



Congregational Communication  
January 18, 2023

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

Thursday, January 19

**5:30pm**- Community Assistance Meal

Sunday, January 22

**9:00am** – Worship (hybrid)

**10:30am** – Sunday School

Wednesday, January 25

**1:00pm** – Parlor Games and Conversations

Sunday, January 29

**9:00am** – Worship (hybrid)

**10:30am** – Sunday School

**President's Perch:**

This Sunday our supply pastor will be Rev. Elaine Dent. Please give her a warm welcome. We do not have an organist this month so we will be using the piano for the hymns and recorded preludes and postludes from the organ.

Carol Clelland and I met with Pr. Beth Martini last Friday at the Lower Susquehanna Synod office to consider an interim minister. There is specific information needed before we can propose anything to Council. Hopefully, we will have that soon. Just know that the process is underway.

We are continuing to discuss how to improve communication with church members beyond what we are doing now. Your input has been appreciated and more is welcomed.

Our finances are an important factor in determining what kind of interim minister we have. Please continue thinking about how you can contribute your time, talent, and treasure in order to make it happen.

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

We currently do not have anyone to serve as a Facebook host so the services have been missing from our Facebook page for quite a while. And, we could use a few more people to help the AV Team on Sundays. I will be glad to explain what is involved and how to be trained to provide the service.

- Tom Burson, President, Congregation Council

**Winterfest 2023 recap** - The annual Winterfest event, was held from January 6-8, at the Wyndham in Lancaster, PA. The theme for the weekend was the 'CREATED for...' curriculum. Created for Community, Created for Care, Created for Creation, Created for Communion. The hope was that youth participants would walk away thinking about who God created them to be, through the lens of who are they becoming. We had 5 youth attend this year. In honor of the 30th anniversary of Winterfest, Friday night included 'guests' for the first time. These included some middle-school youth, families and parents of participants, congregational advisors, and pastors, for a chance to see what happens at Winterfest and what they can expect for the future. We had 4 participants take advantage of this opportunity. In our congregation group, attending Youth were presented with Winterfest t-shirts and Kingstone graphic Bibles. During the weekend, Youth

experienced large groups and small group sessions, fantastic buffet style meals, chances for youth and leaders to choose from a variety of electives to attend and learn from, free time, access to the indoor pool and exercise facilities, live and DJ music, and even a dance. Charlie Roberts was also recognized for his 30 years in youth ministry.

**Summer Camp** – The 2023 Lutheran Summer Camping season is only a few months away; the first camps start June 18<sup>th</sup> at Camp Kirchenwald and June 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Nawakwa. Roger Immell our camping coordinator, attended the initial meetings for this year and will be providing more information in the near future.

**Eucharistic Ministry Teams** - Visitation with communion offering will begin again as we build and train teams. Ideally there should be two members for each visiting team. Presently we have about ten members of our congregation who are not able to come to church.

Please prayerfully consider joining a team for this vital ministry. Contact Carol Clelland ([CarolClelland@comcast.net](mailto:CarolClelland@comcast.net) or 717-798-5948) to join our teams.

**Parlor Games and Conversations** - Come join us for an afternoon of “getting together” for conversation and games. We will meet in the warm, cozy parlor at the church on **Wednesday, January 25, 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](mailto:CarolClelland@comcast.net) or at 717-798-5948 if you would like a ride. It will be fun to relax and be together during this wintry time. We could make this a regular occurrence as the group desires.

Blessings, Carol

## **CHIMES**

We are looking for anyone who wants to play or learn to play chimes. Your DO NOT NEED

- o Experience
- o Know how to read music

You just NEED to

- o Know how to count from 1-4
- o Know your basic colors
- o Be willing to learn
- o Want to laugh a lot

I promise to

- o Be patient
- o Laugh a lot also

Together we can make beautiful music.

We plan to practice for about an hour Sunday afternoons. Time and date to be determined.

Maxine Montgomery

717-571-4113

**Our Community Assistance meal ministry** continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month with much thanks to our deliverers and helpers. We serve our next meal this Thursday at 5:30pm and could use an extra pair of hands. Please contact Lynne or Maxine to volunteer.

**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](http://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 (IP)	Lector (OL)	Assisting Minister (OL)	Altar Guild	AV Support	Zoom Host
1/22/23	Larry Bouchat	Kathy Burson	Roger Immell	Lynne Immell	Maxine/Carol	Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig	
1/29/23	Larry Bouchat	Lynne Immell	Pat Gilmore-Lee	Jadam Smith	Maxine/Carol	Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig	
2/5/23		Kathy Burson	Jadam Smith	Kathy Burson	Maxine/Carol	Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig	
2/12/23		Lynne Immell	Pat Seiple	Lynne Immell	Sue Rodgers	Tom Burson Cheryl Neidig	

Blessings,