



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: September 25, 2024

Friday, September 27-Sunday, September 29
Annual Synod Middle School Fall Retreat
– AliVE @Camp Nawakwa
Sunday, September 29
9:30am – Sunday Church School
11:00am – Worship Service (Hybrid)
Following Worship – Light Lunch and Bible Study
Monday, September 30
7:00pm – Boy Scouts
Thursday, October 3
4:30pm – Community Meal
Sunday, October 6
9:30am – Sunday Church School
11:00am – Worship Service (Hybrid)
Monday, October 7
7:00pm – Boy Scouts

Bible Study

This week, we will resume the monthly Bible Study at St. Stephen's! We are planning to meet on the last Sunday of each month following worship. (Any changes to the schedule will be shared by the weekly email newsletter.)

This month, we will be studying 1 Samuel 1-7. As you read, pay close attention to how different Eli and his family are compared to Samuel and his family.

Request for help:

There is a one-time chore that needs accomplished for someone to volunteer please. Since we are having supply pastors that do not know our names, we would like to reinstall our name tag board. For those of you who remember, we had made permanent nametags for the congregants that could be pinned on or hung around the neck several years ago. This board should be around the church somewhere (if anyone knows, let me know). This board was put right in the hallway to fellowship hall, so that we could put one on before worship and return it to the board afterwards.

Some nametags will need made and others removed. So, if you would consider helping in this capacity, please let me know.

Blessings,
Carol Clelland

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 the adult spiritual influencers 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!

Nawakwa Fall Foliage Day: Return to Camp Nawakwa for the afternoon, to enjoy fall activities, worship, and have a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends, relive memories, or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included. Enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Crafts, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! To register to attend this event, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH5DGBF>

We will be participating in trunk-or-treat this year to hand out candy and grilled hotdogs to the trick-or-treaters in New Kingstown on trick-or-treat night, October 31st! Start planning your decorative trunks now!

Fuse Registration is now open for Winterfest, January 3-5, 2025!

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62MJHPW>

Winterfest will gather youth in grades 9-12, college students on winter break, and their congregational advisors for a weekend immersion in Christian community, focused around a central theme this year of: Fingerprints! You are a unique gift from God, marked by God with gifts that make you truly special. As a disciple of Jesus, how are you leaving a mark of Jesus' love, grace, and forgiveness on the world around you?

You can look forward to live music, faith formation conversations and teaching, social activities, games, night life, electives, large group worship, small group studies, and fun at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster County. A quiet room is offered for those who would like to peacefully sit out of the louder activities.

A \$50 deposit/person is the cost for this event. Talk to Jenny about special situations requiring scholarships.

yfmd@ststephenlc.org

Must register by NOVEMBER 30, 2024. Please consider joining us this year!



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=b31Ea2hnbmtxU2kvYVhxUGN6ZWdoUT09>

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 | Counters |
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| 9/29/24 | | Lynne Immell | Roger Immell | Jadam Smith | Maxine Carol | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Roger Immell Lela Ewell |
| 10/6/24 | | Jadam Smith | Carol Clelland | Lynne Immell | Maxine Carol | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Lela Ewell Cheryl Neidig |
| 10/13/24 | | Lynne Immell | Pat Seiple | Jadam Smith | Maxine Carol | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Cheryl Neidig Roger Immell |
| 10/20/24 | | Jadam Smith | Lloyd Sheaffer | Lynne Immell | Maxine Carol | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Roger Immell Lela Ewell |

Prayer Requests

| Date | Name | Connection | Request |
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Chronic or Long-Term Requests

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| 1/17/24 | Tom Burson | Member | Please continue to pray for Tom and Kathy Burson. Tom is at Country Meadows Center continuing to recover. |
| 6/9/24 | Roger Myers | Member | Roger is undergoing cancer treatment. |
| 8/5/24 | Pat Gilmore Lee | Member | Please pray for strength, healing, and courage for Pat, who has received a diagnosis of cancer. If you would like to send her a card, please use the following address: 325 Wesley Dr. Apt. 102 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. |
| 8/26/24 | Joan Wiest | Member | Joan is currently at Legend assisted living in Mechanicsburg and receiving therapy. Visitors should call ahead. |
| 8/26/24 | Roger Immell | Member | Prayers for Roger as doctors work on a permanent diagnosis pending his MRI report. |
| 8/14/24 | Sharon Lamp | Member | Please continue to pray for Sharon, as she awaits the results following her procedure. |

Temporary Requests

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| 9/10/24 | Paulette Krewson | Member | Paulette was in the hospital for testing following muscle spasms. |
| 9/17/24 | Sandra Fabian | | Sandra was admitted to West Shore Hospital's ICU with fluid buildup following a recent surgery. |

