



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

**Date: July 2, 2025**

Wednesday, July 2

**6:00pm** – *Community EMS Game Night!*

Thursday, July 3

**4:30pm** – *Community Assistance Meal*

**6:00pm** – Cub Scouts

Friday, July 4

**6:00pm** – ROHI Church Bible Study

Saturday, July 5

**10:00am** – ROHI Church Youth Group

Sunday, July 6: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**11:00am** – *Worship Service (Hybrid)*

**1:00pm** – ROHI Church Worship Service

**6:00pm** – Cub Scout Parent Meeting, Pavillion

Monday, July 7

**7:00pm** – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 9

**5:30pm** – *Youth Program: Lessons & Legos*

Thursday, July 10

**6:00pm** – Cub Scouts

Friday, July 11

**6:00pm** – ROHI Church Bible Study

Saturday, July 12

**10:00am** – ROHI Church Youth Group

Sunday, July 13: The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

**11:00am** – *Worship Service (Hybrid)*

**1:00pm** – ROHI Church Worship Service

Monday, July 14

**7:00pm** – Boy Scouts

**7:00pm** – *Council Meeting*

Thursday, July 17

**4:30pm** – *Community Assistance Meal*

**6:00pm** – Cub Scouts

**For the month of July, Pastor Patricia Snyder  
will be leading us in worship.**

## **Youth Corner:**

Attention Families! St. Stephen Church, New Kingstown, will be holding their **Fuse Meetings** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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!

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### **WE ARE EXPANDING!!!!**

**EMS Game Night!** Now open to the community!! **You are invited** to come the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, from 6-8pm**, to come play board games with various local **EMS personnel** in the **St. Stephen Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall!** Fill out a short mixer sheet to meet them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socialization! Wide selection of games, skill levels, and genres for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Come **adults!** Come **kids!** Come **teens!** Come **families!** Bring your **friends** with or meet new ones! It's a fun night for all!

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### **Lessons and Legos!**

**5:30-7:30pm**, and occurring the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month!** Youth of all ages are invited to come and listen to a short lesson story and then build a Lego creation of their imagination and choosing, pertaining to the lesson story theme, to be displayed for the month within the church! Parents welcomed! Younger kiddos will need adult support.

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**Keep up to date on all of our family activities and events! You never have to be a member of the church to participate! Download the Parent Cue App to your phone, to stay up to date on events, announcements, notices, at home Bible scripture suggestions to use, and more! After adding the app, search for St Stephen Lutheran Church to synch up to us. Enter your child's information. Bible scriptures and materials offered, will be tailored to your child's specific age group and refresh every Sunday. Under the Church menu, you will find announcements under the News tab, a calendar of events under the Events tab, and my contact info under the Ministries tab, if you have any questions for Jenny.**

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Love kids? Can you pass clearances, state and FBI background checks, and safety training? Have free time and want to help out with children's church programming? Contact me for volunteer options! Jenny [@yfmd@ststephenlc.org](mailto:yfmd@ststephenlc.org)

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New survey to take!!! We are gauging interest for a new activity!

**Would you be interested in attending a free, monthly, community movie night, held inside St Stephen Lutheran Church, if we put it together?** It would consist of a family friendly Disney movie, some from the old school vaults that you may not have heard of, and some from modern times that are favorites! Light refreshments would be offered while you watch! Makes for a great date night or family time out of the house!

Answer on this short 2 question survey. Remember, even a "No" is an answer! So let us know, so that we can make the best decision moving forward as to what people want!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YT7YKZY>

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### **Our Annual Congregational Day at Cherry Crest Farms is coming up, September 13!**

A typical day at Cherry Crest has a lot to offer. There's a corn maze that covers 5 acres (2.5 miles of paths) that can be done through easy, medium, and ultimate challenge levels. In addition to the maze are other activities including many food eatery sites, pedal cars, apple blasters, paintball shooters, rope making, battle zone (think Nerf balls from a pressurized air guns), various strength tests, mat slides, bouncy pillows (child and adult sized), pig races, climbing area/playground areas.

You can see most of the activities at: <https://www.cherrycrestfarm.com/attractions>.

Cost to participate is only **\$10/person**, with the church covering the rest of the ticket price. Monies may be paid to the St Stephen Church office. Scholarships available to those in need. **Sign up by August 31**, to participate at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MVXYQ8>.

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## Annual Alive Retreat!!!

ALIVE is the ELCA's annual synod middle-school retreat. This event is for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the fall of 2025. **Our annual fall retreat is scheduled for September 26-28, 2025, at Camp Nawakwa. Cost is \$50/child.** Congregations from across our synod gather with their adult advisors and youth for this traditionally early fall weekend that includes large group gatherings with singing led by our ALIVE Alumni Band, theme-centered videos and stories, and games, interspersed with small group gatherings, where youth gather with peers and a small group leader, to converse about the theme and its impact in their lives of faith.

Scholarships available for families in need. Contact Jenny at [yfmd@ststephenlc.org](mailto:yfmd@ststephenlc.org) for details. We believe anyone that wants to attend, should be able to go!!

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/38KC2M2>

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**Nawakwa Fall Foliage Day: October 19th 1-6pm. 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.**

To register to attend this event, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MZX2YX>. Deadline to register is October 12<sup>th</sup>!

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### Other Announcements:

**OFFICE HOURS UPDATE** –The office hours will return to normal on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00-2:00).

### 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](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 Leaders:

Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Usher/ Greeter	Cantor	Lector	Assisting Minister	Alter Guild	AV Support	Counters
07/06/25	Rev. Patricia Snyder	--	Lynne Immell	Roger Immell	Lynne Immell	Maxine Montgomery/ Becky Rensel	Cheryl Neidig/ Randy Neidig	Roger Immell/ Cheryl Neidig
07/13/25	Rev. Patricia Snyder	--	Lynne Immell	Carol Clelland	Lynne Immell	Maxine Montgomery/ Becky Rensel	Cheryl Neidig/ Randy Neidig	Roger Immell/ Cheryl Neidig
07/20/25	Rev. Patricia Snyder	--	Lynne Immell	Caroline Sheaffer	Lynne Immell	Maxine Montgomery/ Becky Rensel	Cheryl Neidig/ Randy Neidig	Roger Immell/ Cheryl Neidig
07/27/25	Rev. Patricia Snyder	--	Lynne Immell		Lynne Immell	Maxine Montgomery/ Becky Rensel	Cheryl Neidig/ Randy Neidig	Roger Immell/ Cheryl Neidig

### Prayer Requests

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#### Chronic or Long-Term Requests

06/09/24	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
12/09/24	Tom Burson	Member	Tom is recovering at Country Meadows. Please continue to pray for Tom and Kathy.
02/18/25	Roger Immell	Member	Please hold Roger up in prayer. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain him as he deals with more health issues and that his spirit within and faith remains steady.
02/25/25	Karen Livingston	Member	Please pray for Karen as she is dealing with the effects of chemotherapy after cancer surgery.
04/30/25	Pastor Emeritus, Don Seiple	Member	Pastor Don continues to deal with back pain. Please pray that he is able to get relief with further treatment.
05/12/25	Sharon Lamp	Member	Please pray for Sharon as she continues to have issues with her stomach.

#### Temporary Request

05/8/25	Christine Guy	Friend of the Immells.	Christine was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and has been in remission since January. She will be going for a stem cell transplant in June. Please also pray for her sisters Sarah Kotelnicki (a full match) and Elizabeth Army (a partial plus match) as they undergo the stem cell retrieval process, as well as Dr. John Mathews and the transplant team at Medical City Dallas.
05/13/25	Peyton Kent	Maxine's granddaughter, Elizabeth's daughter.	Peyton has been having some issues with her eyes, dizziness, and nausea. She is in the care of neurology and ophthalmology specialists who are trying to determine the cause of these issues.
06/02/25	Mel Raudabaugh	Brother of Stephanie Madden	Mel lost his wife to cancer on Saturday, May 31 <sup>st</sup> . Please pray for him and his family.
06/16/25	Tom & Charlyn Larson	Friends of Clellands.	Pray for both Tom and Charlyn as they both undergo cancer treatments this week.
06/10/25	Lloyd Sheaffer	Member	Please pray for Lloyd Sheaffer. He was in the hospital due to complications in recovery from a recent surgery.
06/12/25	Brenda & Richard Sanchez	Members	Please pray for Brenda and Richard. Richard had 4 shocks on his heart defibrillator while helping his son move. He was at Hershey Med. Center overnight for observation and will have a treadmill stress test in the morning.