



ST. STEPHEN THIS WEEK

St. Stephen Lutheran Church Newsletter

NO POTLUCK THIS SUNDAY

Why not? Because January's potluck has been rescheduled for Jan. 29, to coincide with the Ministry of Reconciliation Sunday activities. Read more about them below.

MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION SUNDAY COMING SOON

Our annual celebration of God's inclusive love again takes place on the last Sunday in January. There will be a special worship service followed by our now traditional lasagna luncheon. An FSU law professor will be our special guest speaker.



This Sunday before and after worship service, a sign-up sheet will be available for you to indicate whether you'll bring an item for the luncheon and help with setting things up.

You are encouraged to reach out to others to join us in this celebration of inclusiveness.

ADULT DISCUSSION

Adult Education is off to a rip-roaring start for 2017! Beginning this Sunday, we will begin a six-week study on Luther's Small Catechism including the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Confession, Morning and Evening Prayer, and Blessings at Meals. This is a great class to be reminded of what we all forgot the minute we were confirmed! And, it is a great class to learn the above if we never went through confirmation. Class begins at 9 a.m. sharp in the Matthew Room (first room on the left after you climb the stairs from the parking lot). Come and be a part of an informal group eager to learn more about Luther's Small Catechism!



DENISE AND THE 'MAGIC OF MAKING'

Sunday's Tallahassee Democrat devoted an entire page to the work of artist, professor and St. Stephen member Denise Bookwalter. Here are excerpts:

As a trained printmaker and artist, Denise Bookwalter seemed fated with a last name to transform her into a bookmaker as well. At the letterpress, a formerly industrial piece of equipment used worldwide and centuries old, she uses her body weight to roll paper through the large machine multiple times to print images and text. Much like a rubber stamp, the ink is transferred from a raised matrix.

It's an art form in revival, and Bookwalter is invigorated to work with digital programs and physical equipment, limitless in her etching, screen printing, relief printing, sewing, and papermaking. She works in large themes for long periods of time, gathering information from collections and museum archives and approaching topics in refreshing ways....



"I like the magic of making, and the idea that you can turn something very simple into something else like paper or fabric," said Bookwalter....

Attending Northwestern University in Chicago, Bookwalter was first a geology major. She added art as a major and by the end of her degree had a balance of the arts and sciences.

"It was great because I had something to make work about by studying geology and I had this outlet for making with my art classes.... Studying geology I loved figuring out the world and how things work. I'm interested in things that allow you to understand the world in a different way and I approach subject matter like a scientist, investigating something or looking at it more in depth....

“What I find most interesting about books is the contained, intimate, relationship.... With artist books, you have more control over the experience or narrative story arc than if it’s a single image on a wall. A lot of times I think about books as small art installations, where everything that you need to experience the idea is in that space or object....

“I tell my students that they have to design something that people can touch, and is strong and sturdy enough that people can look through it.... A book is something you’re supposed to touch, look through, and experience. If it has to sit on a shelf, it defeats the whole idea of the medium.”

See a free exhibit of book art at the FSU Museum of Fine Arts, 530 W. Call St., from this weekend through Feb. 10.

MORE MIDWEEK UPDATES

- Kris Knab continues to recover in Louisville, and Doug will remain with her until both return home.
- Shirley Sommer is continuing to rest at home and appreciates any phone calls or cards (phone: 850-849-0922; address: 204 Westwood, Tallahassee, 32304).
- Make sure to check out the Global Mission Newsletter : <https://nebula.wsimg.com/67a0dbfd1fbff32e8079904dc3afdc?AccessKeyId=69C7AF20A91DF983C9BA&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>. There is also a link on our website.
- The OWL’s will be gathering for lunch this coming Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. at the Midtown Caboose. Please see Jan Harrison for reservations.
- The next congregational meeting will be on **Jan. 22**, following worship. We will be voting on the 2017 budget.
- Only six people in a choir? Not a problem – at least it wasn’t Sunday, when the six people were Kirsten Ebbesen, Melissa Barton, Sandy Larson, Mark Canning, Karl Barton and Dave Suhrweir. Their rendition of “Song Over the Waters” was particularly lovely. Many thanks to Katharine Gossman and her choir.
- Haven’t been to Sunday worship for a while? Come sample Pastor Mary’s enthusiasm and the positive ways in which she’s preparing us for our pastoral transition. As always, it’s a good time to be part of St. Stephen.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

Mark Canning - 01/13

Natalie Schiffer - 01/15

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

This Sunday:

9 a.m. - Sunday Church School
Adult study

10 a.m. - Worship, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Wednesday, Jan. 18:

11:30 a.m. - OWLs gathering at Midtown Caboose

6 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting

6:30 pm - Council meeting

7 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

COMING UP

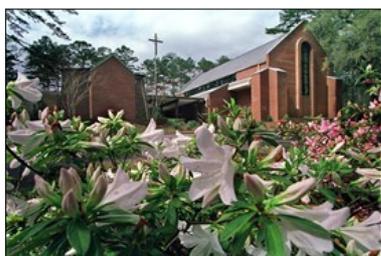
Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m.: Congregational meeting

Jan. 29, 10 a.m.: RIC Sunday with Luncheon to follow

Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m.: St. Stephen Annual Talent Show

SERVING SUNDAY:

Pastor Mary Nesmith, Presiding, Preaching; **Anna Amundson**, Assisting Minister; **Rob Schiffer**, Cup Minister; **Sharon Simmons**, Visitation; **Phil Williams**, Walkways; **Marilyn Larson**, Greeter; **Steve Kunst**, Lector; **Anna Amundson & Robin Oliveri**, Altar Guild; **Audrey Post & Billie Reardon**, Counters; **Susan Warren**, Bread; **Anna Amundson**, Announcements.



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