



Congregational Communication
March 15, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 15

1:00pm – Parlor Games and Conversations

Thursday, March 16

4:30pm – Community Assistance meal

Sunday, March 19

9:00am – Worship (hybrid)

10:30am – Sunday School

Monday, March 20

7:00pm – Boy Scouts

President's Perch:

This Sunday our supply pastor will be Rev. Elaine Dent and our organist will be Dr. Robert Lau. Please give them a warm welcome and thank them for their services over the past many weeks.

This is the last week we will be using a supply pastor. The next week (March 26th) we will welcome Rev. Joel Petruschke as our interim pastor and Mitchell Sensenig as our organist. Also, our service time will change to 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School will start at 9:30 a.m.

This year we will continue with the Agape Meal on Thursday, April 6th in the Fellowship Hall. We have invited members of Our Saviour Lutheran Church to attend. They have invited us to attend their Good Friday service on April 7th. Further announcements will be made as we get closer to the dates.

Please review the announcements listed below for ways you can participate in the life of St. Stephen.

Please continue to pray for and provide your ideas to me or any Council member.

We continue to offer our services via Zoom, but we still do not have anyone to serve as a Facebook host so the services continue to be missing from our Facebook page. We could also use those with creative talents to help post information on Facebook and our website. I will be glad to explain what is involved and how to be trained to provide the service.

- Tom Burson, President, Congregation Council

The Agape Feast will be held on April 6, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a simple meal centered around love followed by a service of forgiveness and communion with one another as remembered by the Last Supper. Pastor Joel Petruschke will lead the service. Please sign up on the sheets for this meal in Fellowship Hall. Our Savior Lutheran Church of Harrisburg congregants have been invited to join us in this celebration.

Easter Flower Orders – To order flowers to adorn the altar area, please complete the Easter Flower Order Form

(included with your bulletin.) Place the completed form, along with your payment, in the offering plate. Be sure to write "Easter Flowers" in the memo section of your check or on the front of your offering envelope. **The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 26th.**

Flowers may be picked up after the 11am Easter Service or anytime during business hours of Easter week. Flowers not picked up by the Sunday after Easter will be delivered to one of our shut-in families or planted around the church.



Easter Egg Coloring Event - We will be doing an Easter Egg Coloring event on April 2, from 1pm - 3pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to the community and is for all ages, adult or child. 1 dozen eggs provided, per person coloring. Light snacks provided. Registration required. To register to attend, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/96CV6G6>

Parlor Games and Conversations – We had a fun group with lots of laughter, story sharing, and bingo at our first parlor get together. Come join us for another afternoon of conversation and games!

We will meet in the warm, cozy parlor at the church on **Wednesday, March 15, at 1 p.m.** All are welcome.

Bring your favorite game (mine is Rummy Cube) and we'll provide snacks.

Please contact CarolClelland@comcast.net or at 717-798-5948 if you would like a ride. It is fun to relax and be together during this wintry time. Blessings, Carol

Community Assistance Meal – Thursday, March 16, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Community Assistance meals are prepared on the first and third Thursday of each month. The next Community Assistance meal is on Thursday March 16 at 4:30 p.m. At the last meal on March 2, the team prepared 49 meals (8 people ate in Fellowship Hall and 41 meals were delivered).

Meals are prepared for pick-up or delivery at 4:30 p.m. Please notify Maxine Montgomery or Lynne Immell (you may call the office for their phone numbers) if you or someone needs a meal picked up or delivered. You should register in advance so the Help Ministry team knows how many meals to prepare. The team would like members and helpers to join them at 4:15 p.m. to enjoy the meal together before pick-up/delivery. If you wish to help in the preparation, please arrive by 2:00 p.m.

The team wishes to thank all those members of our congregation and others who have helped cook or prepared the meals or this ministry.

Summer Camp – Registration for Nawakwa and Kirchenwald summer camp is now open. Summer camp brochures are available in the camp brochure envelope in the northwest corner of Fellowship Hall. Contact Roger Immell at rogerimmell@comcast.net or 717.486.8933 for more details.

Sunday worship – Worship begins at 9am. This is hybrid worship, meaning that we worship both in person and online at the same time. 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.

Worship Assistants

| Date | Usher Greeter | Cantor | Lector | Assisting Minister | Altar Guild | AV Support | Zoom Host |
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| 3/19/23 | Larry Bouchat | Kathy Burson | Pat Seiple | Kathy Burson | Maxine/Carol | Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig | Terri Myers |
| 3/26/23 | | Lynne Immell | Carol Clelland | Lynne Immell | Maxine/Carol | Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig | |
| 4/2/23 | | Lynne Immell | Jadam Smith | Lynne Immell | Maxine/Carol | Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig | Terri Myers |
| 4/9/23 | | Kathy Burson | Pat Seiple | Jadam Smith | Sue Rodgers | Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig | |

Blessings,