

NewSpirit Newsletter



St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church New Kingstown, PA August 2016

We are a community of faith inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim boldly the Good News of God's loving, saving presence in the world.

"In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints..." (Colossians 1:3-4)

As I said during Devotions at my final Council meeting, “There are so many final, parting words I want to share, and so many ‘last word’ scripture verses”. The first words I want to share are those printed above, the exact same words I shared in my first St. Stephen newsletter article. *“In our prayers for you we always thank God”*—first, for the warm welcome I received, and, now, for the years of faithful ministry we have done, the sacred conversations we shared, and the many memories I will forever hold in my heart. I am so thankful for the privilege of worshiping, serving, and learning alongside you; you have helped shape me as pastor and person, and I am indeed grateful for each and every one of you and the time we have shared together.

Another verse that speaks to this time of closure and transition is a personal favorite of mine; *“For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.”* (1 Cor. 13:12) As faithfully as we have worshiped and served together, you and I only ever see a small piece of the work God is doing. Years from now we will both continue to bear fruit from seeds that have been planted during our time together. I can’t wait to see what God has in store for both of us, and I pray we would continue to live in the hope and promise that God continues to work in us and through us, for God’s work of transformation is constantly renewing and always in action.

In this time of good-bye, transition, and new beginnings, it is also important for us to remember God’s words to Joshua as he entered the promised land: *“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9) Change is hard, full of anxious unknowns and “What ifs?” God, who is ever changing and yet the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, promises to be with us throughout life’s journeys. God provides for our needs, gives us wisdom, direction, and strength, and surrounds us with God’s peace which passes all understanding. Trust God during this time. Trust your Council members. Trust our synod leadership

team. St. Stephen is a congregation with many gifts to share, and any pastor would be blessed to serve here, just as you will be a blessing to them. Trust God and you will not be led astray.

While there is always more that can be said, I’m slowly learning that ‘more’ isn’t always better. The last scripture I will share is from our Gospel reading not too long ago, Luke 10:38-42, the story of Mary and Martha. Martha welcomes Jesus into her home, but then becomes distracted by many things (perhaps like I’m tempted to be with all these ‘last words’!). Jesus comes to her and says, *“Martha, Martha...there is need of only one thing—Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her”*. In the midst of the joys and challenges, the tasks and responsibilities that lie before us, let us not forget that we are called to be about “the better part”—we are called to worship Jesus, to learn from Him, and listen to Him. Let us take time this season, individually and communally, to sit at the feet of our LORD and listen to what He has to say. Grounded in God’s Word and strengthened by God’s Spirit we will be empowered to continue faithful ministry, wherever God next leads.

It has been a joy to be your pastor. However, after August 7, pastoral ethics require that I not officiate any pastoral acts for members of St. Stephen, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, or providing pastoral care. This frees you to enter fully into relationship with your interim pastor, Pastor Rochelle Lewis, and, then, the next called pastor. Please know that I will continue to hold you in my heart and in my prayers, and would still love to hear when important things happen in your lives. While I will no longer be serving as your Pastor, we will continue to be brothers and sisters in Christ, and co-laborers for the sake of the Gospel. Thank you for your partnership in ministry, and all the memories we have shared. St. Stephen is a blessed congregation, and you have been a great blessing to me. Thank you.

In hope,
Pastor Caitlin

Leadership Ledger

Council met on Monday, July 18th, 2016

Council approved the transfer of \$2,000 from the Tara Shenk Memorial Interest Fund to the Camp Scholarship Fund and \$1,000 from the Tara Shenk Memorial Interest Fund to the Youth Ministry Fund.

Council is preparing for the departure of Pastor Caitlin.

- In an effort to update our official membership rolls, Council approved a motion to move to “inactive status” any person on the membership roll for whom there is no record of communing or making a contribution to the church for the last 2 years
- Pastor Caitlin shared her Exit Interview with Council. The information was honest and insightful. It will be provided to the Call Committee that will be established after our next Council meeting.
- Council also discussed and signed a “Covenants of Closure” that describes how the nature of our relationship with Pastor Caitlin will change after her last day on August 7. More information about this will be provided after her departure, but, basically, because Pastor Caitlin will no longer be *our* pastor, she will be unable to offer pastoral counseling or acts, or comment on the ministries of St. Stephen. But you can still keep her in your prayers, and update her on important life events...just as she will keep us in her prayers, and promises to share exciting life news.

- We also shared conversation about our requirements and desires for an Interim Pastor. For those unfamiliar with the process, our synod leadership team will work with Council to identify a mutually agreed upon interim pastor until a new pastor is called. Interim pastors are trained for just this type of work and in addition to dealing with the daily affairs of ministry in the church, they will work with the congregation and Council to address not only the feelings of loss, but, help us look forward with hope and anticipation as being a new chapter in our lives together.
- Council also made plans for celebrating Pastor Caitlin’s time at St. Stephen. We will be having a cake between services on her last day, Sunday, August 7th. Please plan to join us.
- While we will be sad to see Pastor Caitlin leave, our Council is also excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. We continue to look towards the future with longer-term visioning and goal-setting. We ask for your prayers, and ideas, and we trust in God’s faithfulness and promise to use us to do God’s work in the world.

As always, you are encouraged to talk to Pastor Caitlin or any Council member about any of the items above or join us for any meeting. This is especially true as we conclude our time with Pastor Caitlin, and transition to the future.

Exciting News!!

Council unanimously approved Pastor Rochelle Lewis to serve as our full-time interim pastor beginning Sunday August 14th.

Pastor Lewis has a great deal of experience as an interim pastor. She is currently finishing up as the interim pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, PA. Previously she served as interim lead pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Steelton, PA, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carlisle, PA, and prior to that she served as interim pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Liverpool, PA

Her education has spanned the state, gifting her with the opportunity to live, work, and study among the various cultures and social systems that create the unique personalities of the Keystone State. She is critically aware of the largess of God’s creation in forming her understanding of and empathy to the people she serves.

Pastor Lewis is excited about our being an active participant in our current ministries and working with us as

we heal from the departure of Pastor Caitlin. We believe you will find Pastor Lewis to a strong advocate of our current ministries. She is also looking forward to working with us through the anxiety about the future and planning for a permanent called pastor. In her previously interim placements, she was deemed extremely gifted at helping to identify areas of potential conflict/dysfunction and bring them to light so they could be addressed in helpful ways.

Council is looking forward to her help as we look at our needs as a congregation honestly, with hope and excitement as we discern where God is leading us. We look forward to worshiping with Pastor Lewis at her first service on Sunday, August 14th. Feel free to stop by the office and say hello any time after August 14th.

Next Steps: At our next Council meeting on Monday, August 8th, Council and will be discussions about establishment of a Call Committee. Please continue to keep Pastor Lewis and Council in your prayers during this time of transition. Please talk to any member of Council if you have any questions.

Summer Education



Summer Academy learning opportunities for all ages continue throughout the month of August, with the added bonus of getting to know Pastor Rochelle Lewis, our interim pastor! Sunday August 21 will be a special Sunday, as our Stewardship Team leads us through a lesson on “Care of Creation” ALL are welcome to join us as we continue to grow as disciples, and as a community of faith.

THANK YOU SUMMER ACADEMY TEACHERS!

Thank you to all the teachers who have led the adult and youth classes this summer so all ages could continue our learning over the summer. A special thank you to the volunteers who led the kids classes: Bonnie Baim, Bev Caley, Tina Gordon, Ja'net Grey, Sally John, Rebecca Krausse, Mike Kulikauskas, Cheryl Neidig, Caroline Sheaffer and Brandi Smith. I appreciate your help! -- Laura Wills, Chair of the Educational



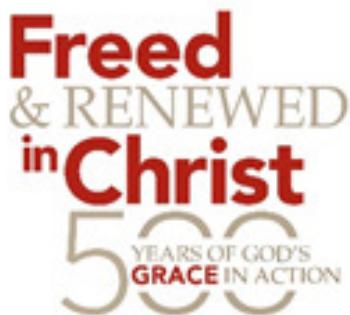
SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE—Thanks be to God!

We had lots of members attend church camp this summer - traditional weekly camp at Nawakwa, Family Camp and Nawakwa's Day Camp in Mechanicsburg. We provided 15 scholarships to help send our members to camp "...a place and time apart...where God's presence is experienced, faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel!" Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

We Splashed in God's Word!



Please be sure to thank Cheryl Neidig, Pastor Caitlin and all the VBS volunteers for their time and dedication to this year's VBS - Sue, Maxine, Lynne, Rebecca, Hayden, Paulette, Ja'Net, Tina, Korra and David (and community members Heather, Jennifer and Angeline).



RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Every member of the congregation is invited to attend this event for all ages. We're getting an early start in our preparations for the 2017 year-long celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

El Salvador

THE BACKGROUND OF THE SALVADORAN MINISTRIES

This ministry with the Salvadoran people began with one cow.

In 1979 or 1980 Jack Spooner of Lutheran Social Services approached Pastor Don Seiple about contributing \$500 to send a breeder cow into a poor community in El Salvador. He had contacts there to do this independently. [Don laughs saying this was during their civil war and he thought the cow would be killed!] The rationale was to improve the diet of the community, which at the time was only vegetables as well as fruit from the trees growing native to the area. That first animal eventually led to an entire herd. Now many herds of cows thrive throughout the country.

None of this ministry would have happened without Pastor Don Seiple's initiating an interest, witness, and long-term commitment to Salvadorans who were on the verge of a 12-year civil war. Strongly identifying with the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, Pastor Seiple's has a heart for the oppressed and his cause is for social justice. He was involved at the grassroots level re-settling the Ugandan refugees in Pennsylvania through Lutheran Immigration and Re-settlement in 1972 when the dictator of that country, Idi Aman, terrorized its citizens. He continued to work through that agency after the Vietnam war ended by re-settling two Vietnamese families into the St. Stephen com-



munity. The Rev. William F. Krenz writes in his book, *Krenz's Kairotic Chronicle*, "Building on the Momin [Ugandan family] experience, Pastors Krenz, Don Seiple, and Pen Hoover, went to New York and compiled a complete step-by-step "How To" package for the rest of the country."(p.140). In his section on "Other Heroes," Rev. Krenz mentions "There were persons who saw dignity in every personDon Seiple" (pp. 209-210)

Organized as a task force for anyone interested in supporting the Salvadoran people, a group in central PA met under the name **Via Crucis** operating as a 501(c) 3 non-profit. Board minutes of Nov. 18, 2001, indicate "**Project Via Crucis** takes its name from a 1986 letter to Lutherans in the United States by Merdardo Gomez, Lutheran Bishop of El Salvador, in which he wrote that the Salvadoran people were traveling a long *via crucis*, but saw us as following Jesus carrying his cross. Our logo was inspired by a plaque which hangs in the Church of the Resurrection, San Salvador, where Bishop Gomez is pastor."

Professor Cyril Dwiggins, as well as Pastor Jean Kuebler, were late but important as organizers in that group. Tressler Social Services (now Diakon) appointed Jack Spooner to this group in its fledgeling formation in 1989. Eventually after Cyril became terminally ill and no longer able to be involved, Don Seiple accepted leadership responsibilities for the group and moved it base to St. Stephen Lutheran Church in New Kingstown. Members of the task force included people from various faiths who lived throughout central PA from as far away as Lancaster. They set goals to support the Salvadorans who were in the midst of recovery from a civil war.

El Salvador

Some members joined delegations to visit the country and formed relationships with individuals and sister parish communities. If their home churches chose to support the ministry, it was welcomed. If individuals within those home churches chose to support the ministry, such backing was also welcomed. It was the decision of each individual church council how to relate to the task force. Later the Via Crucis name was dropped, and its monies were donated into the St. Stephen's scholarship fund which was most actively involved in Salvadoran ministries. Those funds were given as scholarships to students in the poorest of communities.

Because there was never any desire to compete for existing monies from other programs within the St. Stephen parish, there were no solicitations for funds or fund raising events to raise money for El Salvador. Thanks were given to those individuals who felt a call to mission and wished to contribute with a monetary donation.

Internally the task force was often referred to within the church as a "committee," although it was never intended to be a full standing committee of the church. Members continue to be those from the church and from the community at large who feel passionately called to support the long-term needs of the Salvadoran people by using the accompaniment model of mission embraced by the ELCA. Translators, tech support staff, and individuals working in Salvadoran ministries in other area churches support this team.

Congratulations to Bob Hansen

In May, our Boy Scout Troop celebrated its 50th Anniversary. During the big Court of Awards ceremony, our very own Bob Hansen received the Lamb Award for his work with scouting and youth over the past 20+ years. The Scout leaders had this to say: *The Lamb Award is a national recognition bestowed on Lutheran adults (including laypersons, pastors, professors, men and women) by the Lutheranic Youth Agency Re-Lutheran Committee on Civic Relationships. The on Civic Youth and responsible to, departments of the Church in America. The Lamb Award is twofold: 1) to acknowledge the distinguished service of Lutheran adults in fostering the spiritual growth of youth through church and civic youth serving agency programs (Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Camp Fire USA, and 4-H); 2) to increase the use and quality of the civic agency programs in Lutheran congregations as a part of their ministries with youth.*



To be eligible, a Lamb Award recipient should meet the following criteria:

1. Be an active member of a Lutheran congregation.
2. Have a minimum of 10 years of distinguished volunteer service to the church.

3. Have a minimum of 10 years of distinguished volunteer service to one or more civic youth agencies.
4. Serve as a Christian role model and leader to young people encouraging them to participate in the spiritual life of their congregation.
5. Promote the religious growth programs, the observance of Boy Scout, Girl Scout, or Camp Fire Sunday, chaplains and chaplain's aide program.
6. Exhibit leadership and be fully trained in the civic youth agency.
7. Help organize new units in the nominee's own and neighboring Lutheran congregations.
8. Recruit youth and promote full involvement of members in the program.
9. Encourage units to support group service projects in response to a community or congregational need.

We are pleased to present The Lamb Award to Mr. Bob Hansen, who has served as the Charter Organizational Representative, which provides a critical link between St. Stephen's and the Scout Troop.

Congratulations and many thanks to Bob Hansen for his tireless dedication to our Scout Troop, and our youth. Bob joins Greg John as a St. Stephen recipient of the Lamb Award. We are grateful for your ministry.

Rejoicing Spirits

“Who Is My Neighbor?”

It was wonderful that VBS was scheduled to start right after Rejoicing Spirits as we had some new folks attend our service. Welcome!

After a reading of the real Gospel lesson, Luke 10:29-37, Pastor Caitlin helped us really understand the message in today's world. After a quick game of Mad Libs, we re-read the message we came up with.

Looking for a loophole [to the commandment that we love our neighbor as ourselves, a religious scholar asked Jesus], “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”

Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from **St. Stephen Lutheran**. On the way **the volcano, Mt. St. Helen’s erupted and injured a man**. Luckily, **Billy Graham** was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then **Nelson Mandela** showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

“**A member of ISIS, or was it the KKK**, traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’

“What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?”

“The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

That was a pretty powerful message! It really hit home that sometimes our neighbors are those we least expect; God works through all sorts of people in our lives.

Pastor Caitlin reminded us to “Go into the world and draw on God’s strength to be a good neighbor to all.”

Please include our prayer requests with your prayers this month:

Beth offered a prayer of thanks for Michael’s up-

coming wedding on August 6th

Josh prayed that others would learn how to behave
Amber offered thanks for those all we have, and
prayers for those that have not

Pastor Caitlin offered a thanks to God for Rejoicing Spirits and prayed for the upcoming VBS week for volunteers and attendees

We celebrated birthdays this month! Please keep our birthday rejoicers in your prayers:



St. Stephen Rejoicing Spirits Supports





Our kids had a great time learning about God's Love "Under the Big Top" during the Mechanicsburg Area Lutheran Church Day Camp in June!

St Mark was a zoo during the week of June 19 as sixteen children from four local Lutheran congregations came together for "Under the Big Top" Day Camp! Led by three counselors from Camp Nawakwa, the children spent the week playing, serving, and learning how to imitate Jesus in their everyday lives. Participants enjoyed daily opening worship services with pastors from St Mark, St Stephen, Trindle Spring, and Trinity, where they introduced the Bible story for the day, sang

songs, and played silly, circus-themed games. St Mark's fellowship hall was filled with the camper's circus crafts, including "flat clowns" that were created by tracing the campers and letting them color the shapes with clown faces and clothing. Campers practiced what they learned with a daily mission project, which included making 42

lunches for the New Hope summer camp program, writing 13 cards for the Camp Hill prison ministry, and decorating 16 cookie pops that they took along on a field trip to the Citizens Fire Station to thank the volunteers there for their service to our community. Delicious daily lunches were provided by volunteers from Mechanicsburg Area Lutheran churches. Fun afternoon activities included mini golf, circus games, a carnival, and swimming at the Mechanicsburg Pool. Thanks to everyone who helped make our camp a success!



Social Ministry



FOOD-FOOD-FOOD St. Stephen's call, especially as of late, is to feed our neighbors—whether through baby food for Project Share, non-perishables for New Hope, meals for shut-ins, community meals, emergency food or Giant gift cards for those who stop in for help, we are gifted with the ability and opportunity to nourish our neighbors, and we do our best to respond with generosity and faithfulness.

During the month of August, Social Ministries will once again be collecting food for our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Gettysburg Seminary. Many of the students are in need and it seems right and good that we nourish those who are studying to nourish us.

The seminary food pantry is in need of the following items: Rice - Brown & White Quinoa Lentils Cereal Quick Breakfast Items - i.e. Poptarts & Nutrigrain Bars Peanut Butter Fresh Fruit (Apples & Oranges) Dish Soap Laundry Detergent Personal Care Products. Your contributions can be placed in the box in Fellowship Hall throughout the month. They will be taken to the seminary in September.

—Thank you from Social Ministries Committee

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits



St. Stephen's mission is to "be a community of faith, inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim boldly the Good News of God's loving, saving presence in the world."

In support of this mission, **our Social Ministry Team is coordinating the creation of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.** These kits will be delivered to men and women all around the world, often after they have lost *everything*. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, these men and women clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...

and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. We will help share God's grace and love by providing these simple comforts for brothers and sisters around the world.

To make this project possible, we will be collecting specific items throughout the summer months. We will assemble the kits during Rally Day and "God's Work. Our hands." celebrations on Sunday, September 11. The items are listed below, and on a display board in Fellowship Hall. You can place them in the marked box in Fellowship Hall.

- light-weight bath-size towels (between 20"x40" & 52"x27"), dark color recommended



- Bath-size bars of soap, in any brand, in original wrapping



- Adult-size toothbrushes (in original wrapping. Multi-packs are acceptable—we will divide them)



- Sturdy combs



- Metal nail clippers (file optional)



Evangelism



The July Community Meal was a Summery Success! We fed about 75 plates-worth of food, filled with hot dogs, macaroni salad, baked beans, and all kinds of desserts! Many thanks to those who helped with set-up, serving, or clean up, and to all who baked and attended. Afterwards, we had a singing-good time with ole fashioned karaoke! Pastor

Caitlin and Frank Roberto even sang a duet! What a hoot. Be sure to join us on Saturday, August 20 for our next meal.

Afterwards, we'll enjoy a presentation by Search and Rescue Dogs (and their trainers!)



The sign is up on Main St.

Many thanks to all that made it happen, especially Tom Burson and Gerald Gordon for leading the efforts



Save the Date for the
45th Annual Apple
Festival:
Saturday, October 15

Fellowship

BUS Trip to New York City - A day on your own. Saturday, December 10, 2016. Meet in church parking lot at 6:45AM and depart at 7:00AM SHARP. Bus departs New York City at 7:00PM SHARP. Cost per person: \$50. Make checks payable to: St. Stephen Lutheran Church, in memo line put Bus Trip. Limited space. Seats reserved when payment is received. No refunds . Please see Bill Wills or Marty Baim for questions or payment.

Please join us on August 7th, between the services to wish Pastor Caitlin Farewell and Godspeed! We will be celebrating 4 years of ministry together

Well It's that time of year again! The Apple Festival is sneaking up on us all. So that means we need all you crafters and woodworkers to start putting your project together. We always have a very nice craft table as we have so many talented people at St Stephen's. Everyone loves to stop and see what we have this year! We are happy to have any and all projects and many people would like to know who made them. If you think of it maybe you could put a made by on the project. So let's all get those crafts together. We can't wait to see them. If you have any question you can contact me at home or at the church. Thank You all, Julie Grove

Have you remembered St. Stephen in your will?



A will allows you to control your assets for the rest of your life and then help your family and your church. Without a will, all of your assets are turned over to the state. As you make plans for how your earthly assets will be distributed after you no longer have need for them, we encourage you to remember the work of St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

If you would like more information on writing a will, or how you can include St. Stephen in your planned giving, please see Pastor Caitlin or visit <http://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Foundation>



Trinity Skate Park

coming to Trinity Lutheran Church

132 E. Main St., Mechanicsburg

Skate on our lot with rails , kickers and quarter pipe.

When: Saturday **June 18**, 11 – 3 p.m.

Saturday, **July 16**, 11 – 3 p.m.

Sunday, **July 24**, 6 p.m.

Sunday, **August 7** 6 p.m.

Saturday , **August 20** 11- 3 p.m.



Bring: Helmet- loaners available

Board, skates or scooter

Who: Riders ages 10 and above

Contact: Susan Ryder 717-766-2662

Ryder.susan@comcast.net



Lunch Provided, on Saturdays. All riders must provide a signed waiver and wear a helmet.

Go to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church FB page for weather cancellations

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

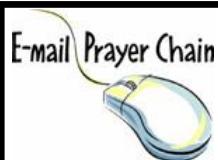
Jay & Karen Livingston	1-Aug
William & Carol Scheffer	5-Aug
John & Stacey Teitman	12-Aug
Don & Carol Zeigler	15-Aug
Glen & Carrie Lewis	19-Aug
Len & Mary Zook	27-Aug

Lily Gonzalez	2-Aug	LyNette Clements	15-Aug
Mandy Gonzalez	2-Aug	Jonathan Filipovich	15-Aug
Ryan Haggerty	2-Aug	Howard Brown	16-Aug
Emma Cornman	3-Aug	Devon Houser	16-Aug
Lucas Cornman	3-Aug	Ronald Kimmel	17-Aug
Sandy Deihl	4-Aug	Bill Phelps	20-Aug
Christian John	4-Aug	Rachel Runk	21-Aug
William Scheffer	5-Aug	Keith Bailey	23-Aug
Laura Wills	5-Aug	Michael Lengel	24-Aug
Kathy Burson	8-Aug	Stephanie Madden	25-Aug
Lily Fabian	8-Aug	Cecilia Stoner	25-Aug
Ryan Wolf	9-Aug	John Teitman	25-Aug
Earl Bock II	10-Aug	Savanna Weigel	25-Aug
Caroline Sheaffer	10-Aug	Sherry Rudacille	27-Aug
Carly Gordon	11-Aug	Betty Windemaker	27-Aug
Hayden Krausse	13-Aug	Patty Haggerty	28-Aug
Patricia Lingle	13-Aug	Doreen Pavlakovich	30-Aug
Ira Ewell	14-Aug	Laura Treaster	31-Aug
Sara Houser	14-Aug		

Are you receiving our emails?

St Stephen currently has two email lists that we use to keep you up-to-date. One of these lists is our "General Mailling" list, which we use to send period updates about events and opportunities. These emails are usually titled "News from St. Stephen". The other list is our "Prayer Chain" list, which we use to send out prayer requests and prayers for members and friends of St. Stephen. These emails are usually titled "Pray for [Name]". If you would like to be added to either of these lists, or would like to check if your name is on them, please email Kevin (office@ststephenlc.org) or Pastor Caitlin (pastor@ststephenlc.org) These are very important

Lord, Hear our Prayers



If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain list (to receive notifications of prayer requests throughout the week), you can sign up with Mike Kulikauskas, or by emailing office@ststephenlc.org. At any time, you can send prayer requests to prayer@ststephenlc.org

John Teitman	Military & former pastor of St. Stephen
Lynette Clements	Very weak (Kathy Burson's mother) Keep On!
Dan Schillinger	Seizures (Sandy Granberg's Brother) Keep On!
Clara Schillinger	Alzheimer's (Sandy Granberg's Mother) Keep On!
Jacob Smith	Deployed to Afghanistan. Keep On!
Bob Lamp	Alzheimer's disease
Sharon Lamp	Caring for Bob Lamp
Hen Yohn	Health issues— Keep On!
Tom Toone	Friend of Rebecca Krausse. Prayers of thanks...cancer free! Now faces major back surgery Keep On!

Ginny Buzilow	Please pray for our sister in Christ, Ginny Buzilow, who is currently hospitalized with pneumonia. We pray for healing and strength for Ginny, and for wisdom and compassion for the doctors and nurses who tend to her care.
Carol Scheffer	Please pray for our sister in Christ, Carol Scheffer, who was just diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer. She is awaiting test results to determine whether the cancer has spread, and what treatment options are available. We pray for healing and hope for Carol, her husband Bill, and daughter Sally, and we pray for wisdom for her doctors and nurses.

Hospital Admissions



Please let the church office and/or Pastor Caitlin know when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility. Federal HIPAA regulations do not permit health care providers to release personal information such as this without your expressed permission and none of the area health care facilities contact us about your admission. A phone call to either the church office (766-2168, during Office Hours) or to the Pastoral Care number (220-3239, at any time) will help the Pastor respond to you with care, prayer, and support.

Thank You

Dear St Stephen Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in April 2016.

This is the year of ELCA World Hunger in *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, and we are particularly grateful for your gift to this signature ministry of the church! Your generous support provides water and hygiene programs, agriculture and animal husbandry, health clinics and micro loans, and education and advocacy for communities in need in over 60 countries including the United States.

During this season of Pentecost when our churches are dressed in green, we are reminded that God supplies abundance and invites us to share with all in need. Thank you for responding in faith, walking with ELCA World Hunger companion churches and partners to address hunger and poverty. We truly do more together than we could do alone.

Until all are fed,

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The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Ap

I was so pleasantly surprised to receive an envelope with a note from you, and from so many others in the congregation at St. Stephen. I smiled as I read each carefully, and then shared them with the rest of my makeshift church family on post at Camp Lemonnier in the African nation of Djibouti. We are a community of around one hundred believers, led by a team of military chaplain clergy, each of them reservists just like us who left congregations and calls behind to minister to those serving for a year. There is not a chapel on the nearby U.S. Embassy compound, so many diplomat families assigned to the Embassy also come onto our camp in order to worship with us. Your notes lifted all our spirits.

Again, thank you each for taking the time to write to me, and to us - it made our week! Please thank the congregation as well, the notes are treasured. I hope you all enjoy your summer.

Grace and peace,
Kevin Burel

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St. Stephen Lutheran Church Congregation:

Please allow us to extend our gratitude on behalf of the D.R.E.A.M. Partnership Board of Directors, and most importantly, the students with intellectual disabilities who will ultimately benefit from our mission.

Thank you for your \$ 339.39.00 donation.

Established in October of 2012, as a subsidiary of UCP Central PA, the D.R.E.A.M. Partnership continues to establish a network of colleges in Pennsylvania that provide educational opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The goal is that these programs lead to competitive employment and independent living.

Your contribution is a valuable investment and will facilitate our continued efforts to build bridges that make college possible for students with intellectual disabilities.

Sincerely,

Sherri Landis
Executive Director
D.R.E.A.M. Partnership



Thank you for making a big job of collecting 700 bars of soap for the Youth Impact Project easier because you helped. St. Stephen's, The Family Worship Center and Trinity pulled together for a great effort from New Kingstown. Many Thanks being a part of something touching so many families.

—Lorraine Metzger, Trinity UM Church

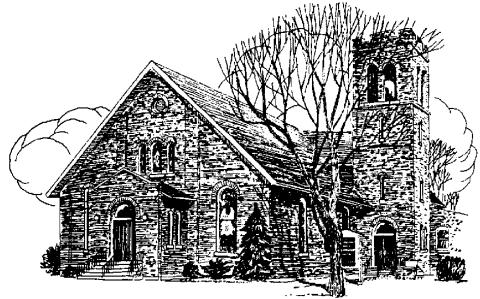
Worship ASSISTants for August

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Acolyte	8:00 am	10:45 am	8:00 am	10:45 am
Lector	Sara Houser	David Herb	David Herb	David Herb
Cantor	Brenda Krausse	Steve Read	Beth Lengel	Malinda Bailey
Assisting Minister	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Communion	Crystal Houser	Carol Clelland	Lloyd Sheaffer	Art Grove
Ushers	Marty Balm* Bonnie Balm Alan Gamble Glenn Gross	Doug Tobin* Jordan Brown Bill Phelps Rebecca Krausse	Marty Balm* Bonnie Balm Alan Gamble Glenn Gross	Doug Tobin* Jordan Brown Bill Phelps Rebecca Krausse
Greeter	Ron & Brenda Kimmel	Frank & June Roberto	Larry & Laura Treaster	Ira & Le Ewell
Altar Guild				Sherry Rudecille Sue Rodgers
Counters				Bill & Esther Phelps
				Marty & Bonnie Balm
				Bob Hansen
				Paulette Krewson & Mary Zook
				Ryan & Patty Hagerty; Bob Hansen

August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:00p Boy Scouts	2 6:00p Chimes Rehearsal	3 6:00p Quilting 6:00p Fitness 4 Focus 6:30p Stewardship Committee Meeting	4 9:00a Quilting	5	6 9:00a Education Committee Meeting
7 8:00a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship 2:00p Dulcimer's practice	8 6:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Congregation Council Meeting	9 6:00p Chimes Rehearsal	10 6:00p Quilting 6:00p Fitness 4 Focus	11 9:00a Quilting	12	13 10:00a Eagle Court of Honor
14 8:00a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits	15 6:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Evangelism Committee Meeting	16 6:00p Chimes Rehearsal	17 6:00p Quilting 6:00p Fitness 4 Focus 7:00p Worship & Music Committee	18 9:00a Quilting	19	20 8:00a Men's Breakfast @Middlesex Diner 5:00p Community Meal
21 8:00a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	22 6:00p Boy Scouts	23 9:00a Breakfast Club 6:00p Chimes Rehearsal	24 6:00p Quilting 6:00p Fitness 4 Focus	25 9:00a Quilting	26	27
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Worship Opportunities in August

August 7

800am & 1045am Worship
930am: Sunday School

August 14

800am & 1045am Worship
930am: Sunday School
4:00pm Rejoicing Spirits

August 21

800am & 1045am Worship
930am: Sunday School

August 28

800am & 1045am Worship
930am: Sunday School