave his approval for Wilbur to continue his studies, we were able to provide financial and emotional support to him. He has never stopped thanking our task force with every note he sends. Wilbur receives no salary yet he is following his call to serve his people.

We have had the privilege of worshipping in Wilbur's church, attending his ordination, Pastor Seiple's baptizing his granddaughter, and supporting both his daughters in their post-high school studies. The older one just finished defending her graduation work as a social worker. The younger one continues to study.



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The family lives in a small, mountainous campesino community with few resources. Wilbur manages to serve God there among gang members and with people of different faiths sitting in his own church. Yet they are surrounded by love and find ways to give to each other. Last summer during the pandemic, members planted a community garden. At Christmas they provided gift baskets to needier members.

To illustrate Wilbur’s concern for us, we had not heard from him the specific amount of the college tuition we owed for one of his daughter’s semesters during the pandemic. His answer was, “Our family knew both of you were suffering from your own health issues and did not want to burden you. Our daughter can wait until your health improves to return to school.”

Wilbur considers us friends because we advocated for him and helped him attain his goal to serve. I deeply treasure being a friend of Wilbur’s; it is one of the most humbling roles I will ever have. †



Middle photo: A community garden for members of Pastor Wilbur’s church  
 Bottom photo: Pastor Wilbur and his wife presenting a Christmas basket

# CLOSING PRAYER

*Please pray with me.*

God of life, you give us a beautiful gift—life. But you don't just give us this life in order to sit around and do nothing with it. It is a gift that is meant to be used. You don't provide us with an instruction manual for life. But you give us everything we need for this life—courage to face the uncertainty, strength to do the unexpected, loved ones to know that we are not alone and to learn from, and inquisitiveness to explore.

Wake us from the slumber of comfort towards which we tend to turn. Growth and learning aren't comfortable. But they are life giving. When we grow and learn, we are more alive than ever. And that makes you smile because we are using the gift that you have given us. Keep our yearning for growth and learning strong within us. And use it to inspire others too. In growth there is life. And that is Good News.

AMEN.

# A FEW WAYS TO RECEIVE & RESPOND

1

You can hold our ministries and those who work in these ministries in prayer. In need of prayer yourself? We pray at every gathering and also have an electronic prayer list that goes out regularly with specific requests. If you would like people to pray for you, please call 717-766-2168 or send a message to [prayer@StStephenLC.org](mailto:prayer@StStephenLC.org).

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You are invited to worship and engage in the life of ministry. Our worship services and other gatherings are listed throughout this magazine and our website. There are many opportunities to learn and participate as well as to volunteer your time and skills. For more info, contact Pastor Matthew at 717-766-2168 or [pastor@StStephenLC.org](mailto:pastor@StStephenLC.org).

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.... We respond to **Christ's love** by feeding those who hunger in body, mind, and spirit ....



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### YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP

We now offer hybrid worship (both in-person and online) on Sundays at 9:00AM. Call 717-766-2168 or visit [StStephenLC.org](http://StStephenLC.org) for the latest gathering options for worship and summer Sunday School in terms of pandemic restrictions.

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you are hungry or in need, please contact our church office at 717-766-2168. We have meals, gift cards, personal hygiene kits, and more to share.

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