

**ST. STEPHEN ELCA
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*To live in Grace, share the Good News of
Jesus and reach out to others in love.*

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APRIL 2019

Work in Progress...

Lent 2019

**Work in Progress:
Good Works Won't
Save us; But they Don't
Hurt, either!**

Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a Lenten
Gathering on Wednesday
Evenings at 6:30 p.m.
during Lent. Share a bowl
of warm soup, worship,
join in an activity with
dismissal at 7:30 p.m.

- **April 3 Lenten
Gathering #4:**
St. Stephen &
Friends Homebound
Project. (meet in
the narthex)
- **April 10 Lenten
Gathering #5:**
Lydia's Pantry. Pack
Easter Food Boxes
in the Fellowship
Hall.

See you there!



SOUP FOR LENTEN GATHERINGS

Please sign-up on the
bulletin board to bring a
soup to share.



Looking ahead, April has many
celebrations for us.

Apr 2 6:30pm Jr YG

Apr 3 6:30pm Lent Gathering

Apr 4 6:30pm Matthew, Mark,
Luke & (beers with) John

Apr 6 8-12pm Boy Scout
Leader Training

Apr 6 12:30-8pm Kappa Phi

Apr 7 9:45am Faith Friends

Apr 7 11am Egg Drop

Apr 7 1:00pm Bowling

Apr 8 9am JOY Breakfast

Apr 9 7pm Council Mtg

Apr 10 6:30pm Lent Gathering

Apr 13 8:30am Crochet/Knit

Apr 14 **PASSION SUNDAY**

Apr 15 5:30-6:30pm Distribute
Easter Boxes

Apr 18 6:30p **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Apr 19 7pm **GOOD FRIDAY**

Apr 20 Set up Easter Brunch

Apr 21 **EASTER**

Apr 21 4pm Trinity Trails

Apr 23 7pm Endowment Mtg

Apr 27 4pm North Hills
Handbell Festival (Allison Park)

Apr 28 4pm Resurrection
Music Festival (St. Luke's)

Apr 30 10am JOY Trip to
Hartville

Apr 30 6:30pm Stow
Christian Women's Dinner



Holy Week

Worship Schedule

Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 14
Services at
8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Plan to worship at either of the Passion Sunday services, as we begin Holy Week. Service will begin with a processional starting in the Fellowship Hall.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Mark 11:8-10

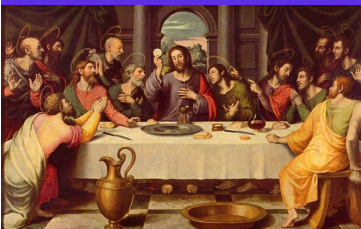
Maundy Thursday Meal & Worship

Maundy Thursday
Reflective Meal & Worship Service
April 18 6:30 p.m.

Plan to attend a Reflective Meal in the Fellowship Hall followed by worship service and Holy Communion.

At the end of the service, the Altar will be stripped by the members of the Altar Guild. The congregation will be dismissed in silence. This moving service will prepare you for Good Friday.

Please **sign-up** to attend the light supper on the bulletin board, so we may plan for food.



Good Friday Service



Good Friday Worship Service

**Friday, April 19
7:00 p.m.**

Worship service on Good Friday will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Matthew 27:54

Easter Worship & Brunch

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Join us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Hallelujah!

Special music is planned for both services.

Easter Brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall between 9:30-11 a.m. (There will be no Sunday School.) Between egg bakes and coffee cakes, there's sure to be something you'll enjoy!



Order Easter Flowers

We are once again taking orders for Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. Names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

The cost for flowers is \$6.00 each.

The flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday. You are encouraged take your flowers home with you after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Last day for ordering is **Sunday, April 7.**

Order forms are on the last page of the bulletin as well as in the narthex. Orders can be placed in the collection plate or in the box in the narthex



Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (Beers with) John

Thurs., April 4

6:30pm

The Brew Kettle

Join your St. Stephen friends and family on a Brewery Trail on the first Thursday night of each month.

You will be given a “passport” that will be stamped each time you

attend one of the brewery tour nights. Locations will vary each month. You will receive the locations in advance to plan ahead. This is an opportunity to invite friends and family who do not regularly attend church to come and meet

Pr. John and find out what being Lutheran is all about.

Come and join us! Add it to your calendar and come every month or when your schedule allows.

11 Atterbury Blvd

Hudson, OH

Menu Available

**MATTHEW
MARK·LUKE**
& beers with
JOHN



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MARK·LUKE**
& beers with
JOHN



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2019 Schedule

The 1st Thursday of each month

Date	Brewery	Address	Menu/Food option
April 4	The Brew Kettle	11 Atterbury Blvd. Hudson, OH 44236	Menu available, V, GF
May 2	Wadsworth Brewing	126 Main St. Wadsworth, Ohio 44281	Menu available. Bring your own food.
June 6	Royal Docks Brewing	7162 Fulton Dr. NW Canton, Ohio 44718	Menu available, F, GF

**New
Location**

**The brewery location for
April has changed.**

**Join us at
The Brew Kettle in Hudson**

Trinity Trails



Sunday, April 21
4:00 p.m.
Munroe Falls Rt 91
Meadow Trail

Trinity Trails is a eco-ministry dedicated to renewing connections with God's creation through liturgical hikes. Join Val Huddleston and Pr. John on a

Trinity Trail the 3rd Sunday of each a month. You will be given a passport that will be stamped each time you hike.

The passport will also provide directions and a description of each hike. Invite your family and

friends to hike and worship outdoors. (Communion will be given at each hike.)
 (See below for the annual schedule)



TRINITY TRAILS

Trinity Trails 2019 Schedule

4:00 p.m. - the 3rd Sunday of each month



TRINITY TRAILS

Date	Location	Trail Name	Distance
4/21	(Easter) Munroe Falls (Rt. 91)	Meadow Trail	2
5/19	Cascade Valley	Oxbow	1.2
6/16	(Father's Day) Silver Springs	Bike Trail/park	1
7/21	Goodyear Heights	Alder Trail	1.4

Summit Metro Parks

Egg Drop Competition - April 7

Sunday, April 7 Egg Drop Competition

Thanks to your help collecting recycled items in March, the Sunday School kids will participate in St. Stephen's 1st Egg Drop Competition.

They will use the collected items to build and protect their eggs.

This EGG-citing event had the kids constructing their containers on Sunday, March 17.

The Egg Drop Competition will happen on Sunday, April 7 at the 11:00 a.m. Service.



Stow Christian Women's Dinner

Tuesday, April 30 6:30pm Holy Family

The 22nd Annual Stow Christian Women's Dinner will be held at Holy Family this year. The cost is \$16

per person for the catered dinner. A basket raffle will be held and proceeds will benefit Family Promise.

Deadline for reservations is **April 26**. Sign-up on the bulletin board and make

your check payable to Holy Family Women Today and place in Jane Hecht's mailbox. See you there!



Children's Sermon Show 'n Tell

Hey, Kids!

Now's your chance to take a turn during the St. Stephen's Children's sermon to Show 'n Tell. Bring an item to share!

Sign-up on the bulletin board to bring your Show 'n Tell Item at either service during Lent. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**We can't wait
to see what
you bring for
Show 'n Tell!**

Family Bowling - April 8

Family Bowling **April 8, 1:00 p.m.** **Spins Bowl**

Plan to have some bowling fun at Spins Bowl, located at 2245 State Rt. 59 in Kent at 1:00pm. , Sunday, April 8th.

The cost is \$7 per person for two games and shoe rental.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Contact Tim & Amy Johnson or Ted Edmond with any questions.

Invite your family & friends to join you!



Easter Dinner Boxes

It's time to help **Lydia's Apron** pack and distribute Easter Dinner Boxes! St. Stephen delivered boxes at Christmas for 38 very appreciative families and we now have more families that need our help.

Here's our challenge:
50 Easter Dinner Boxes for our neighbors.

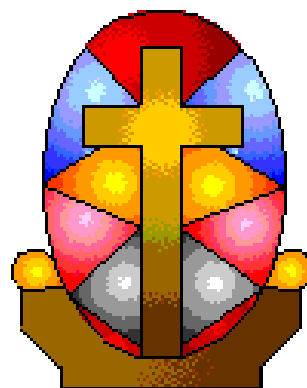
Here's how to help:

Sun., March 24 & 31
- Grocery lists & boxes available for pick up

Sun., April 7 -
Drop off packed boxes

Wed., April 10-
6:30pm - Pack Easter boxes during the Wednesday Lenten Gathering.

Mon., April 15
5:30-6:30pm
Helpers need to greet & distribute boxes.



Ben Trettel Update

Ben Trettel Update

Ben Trettel is currently stationed in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

He is at ITB East at Camp Geiger. (Infantry Training Battalion.)

Ben is scheduled to graduate this training on May 22nd.



AmazonSmile Donations

St. Stephen is now registered as a charitable organization at **AmazonSmile**. A simple and automatic way to support St. Stephen every time you shop on Amazon, at no cost to you, by donating a portion of the purchase price

back to St. Stephen. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select St. Stephen Lutheran Church, make sure it's the **Stow, OH** listing, from the list of

organizations. Your selection will be remembered and every eligible purchase will then result in a donation. You can use your same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.



2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to celebrate or recognize an occasion, please sign-up for your preferred date. On the dates that are noted as holidays on the calendar, the church will supply the flowers. If you wish one of those dates, please contact the church office.

Please include your name and the reason for the remembrance so the information can be included in the Sunday Announcements.

You are welcome to bring your own flowers or order from a local florist.





The Nursery will be open every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until the end of the second service, at 12:15 p.m. to give parents an option to attend either service and to participate in mid-service activities.

J.O.Y. Trip to Hartville

J.O.Y. Trip to Hartville Tuesday, April 30

The J.O.Y. Group will be exploring Hartville on Tuesday, April 30. Plan to meet at the church to carpool at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch will be at the Hartville Kitchen. Enjoy shopping at Hartville Collectibles and at the bakery.

Going to Hartville wouldn't be complete without a stop at Hartville Hardware or the indoor Hartville MarketPlace & Flea Market.

On to historic downtown Hartville for boutique shopping and the Hartville Chocolate factory. There's something for everyone!

Sign-up on the bulletin board!



Family Service Looking for Volunteers

The Family Service Committee serves our St. Stephen family in many ways:

- Cards are sent to members when they are in the hospital or during an illness.
- A meal is offered to members who return home from the hospital.

Sherry Petrosky and JoAnn Schoonover lead the Funeral Team. Calls are made to the funeral

volunteers for donations of food for a meal, if requested by the family.

Cards and stamps are supplied and the list of volunteers is included in a notebook as part of the Family Service bag. Members volunteer for one month.

Please sign-up for this important committee to help show God's love in our member's time of need. Consider sharing a month with a friend or family member.

Resurrection Music Festival - April 28

Resurrection Music Festival April 28, 4:00 p.m.

St. Stephen choir and Jubellation Bell Choir will be participating in the Resurrection Music Festival on April 28 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2121 6th St., Cuyahoga Falls.

The Resurrection Music Festival

will feature choirs from three ELCA Lutheran churches:

St. Stephen, St. Mark in Tallmadge and St. Luke's in Cuyahoga Falls. The St. Stephen Jubellation Bell Choir will also play.

This celebration concert will include Easter Lessons and a combined instrument ensemble.

The festival will conclude with a reception at St. Luke's.

Please plan to join us to continue the Easter celebration and resurrection of our Lord and also support singers and musicians from our local ELCA Lutheran congregations.



Giving Made Easy

Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.

- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
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If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.

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Go to Apps on your device and enter **Give Plus** to search.

You will find **Give+** (Finance). Open on your phone/tablet.

You will create a user name and password.

Create your account:

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Choose your giving option:

- Frequency
- Amount
- ☐ ☒ Include the processing fee (.5% for checking, 2.5% for credit/debit cards)

You can cancel your giving at any time or change the amount or date.

Resurrection Music Festival



**Sunday, April 28
4:00 p.m.**

Featuring:

Vocal Choirs from

St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow

St. Mark Lutheran, Tallmadge

St. Luke's Lutheran,
Cuyahoga Falls

Grace Chorale

St. Stephen Jubellation Bell Choir

& welcoming

Brass players from

Cuyahoga Falls High School

Guest Organist Josephine McGrath

Reception to follow

Free admission - free will offering accepted

Hear the resurrection appearances of
Jesus and experience the joy of the
resurrection in music and song.

Hosted at: **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

330-929-2683

2121 6th St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

adminassist@stlukes-cf.com



22nd Annual Stow Christian Women's Dinner

Tuesday, April 30
6:00 p.m.

Holy Family Parish – Lower Church Hall
Cost: \$16.00 per person

CHRISTINE MABON

The Five Essential Friendships That Enrich Our Lives Program

Christine Mabon shares her journey, as a mother and an unexpected widow. She helps us to recognize and embrace the unique gifts that each friendship brings. It's an evening of encouragement and inspiration and celebrates the connection between food and friendship.

Catered dinner provided by Guidos:

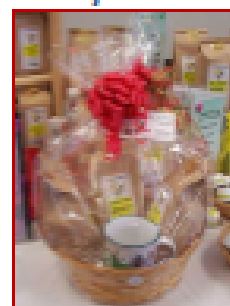
- Chicken Francaise
- Vegetable Lasagne
- Mixed Vegetables
- Salad
- Rolls and Butter
- Homemade Cookies
- Coffee, tea, lemonade



We will be collecting **personal care items** such as: toothpaste, shampoo, soap and deodorant for Family Promise.

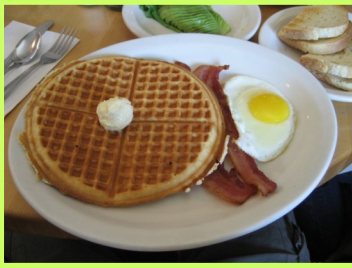
Deadline
to
register is
April 26!

Proceeds from the
Basket Raffle
will benefit
Family Promise



Please make your check payable to
Holy Family Women Today
for \$16.00 per person
and place in Jane Hecht's mailbox

J.O.Y. Monthly Breakfast



The J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth) meets for breakfast the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Stow Café.

**See you on
Monday,
April 8**



Crocheting/Knitting Group for a Cause



**Saturday,
MApril 13, 2019
8:30-10:00 a.m.**

A group has formed at St. Stephen to crochet, or knit, scarves, hats, and afghans for Harvest Home (part of Haven of Rest) that

houses 52 women and children, often more, in their residence. Each woman receives an afghan or quilt when they leave the facility so there is a constant need of items.

ALL ages are welcome! We will continue to meet once a month to work on projects together or you are welcome to work alone and join us when convenient.



Men in Mission Bible Study



**MEN in
Mission**

**Saturdays
8:00-9:30 a.m.**

Men in Mission is a faith-based study group for men of all ages that meets every Saturday from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Donuts and coffee are *always served*.

Throughout the year, the path of study is chosen from books of the Bible or Christian-themed literature. The conversations each week are the best part of this group. You can attend any time. Come as you are, whenever you can.

Shrove Pancake Thank You!

A special thank you to everyone who attended the Tuesday Shrove Pancake Supper.

What a great turnout we had! Over 100 people enjoyed regular, buckwheat, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes. Your support will help fund the Jubellation Bell

Choir trip to the North Hills Handbell Festival at Allison Park, PA on April 27th.

We would also like to thank the Boy Scouts and Cubs Scouts who helped deliver beverages to your tables, take orders and clean up.



Rose Parade Tour

Rose Parade & Southern California Sightseeing Tour

December 28, 2020 - January 2, 2021

Help to decorate a float, tour Southern California by motor coach, watch the Rose Bowl Parade and bring in the New Year! 2021!

The tour package includes:

- 5-nights at a deluxe Newport Beach Hotel
- Breakfast daily, 4 dinners and New Year's Day lunch.
- Private motor coach
- Hands-on float decorating

- Rose Bowl Parade with Grand Stand seating
- Souvenir Parade Program
- New Year's Day lunch
- Bowl Game Viewing
- New Year's Eve Dinner
- Admission to all listed attractions.
- All local city tax & hotel tax

Tour does not include air transportation, airport to hotel transfers, gratuities and meals not listed or trip cancellation insurance.

Tour prices per person:

- \$1870 Double occupancy
- \$1870 Guaranteed share*
- \$2070 Guaranteed single
- \$1670 Triple occupancy
- \$1570 Quad occupancy

How to Register:

Visit www.luthertours.com. Click Join a Tour, select the Rose Parade Tour, click the link at the bottom of the detail page to submit your registration and \$350 per person deposit by credit card by **November 30, 2019**.

For more information, contact Ron Lombardo, Trip Coordinator at 330-703-7361.



Lydia's Pantry

Acts 16: 12-15



The Lydia's Pantry is open every Sunday morning from 8:30am-12pm and Tues-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Please spread the word that the pantry is available.

If you would like to donate items to the pantry, please check out at the list of needed items.

Monetary donations are always welcome.

Collect in April

Items needed in the pantry now:

- Toilet Paper
- Canned Meat
- Detergent
- Potatoes (boxed)
- Hamburger Helper

Lydia's Pantry

Food Items

Hot Cereal: Oatmeal, Single Packs
Cold Cereal: Boxes, Single Packs
Breakfast/Cereal/ Granola Bars
Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup
Macaroni & Cheese Boxed, Single Cups
Hamburger Helper
Manwich Sauce
Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter & Jelly Grape, Strawberry
Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing Mix
Rice, Egg Noodles
Fruit, Applesauce, Jello, Pudding Cups
Crackers: Peanut Butter, Cheese Packs
Salad Dressing
Juice, Juice Boxes
Single Chip Snack Bags, Microwave Popcorn
Coffee/Filters/Tea Bags/ Hot Chocolate Packs
Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Pasta
Canned Soup
Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, Ham
Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Beans, Tomatoes

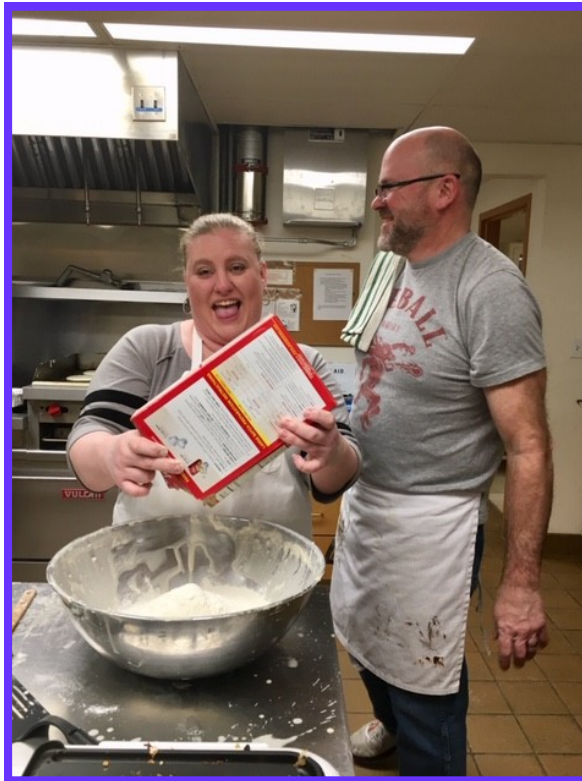
Hygiene Items

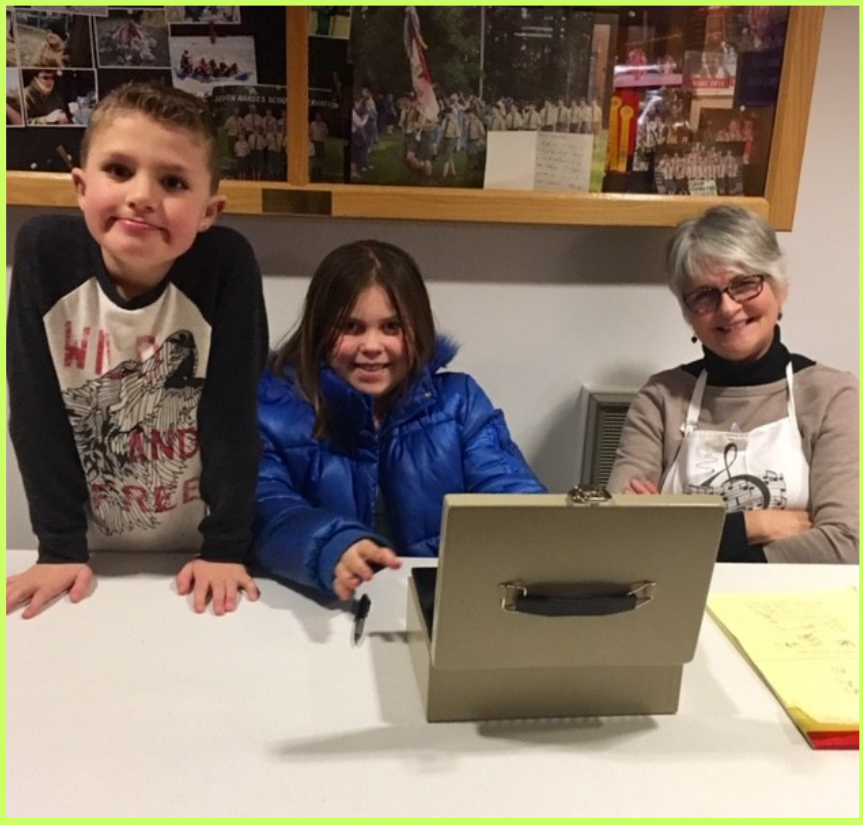
Soap/Shower Gel, Hand Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
Feminine Products
Diapers & Baby Wipes

Paper & Cleaning Products

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue
Dish Detergent, Clothes Detergent

Shrove Pancake Supper





April Youth News

Bake Sale for Cinthia

The Sunday School will be having a Bake Sale to support Cinthia, our Compassion Child, on **Sunday, April 21** after each service.

Please plan to take home some Easter treats to enjoy!

Sunday School classes will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary every Sunday and will then go to the scheduled area. The Classroom and Weekly Centers will continue this year. Students are picked up in their classrooms.

The Sunday School schedule for April is:

- Apr 7** - Craft/Science
- Apr 7** - I Iam Egg Drop
- Apr 14** - Cook/Music
- Apr 21** - NO Sunday School (Easter Brunch)
- Apr 21** - Bake Sale
- Apr 28** - Classroom

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

April 7
Faith Friends
9:45am

April 21
Bake Sale

May 19
Affirmation of Baptism
11:00am

Youth Group News



Jr YG (7&8 grades) will be meeting the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

SrYOG (9-12 grades) will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month.

JrYOG Activities



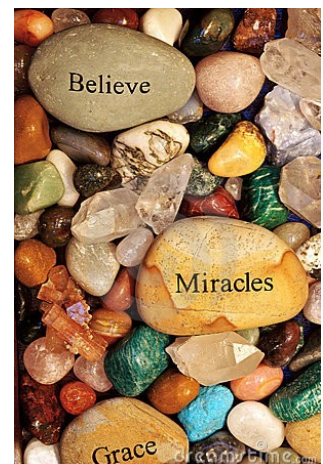
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- **4/2 Bible Study / Game Night**
- **4/7 9:45am Faith Friends Meeting**
- **4/16 Sky Zone**
\$15.99 per person will need a parent or two to drive.

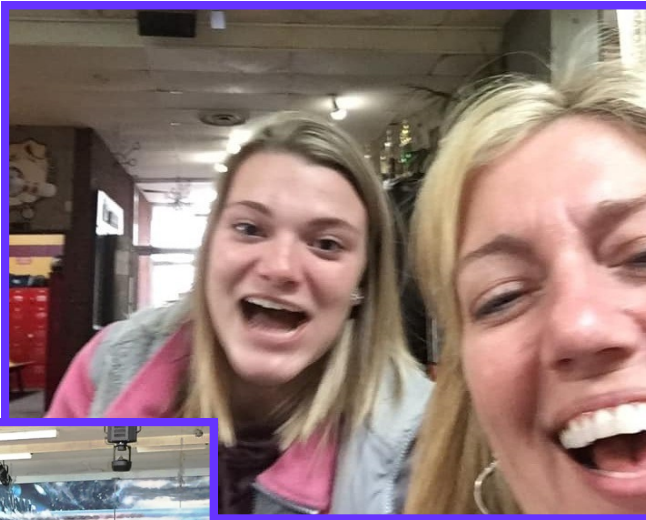
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- **5/14 Confirmation Prep**
- **5/18 Confirmation Dinner for our Confirmands,**
prepared and served by our 7th graders. Families included. 6:00 PM fellowship hall **

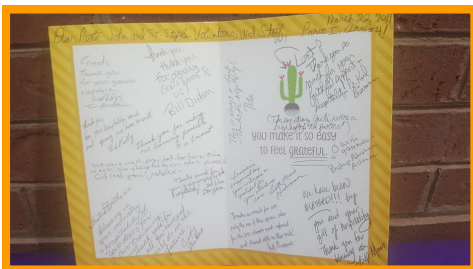
** Followed by a Congregational Prayer Vigil from 7:00-9:00pm for our Confirmands.



JrYG Bowling



Interim Pastor Training





Remember that dreadful November day when we learned of the sudden death of Pastor Art Cubbon.

Our immediate support came from Bishop Abraham Allende, the staff of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, and many of our neighboring ELCA congregations. They worshiped with us, shared our tears, and helped us move forward in ministry. We truly witnessed our shared mission in those months. The website of the Synod states the following mission; “Our mission as the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, empowered by the Word and Sacraments, is to worship the Lord of the church, nurture the faith among believers, witness to the grace of God in Jesus Christ, serve the needs of all people and provide the necessary support to facilitate this mission. We certainly have witnessed this support at St. Stephen.

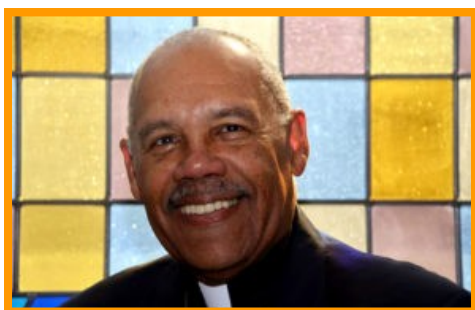
We, as a synod, are supported by a Pastoral Team lead by Bishop Abraham Allende –

The Rev. Karl Biermann – Pastor Biermann assists congregations in the call process. He characterizes himself as a matchmaker.

The Rev. Julianne Smith – Pastor Smith assists congregations in multicultural ministry and also serves on our national church staff.

Karen Kaufman, resource specialist – Karen is director of our extensive synod Resource Center and supports the synod in many other functions.

Our synod of 173 congregations is divided into 7 conferences; St Stephen is a member of the Akron Wooster conference, providing area pastors with local support. We have a rich ministry here at St. Stephen, but it can be even greater when we share support within our Synod.



Bishop
Abraham
Allende

Rev.
Julianne
Smith



Rev.
Karl
Biermann

Karen
Kaufman,
Resource
Specialist





Rose Parade & Southern California Sightseeing Tour

Dec 28, 2020 - Jan 2, 2021

Tour Package Includes

5-Nights at a Deluxe Newport Beach Hotel
 Breakfast Daily, 4 Dinners and NYD Lunch
 Private Motor Coach
 Hands-on Float Decorating
 Behind the Scene Dinner at Float Pavilion
 Rose Bowl Parade and Grand Stand Seat
 Souvenir Parade Program
 New Year's Day Lunch
 Bowl Game Viewing
 New Year's Eve Dinner
 Admission for all Listed Visits
 All Local City Tax and Hotel Tax

Tour Price Does Not Include

Air transportation, airport to hotel transfers, gratuities for local guide & coach driver, meals not listed or trip cancellation insurance.

Tour Prices per Person

\$1870 Double Occupancy
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St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
March 11, 2019

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Michelle Amato
Sherry Petrosky
Gary Reynolds
Jane Koch

Pastor John Corsi
Don Brooker
Ray Rousseau

Opening:

Don Brooker opened the meeting with prayer.

Nancy Brown and Emma LaMantia presented a confirmation project for the approval by Council. Emma presented at project called "Little Free Pantry/Library". She had researched the project and has family and friends to help her complete her ideas. The box would be two sided, one for food or personal items and one side for books. Placement of the box was discussed and ideas were given. Gary Reynolds made a motion to approve the project and the church will pay a \$40.00 license fee.

Jane Koch seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes:

The minutes from February meeting were approved as submitted. Don Brooker made the motion to approve and Gary Reynolds seconded. Motion Passed.

Financials:

The February financials were reviewed and motion was made by Sherry Petrosky to accept as submitted and Gary Reynolds seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Michelle Amato reminded everyone of the March 17th meeting to discuss the Constitution and Bylaws.

Bob Dieter has accepted the opening on the Endowment Committee. A meeting will be held April 23, 2019. The meeting will be voting for new officers; Michelle and Pastor will attend.

Pastor John passed out a survey to all Council members on ideas for worship. Pastor would like to keep care of people in our church and expand our membership. He felt that a new less-constructed service would be the answer for non-churched people, while maintaining our present services.

New Business

Two openings for Council will be available in May, as Sandee Davis and Don Brooker will complete their Council terms. The Congregational Meeting will be held May 19th at 10:00 am. Council members will submit names to Michelle for consideration to fill the vacant seats.

A motion to adjourn was given by Sherry Petrosky and seconded by Ray Rousseau. Motion passed. Pastor John closed with prayer. Next Council meeting is April 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Petrosky

Help Support Carter Pierce's Trip to Lesotho

Carter Pierce will be traveling to Lesotho, Africa this summer. Students and faculty from Wittenberg University have developed the Lesotho Nutrition Initiative out of their concern about childhood malnutrition. After three years, they are a non-profit organization that has packed and sent

thousands of meals to the children in Lesotho. They have been feeding 1,500 children and families for three years.

Lesotho is a landlocked country surrounded by South Africa. It is one of the 30 poorest countries in the world. The HIV/AIDS pandemic helped to create 360,000 orphans in the country.

If you would like to defray some of the costs of Carter's trip, please make a check payable to him (or cash) and give it to Nancy Brown.

Any extra amount will go toward any other student who needs it for the trip, or toward the work that will be done.



*For more about this vital program, go to
<https://www.lesothonutritioninitiative.com>*



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 19

10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum on Sunday Mornings



Sunday Mornings

9:45 a.m.

The Adult Forum (Adult Sunday School) will be held every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the new format will provide short studies on

various topics by different leaders. The content will be relevant, challenging and Biblical. Come to learn and participate. Your questions and input are welcome .



Bring your coffee and learn about various topics and short studies.

Save Your Box Tops



Please remember to clip and bring your box tops to church to help Stow- Munroe Falls schools.

Mary Appleby is collecting box tops for

Echo Hills, but will get the box tops to any elementary or middle school that you prefer. A collection box is in the narthex.



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.

In this world you will have trouble.

But take heart!

I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Communion Services at The Briarwood

Tuesday, April 2

3:15 p.m.

Communion services will be held at The Briarwood Healthcare Community, located at 3700 Englewood Drive, Stow for the residents who live there as well as visitors and the public.

Communion services will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 3:15 p.m. Pr. John will rotate the services with two other area Lutheran pastors.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary

4/27 Gretchen & Will Laible

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Date	CPOD	Counters
7	Don Brooker	Gary & Scott Parker
14	Michelle Amato	Nan Eiloo & Diane Daugherty
21	Sandee Davis	
28	Ray Rousseau	Deb Friedt & Chris Collins

4/1 Bob Dieter
 4/1 Sara Holm
 4/2 Barbara Brown
 4/2 Eliza Goosby
 4/5 Liam Slater
 4/6 Corrie Benne
 4/6 Mary Gleghorn
 4/7 Katie Daugherty
 4/8 Janice Carlson
 4/10 Schaun Laible
 4/12 Grace Edmond
 4/20 Christine Cheline
 4/20 Cindy Thompson
 4/21 Logan Slater
 4/22 Bobby Hoff
 4/22 Jennifer Miller
 4/22 Sharon Ohnmeiss
 4/22 John Raymaley
 4/24 Charlie Brown
 4/24 Ed Eiloo, Jr.
 4/24 Grace Williams
 4/27 Brian Clark
 4/28 Anne Lohmann
 4/29 Tiffany Ott
 4/30 Erin Lyons
 4/30 Rachel Stultz

April Volunteers

8:30 a.m. Worship

Date	Asst. Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter	Usher
7	Bob Dieter	Autumn Johnson	Connie Wilson	Fred Ohnmeiss	<u>Jim Karlson</u> , Emma & Andrew Karlson
14	Barb Reid	Chloe Brooker	Doug Henderson	Kendall Biermann	<u>Dave Daugherty</u> , Barb Reid, Ron Lombardo, Mary & Ray Appleby
21	Fran Dieter Bob Dieter	Rachel Ott	Larry Kribs	Mary & Ray Appleby	<u>Brian Clark</u> , Fred Ohnmeiss, Doug Henderson
28	Dan Camburn	Connor McNutt	Bob Dieter	Bob & Eliaine Hedrick	<u>Gary Reynolds</u> , Ted Edmond

Maundy Thursday 6:30pm

18	Dave Renninger		Dave Renninger		John Huddleston, Fred Ohnmeiss
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Good Friday 7pm

19	N/A	N/A	Multiple		John Huddleston, Fred Ohnmeiss
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11:00 p.m. Worship

7	Dan Camburn	Trevor Hodges	N/A	Nancy Brown	<u>Ed Crabtree</u> , Lowell Zurbuch, Dave Renninger
14	Dave Renninger	Logan Slater	Brian Friedt	Anne Lohmann & Linda Knapp	<u>Dave Vestfals</u> , Cindy & Maddie Vestfals
21	Jane Hecht Steve Hodges	Emma LaMantia	Nancy Ewing	Gary Parker & Virginia Dorsey	<u>Rick Vaudt</u> , Chris Collins, Don Brooker, John Huddleston
28	Val Huddleston	Mackenzie Kolczynski	Doug Berkey	Rick & Rhonda Vaudt	<u>Ed Holland</u> , Rhonda Holland, Kevin Dwenger

Altar Guild	Sherry Petrosky Nancy Moser
Family Service	Mary Appleby

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 3:15 Briarwood 6:30p Cubs 6:30p JrYG	3  6:30pm Narthex	4 6:30p  The Brew Kettle 10a Womens Bible Study 7pm Crossways	5	6  8am MEN in Mission 8-12p Scout Leader Training 12-8p Kappa Phi
7 9:45a Faith Friends 11am Egg Drop 1pm Bowling 4-6p Arrendondo	8  9am JOY Breakfast 7pm Scouts	9  6:30p Cubs 7pm Council	10 6:30pm  Fellowship Hall 6p Girl Scouts 7:45 Bells	11 10a Women's Bible Study 6pm District Mtg 7pm Crossways (narthex)	12	13  8am MEN in Mission 8:30am Crochet 
14 PASSION SUNDAY  SS-FH	15 5:30-6:30p Distribute Easter Boxes 7p Scouts	16 6:30p Cubs 6:30p JrYG (SkyZone)	17 7pm Bells	18  10a Women's Bible 6:30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY	19 GOOD FRIDAY  7:00p Worship	20  8am MEN in Mission SET UP EASTER BRUNCH
21  EASTER SS Bake Sale 4pm 	22 7pm Scouts	23 6:30p Cubs 7pm Endowment	24 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Bells	25 10a Women's Bible Study 7pm Crossways	26	27  8am MEN in Mission North Hills Bell Festival 
28 Roussell & Ruhlin  4pm Resurrection Music Festival 	29 7pm Scouts	30 10am JOY Trip to Hartville 6:30pm Stow Christian Women Dinner				