



ST. STEPHEN
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Congregational Communication
Rev. Matthew Best
August 10, 2022

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

Thursday, August 11

3:00pm – Trinity UMC Farmer's Market

Sunday, August 14

9:00am – Worship (hybrid)

Monday, August 15

10:00am – Stroll through Scripture

Thursday, August 18

3:00pm – Trinity UMC Farmer's Market

5:30pm – Community Assistance

Saturday, August 20

5pm – Dinner with Friends

Sunday, August 21

9:00am – Worship (hybrid)

Monday, August 22

10:00am – Stroll through Scripture

Pastor's Corner – This week is our church youth camp. Please continue to keep the youth and adult leaders who are participating, in your prayers as we continue to learn about God and have fun and build community together. I would like to personally thank Larry, Leo, Mike and Abby for the help and guidance they have provided. Their involvement is what is making this summer camp an event to remember, and build upon.

Financial Update – Our Finance Team has provided a short synopsis of St. Stephen's financial health. Please take time to prayerfully read and consider the attached document.

Feeding the Body

Trinity UMC Farmer's Market – The Farmer's Market continues each Thursday in the summer from 3 pm to 7pm. If you would like to help, please contact ILona Burd at (imlb7225@gmail.com) for more information.

Community Assistance – The meal and time of worship will be at 5:30pm at St. Stephen on Thursday, August 18. All are welcome. This is a great opportunity to be in community.

Feeding the Mind

Stroll through Scripture – will return next Monday. Stroll through Scripture is an informal look at the upcoming lectionary readings for the coming Sunday full of commentary, questions, and observations from Pr. Matthew. You can watch it live on our church facebook page each week around 10am.

First Third Communications – The First Third Ministry is alive and well at St. Stephen. Please contact Jenny Batcheler (yfmd@ststephenlc.org) in you would like to be added to the youth communications email subscriber list.

Sunday School –Please check with the teacher of the class you will be participating in to find out if they will be continuing to gathering for the summer and if it will be in person, hybrid, or completely online. Links for online and hybrid Sunday School will be on the church website – www.ststephenlc.org.

Annual Rally Day Celebration – This year’s Rally Day event will be on September 11th at 10:30 am in the church Sanctuary. Kick off a new year of learning with St. Stephen’s Sunday Church School. We will also be joining ELCA’s “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. We are planning a multi-generational event to celebrate this day of community giving.

Feeding the Spirit

Sunday worship – Worship begins at 9am. This is hybrid worship, meaning that we worship both in person and online at the same time. At this time, due to the lower positivity rate of COVID, masking is optional for all people who participate in person. If you worship online, please introduce yourself to others online and greet other folks that you aren’t familiar with. We also invite those worshipping online to provide their own elements of bread and wine/grape juice in order to participate in communion.

Accessing worship online - You can attend online worship by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/410597064?pwd=b3lEa2hnbmtxU2kvYVhxUGN6ZWdoUT09>

You can also call 1-929-205-6099. Once connected, just enter the Meeting ID - 410 597 064 and the password – 779080. You can also find the direct link for this on our church webpage – www.ststephenlc.org. Scroll halfway down to the link that says, “Join us online.” Click the link and you’ll be connected to the Zoom session.

Prayers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Request</u>
Dwayne Welker	Friend of a Community Meals program participant	Dealing with the shock of recent Stage 4 cancer diagnosis.
Denny Snyder and family	Relative of Lloyd Sheaffer	Denny is recovering from cancerous kidney removal

Worship Assistants

Date	Usher Greeter	Cantor (IP)	Lector (OL)	Assisting Minister (OL)	Altar Guild	AV Support	Zoom Host	Facebook Host
8/14/22	Scott Houser		Pat Gilmore Lee	Matt Schroeder	Maxine/Carol	Tom Burson Bill Wills	Mike Kulikauskas	Nicole Grove
8/21/22	Laura Wills	Matt Schroeder	Lloyd Sheaffer	Pat Cippolla	Maxine/Carol	Wayne Lengel Bill Wills	Jen Clements	Nicole Grove
8/28/22	Scott Hourser	Beth Lengel	Greg John	Pat Cippolla	Sue Rodgers	Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig	Jen Clements	Nicole Grove
9/4/22	Scott Houser	Lynne Immell	Karen Hendricks	Jennifer Batcheler	Maxine/Carol		Jen Clements	Nicole Grove

Blessings,



Pr. Matthew