



ST. STEPHEN THIS WEEK

St. Stephen Lutheran Church Newsletter

WANT TO JOIN US?

This note is for those of you who've been worshipping with us and have been thinking about taking the next step: becoming a member of St. Stephen. Pastor Mary would like to receive new members during worship on Feb. 12. Does that interest you? Have you been feeling a divine nudge to become more involved in the life of the congregation? If so, Pastor Mary wants to meet with you soon, either individually or as part of a group. You may get in touch with her at pastormnesmith@gmail.com or [561-602-8425](tel:561-602-8425).

MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION SUNDAY COMING SOON

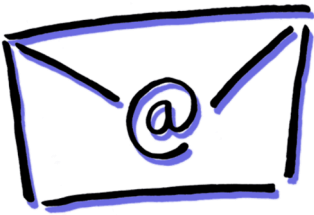
Our annual celebration of God's inclusive love again takes place on the last Sunday in January. There will be a special worship service followed by our now traditional lasagna luncheon. An FSU law professor will be our special guest speaker.



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.

CONTACT INFORMATION



Pastor Mary may be reached by email at pastormnesmith@gmail.com. You may also reach her by phone at 561-602-8425.

Also, Marda Messick has a new email: mmessick@embarqmail.com.

Lori will be updating the church directory in the next few weeks, so please let her know if you have had any changes to your information.

ADULT DISCUSSION

Adult Education is off to a rip-roaring start for 2017! Last Sunday, we began 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!



MORE MIDWEEK UPDATES

- Our semiannual congregational meeting takes place this Sunday after worship. We will be voting on the 2017 budget.
- We need bread for communion this Sunday. Please let Lori know if you can bring it.
- Pastor Mary will be attending a required Interim Pastor Gathering at Luther Springs this coming Tuesday-Thursday. Please contact the church office for emergency pastoral care.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

Nathan Basford - 01/19
Myrna Dowdell - 01/21
Stephen Barton - 01/22
Rashida Martin - 01/24
Sandy Ness - 01/24

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

This Sunday:

9 a.m. - Sunday Church School
Adult study

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

11:30 a.m. - Congregational meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

7 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

COMING UP

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; **Cheryl Stuart**, Assisting Minister; **Beth Alexander**, Cup Minister; **Gladys Kane**, Visitation; **Kevin O'Donnell**, Walkways; **Michele Hartson**, Greeter; **Sue Williams**, Lector; **Eunice Muchuruza & Andrea Notley**, Altar Guild; **Kirsten Ebbesen & Rob Schiffer**, Counters; **needed**, Bread; **Anna Amundson**, Announcements.



If you have news or photos to share, please send them to Lori at ststephentallahassee@embarqmail.com.

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