



ST. STEPHEN
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Congregational Communication
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Reverend Joel Petruschke

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

Date: January 15, 2025

Thursday, January 16

4:30pm – Community Assistance Meal

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

Saturday, January 18

5:00pm – Dinner with Friends - **CANCELED**

Sunday, January 19: Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:30am – Sunday Church School

11:00am – Worship Service (Hybrid)

Monday, January 20

7:00pm – Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 23

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

Sunday, January 26: Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:30am – Sunday Church School

11:00am – Worship Service

12:30pm – Bible Study & Light Luncheon

Monday, January 27

7:00pm – Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 30

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

This month we welcome Pastor Carol Bowman to lead us in Worship.



Notes from January Congregation Council Meeting

Our first meeting of 2025 was held last Monday, January 13. New members Kathy Burson, Lynne Immell and Becky Rensel were welcomed. Remaining members of our council are Carol Clelland, Maxine Montgomery, Randy Neidig, Bill Rowe and Pastor Marleen Griffith-Stull. Officers for the new year were elected: Carol Clelland, President, Kathy Burson, Vice President, Maxine Montgomery, Secretary, Cheryl Neidig, Treasurer, and Susanne Zeiders, Recording Secretary. Many thanks with gratitude for these faithful leaders.

Now that we have an agreement with Mt. Zion church of Churchtown, a call committee of 3 persons from each church will begin the process of putting together church profiles. Our call committee will be Lloyd Sheaffer, Kathy Burson, Becky Rensel, and Maxine Montgomery as an alternate.

Negotiations have proceeded with the Nepalese Congregation to rent our facilities for their worship, Bible Study, and Youth Meetings. The goal is for them to start in February. They have an average of 60 worshippers and 16 youth. They will use our sanctuary from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays and will have Bible Study Fridays, 6-8 p.m., and youth meetings 10-12 Saturday mornings. Please welcome our new friends.

Finances for 2024 show a shortage between income and expenditures of \$2,543. The wonderful news is that revenue for Synod Benevolence exceeded the budgeted amount of \$5,200 to a total of \$10,762! Refer to the end of year financial status printed below.

Finally, Cheryl and Randy Neidig will represent our congregation at this year's synod convention in June, when a new bishop will be elected.

As always, our small church needs your help with our ongoing ministries. Consider how you may help and let me or a council member know.

Please do not hesitate to ask any council member questions you may have.

With Blessings and Gratitude,
Carol Clelland

St. Stephen Lutheran Church				
Financial Status				
12/31/2024				
General Fund				
	December Actual	Totals		
	Revenue / Receipts	\$8,350		
	Expenses / Disbursements	\$10,037		
	Over / (Short)	(\$1,688)		
	Yearly Actual	Totals	Notes	2024 Budget
	Revenue / Receipts	\$124,603		Budget Revenue \$116,750
	Expenses / Disbursements	\$127,146		Budget Expense \$156,399
	Over / (Short)	(\$2,543)		
	Yearly Details Actual to Budget	December Actual Year To Date	December Budget Year To Date	Notes
	Revenue / Receipts	\$124,603	\$116,750	\$7,853 Revenue over budget for the year
	Expenses / Disbursements	\$127,146	\$156,399	\$29,253 Expenses under budget for the year
	Over / (Short)	(\$2,543)	(\$39,649)	\$37,106 Net income better than budget for the year
Mission Support (Synod Benevolence)				
	Year to Date Details	Revenue	Budget Year to Date	Notes
	December Year To Date	\$10,762	\$5,200	\$5,562 Revenue over budget. (\$5,200 for 2024)
				Figures do not include World Hunger "Pass-through"
	Comments:			
Balance Sheet Summary				
			Notes	
	General Fund	\$1,536.15	Funds available for normal operations.	
	Designated Funds			
	No restrictions	\$52,825.19	Can be distributed by Council without restrictions.	
	Restrictions by Council	\$70,991.03	Council has restricted, but could change.	
	Restrictions by donor	\$71,791.54	Donor has or may restrict.	
	Restrictions by purpose	\$42,388.92	Designated for a specific purpose, difficult to repurpose.	
	Total Funds	\$239,532.83		

Boy Scouts

The Lion Den is working on their service project for the King of the Jungle Badge. They will be collecting art supplies for the kids at Safe Harbour, a not-for-profit in Carlisle that provides a continuum of housing services for the homeless of Cumberland County. If you have any art supplies that you'd like to donate, please bring them to any of the next 3 meetings (Thursday, January 16; Thursday, January 23; Thursday, January 30), or you can place any donations on the stage in Fellowship Hall.



Youth Corner

Attention Families! St. Stephen Church, New Kingstown, will be holding their **Fuse Meetings** on the **3rd Sunday of each month, at 1pm**. A lunch meal is always served. Bring a side dish to share! This meeting is for kids of any age, 0-18, and a supportive adult in their life, in whatever form that is (parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, older siblings, extended family, etc.). You don't need to attend St. Stephen Church to attend Fuse! Anyone is welcome! We will have a meal, do some activities and learn a lesson. So come Fuse with us!

EMS Game Night! Youth in **Grades K-12** are invited the **1st Wednesday of each month**, from **6-8pm**, to come play board games with various local EMS personnel in the Fellowship Hall! Fill out a mixer sheet to get to know a little about them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socialization! All different game levels for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Adult sign in required for non-teens.

We are invited again this year, to **St. Mark's ROLLER-SKATING PARTY** for all ages, on **February 10th**! Join us at Olympic Skating in Enola, from **6-8 :00pm** for an evening of roller skating. Bring your own skates or rent them for \$3. Skating admission is free and friends are welcome!



Other Announcements:

Grace Stoner has not been at church for a few weeks and would love to have some company at her home. If you would like to visit, her address is:

6 Dewalt Dr.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Sunday worship begins at 11:00am

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.

Or, you can find the direct link 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	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Usher Greeter	Cantor	Lector	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	AV Support	Counters
01/19/25	Rev. Carol Bowman	Larry Bouchat	--	Carol Clelland	--	Maxine Carol	Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig	Roger Immell Cheryl Neidig
01/26/25	Rev. Carol Bowman	Larry Bouchat	Lynne Immell	Pat Gilmore- Lee	Lynne Immell	Maxine Becky Rensel	Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig	Le Ewell Cheryl Neidig
02/02/25	Rev. Elaine Dent	--	Lynne Immell	Pat Seiple	Lynne Immell	Maxine Cheryl Neidig	Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig	Roger Immell Cheryl Neidig
02/09/25	Rev. Elaine Dent	--	Lynne Immell	Lloyd Sheaffer	Lynne Immell	Maxine Becky Rensel	Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig	Roger Immell Cheryl Neidig

Prayer Requests:

Date	Name	Connection	Request
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Chronic or Long-Term Requests

6/9/24	Roger Myers	Member	Roger is undergoing cancer treatment.
10/22/24	Pat Gilmore-Lee	Member	Please continue to pray for strength, healing and courage for Pat who has received a cancer diagnosis. If you would like to send her a card, please use the following address: 325 Wesley Dr. Apt. 201 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
11/14/24	Joan Wiest	Member	Joan is now home. If you would like to visit, you can call her at home: 717-697-2577.
12/09/24	Tom Burson	Member	Tom is recovering at Country Meadows. Please continue to pray for Tom and Kathy.
12/23/24	Roger Immell	Member	Roger was diagnosed with Parkinson Disease and is participating in treatment through several programs and therapies.
01/01/25	John Montgomery	Member	We ask for continued prayers for Maxine and her family and friends as they mourn the passing of John.
01/13/25	Sharon Lamp	Member	Sharon is home from Encompass.

Temporary Requests

12/27/24	Cheryl Raudabaugh	Former Member	Cheryl is currently fighting an aggressive form of cancer. Please pray for her and her family.
01/13/25	Robert Zeiders	Brother of Office Admin. Susanne	Robert was admitted to PSH Hampden last week after complications during/after dialysis. He was transferred to Holy Spirit Monday for a cardiac catheterization and is expected to be discharged at the end of this week.

