



Steppingstone Newsletter



A Christian
community bringing
God's love to the world.

September, 2023



Community



9:30-10:30

Outdoor Worship (*Bring a lawn chair!*)

10:45-12:30

Community Picnic & Games

11:30-12:30

God's Work Our Hands Service Project:

Bagged Lunches for Union Gospel Mission

(food paid for by a Thrivent Action Team grant)

**September
10th
2023**



**God's work.
Our hands.**



Register Children & Youth for Faith Education

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|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| ◆ Sunday School (weekly) | (9:45-10:30am) | Preschool thru Grade 4 |
| ◆ Wednesday School (weekly) | (6:00-6:45pm) | Preschool thru Grade 4 |
| ◆ Pre-Confirmation (Each Wed) | (5:30-6:15pm) | Grades 5 and 6 |
| ◆ Confirmation (1st & 3rd Wed) | (6:30-8:00pm) | Grades 7 and 8 |
| ◆ Youth Group (Each Wed) | (7:00-7:45pm) | Grades 7 thru 12 |

ENCORE EVENT: RALLY WEDNESDAY (9/13)

Faith Ed Registration, Games & Meal (5:15pm)

GAP Worship (6:00pm)

CHURCH MATTERS

A Message from Interim Pastor S. Kelly



Vacation Bible School Ministry Partnership with Redeemer and St. Stephen is always a faith opportunity for learning and service. Young people were crew leaders leading the faith formation of nearly 40 children and tweens. Paul and Melissa were co-captains teaching the daily themes. The Vacation Bible School ministry theme was stellar--meaning Jesus' love shines bright on us all. There were a few folks in the community who returned to this ministry from other Christian congregations. There was the blessing of meeting parents whose children were first-time attendees. Everyone received an invitation to the St. Stephen Rally Day Worship and Community Picnic. Our gratitude for the hospitality by the St. Stephen women of the church that keep the children and tweens fueled for learning the Bible and the science of creation that benefits us all.

Continuing Education and Interim Ministry—Called and settled rostered leaders of Word and Sacrament ministry as well as Word and Service have to participate in continuing education. Each month of interim ministry, I will engage in one continuing education day. The second Thursday of each month I attend an interim pastors meeting hosted by the St. Paul Area Synod. We listen and learn about expectations for interim pastors from the ELCA Conference of Bishops. We are called by this synod where the congregation is located. We have a written covenant with each congregation that explains our contract for our ministry skills and needs of the congregation.

The covenant shared with the St. Stephen Council on the areas of ministry that I will focus my time on is worship, adult formation, and stewardship. Of course, I make care-giving calls and following up on inquiries about membership. I will be doing all the tasks that the St. Stephen Constitution requires of any called pastor. I will offer my skills honed to address the challenges of transition that will contribute to fulfilling the mission of God as stated in the St. Stephen mission statement: A Christian community bringing God's love to the world!

The vision statement that we enact is "We are moving forward in faith together; living lives of worship, fellowship, service, and learning."

Adult Faith Formation

The constitution of St. Stephen encourages adult learning or faith formation for everyone post-high school. This ministry practice is to advocate for life-long learning and education within the church and society. This schedule is about Sunday morning events. On Thursdays at 1:00pm God's Word meets. Starting Sept. 13 on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. we will study the gospel of Mark. Please share with our office coordinator any book or Scripture-base studies you are hosting. Please bring friends and family to these faith learning opportunities especially when members and guests are modeling our partnership in the gospel to foster growth among individuals and households.

2023 Proposed Adult Faith Formation Schedule

| Date / Place: St. Stephen | Presenter | Subject |
|---|--|--|
| 2:00 p.m. <u>Sunday September 24</u> | Pat Miles, Author "Before All Is Said and Done: Practical Advice on Living and Dying Well" | Faith, Estate and Legacy Planning |
| 10:45-11:45 a.m. <u>Sunday Oct. 1</u> | Scott Zeman, Chemistry Professor, Century College Inver Grove Heights, MN | Faith, Science, and Technology There is no inherent conflict between scientific findings and the understanding of God as creator redeemer and sanctifier." (ELCA statement on "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility," page 4) |
| 10:45-11:45 a.m. <u>Sunday Oct. 8</u> | Pastor Kelly and St. Stephen members | Catch or follow up on Faithful Estate and Legacy Planning, Faith and Science as well as preparation for Christian Nationalism presentation |
| 10:45-12 p.m. <u>Sunday October 15</u> | The Rev. Rolf Olson, Pastor | What is Christian Nationalism and Why does it matter? |
| <u>Sunday Oct. 29</u> | Celebration of the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism | Redeemer and St. Stephen Lutheran congregations |
| 10:45-11:45 a.m. <u>Sunday Nov. 5</u> | Faith and the Theater Arts Pastor Kelly and St. Stephen members | All are invited to attend Foods for Christ Dinner Theatre Nov. 3 and 4. |
| 10:45-11:45 a.m. <u>Sunday Nov. 12</u> Stewardship Sunday, Ministry of Intent | Pastor Kelly and Stewardship Ministry Team | "Stewardship like tree-keeping." |
| 10:45-11:45 <u>Sunday Nov. 19</u> | To be announced | To be announced |
| <u>Sunday, Nov. 26</u> | | |
| No Sunday Faith Formation | | |
| 2023 December to be determined | | |
| 2024 January to be determined | | |

HAPPENINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

Family Fun Night (8/27)

All are invited to attend Family Fun Night, hosted by/at Redeemer. On Sunday, August 27th, BBQ and Remote Control Cars (4:00pm).

Christian Singles Lunch Bunch (8/29, 9/26)

Please feel free to join our group for lunch on the last Tuesday of each month (11:30am). RSVP (required) on Sunday before event by contacting Judee Bramscher at 651-269-6122.



- ♦ 8/29—Cabin 61 (4150 Hoffman Rd., WBL) – RSVP by 8/27.
- ♦ 9/26 – Olive Garden Italian Restaurant (1749 Beam Ave., Maplewood) – RSVP by 9/24.

Meetings in September

- ♦ 9/3 Cottage Meeting (Sun/10:30am-12:00noon)
- ♦ 9/5 Church Council (Tues/7:00-9:00pm)
- ♦ 9/7 Worship & Music (Thurs/7:00-8:00pm)
- ♦ 9/7 Mission Exploration Team (Thurs/7:00pm)
- ♦ 9/28 Mission Exploration Team (Thurs/4:00pm)
- ♦ 9/28 Evergreen Team (Thurs/7:00pm)

Resuming in September...

- ♦ 9/6 Choir Rehearsal (Wed/7:00-8:00pm) also on 13, 20, 27
- ♦ 9/13 Bible Study (Wed/11:00-11:45am) also on 20, 27
- ♦ 9/17 Sunday School (9:45-10:30am) also on 24
- ♦ 9/20 Wednesday School (6:00-6:45pm) also on 27
- ♦ 9/20 Pre-Confirmation (Wed/5:15-6:00pm) also on 27
- ♦ 9/20 Confirmation (Wed/6:30-8:00pm)
- ♦ 9/20 Youth Group (Wed/7:00-7:45pm) also on 27

Food Shelf Collection (9/3 & 9/6)

Thank you for your food shelf donations on the first Wednesday or Sunday of the month. All donations go to the White Bear Area Food Shelf to be distributed to those who need assistance in the area.



Labor Day / Church Office Closed (9/4)

On Monday, September 4, the church office will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday (9am-3pm) and Friday (9am-12noon).



Sing, Sing, Sing! Choir Resumes (9/6)

Choir members and anyone who may wish to join the choir are invited back to the church on Wednesdays (7:00-8:00pm) for practice. Rehearsals begin again on Wed., Sept. 6th! If you wish to participate or have any questions, contact Kari at ballatahosmer@gmail.com

Fellowship Group

Gather with us in the narthex on Wednesdays (10:30am) to share news, lift each other up with encouragement, and simply just visit! This is an informal group.



Walk-ins are welcome. Contact Judee Bramscher (651-269-6122) if you have questions.

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes (9/13)

Led by Interim Pastor S. Kelly on Wednesdays (11:00-11:45am) in the library. Please note the time change.

HAPPENINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

Rally Day (9/10)

Join us (and invite others) for the kick-off of a new church year on Sunday, September 10th! This is a free event. We invite folks to worship on the north lawn (9:30), a community picnic with live music and games (10:45-12:30), then an ELCA "God's Work Our Hands" service project (11:30-12:30) assembling bagged lunches for the Union Gospel Mission. Christian Faith Education registration is open for children! Please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office at 651-777-1107 or office@ststephenwbl.org to help with the picnic and/or participate in the service project.



Preparing for Rally Day

Please sign up in the narthex to help with our Rally Day celebration and the start to a new church year. We look forward to a special outdoor worship surrounded by our new trees, a community picnic, and much more. Many hands make light work, so please sign up to help with set-up, food prep, cooking, baking, family games, tear-down, clean-up, and most importantly—**INVITE OTHERS** (family, friends, and neighbors) to join us on this fun day!

- ♦ Arrive by 8:00am to set up tent, tables, and chairs - **need 6 more people!** (Please bring a mallet/hammer if you are helping set up tent.)
- ♦ Supervise family lawn games (seeking youth and college-age, 10:45am-12:30pm) - **need 2 people!**
- ♦ Food prep, cooking, and setting stuff out (first shift: 8:00-10:00am) - **need 2 more people!**
- ♦ Food prep, cooking, and setting stuff out (second shift: 10:00am-NOON) - **need 3 people!**
- ♦ Grillers (9:00-10:30am) - **need 1 more person!**
- ♦ Clean-up (food clearing, dish washing, etc., 12:00-1:00pm) - **need 4 people!**
- ♦ Clean-up and Tear-down (tent, tables, and chairs, 12:30-1:00pm) - **need 6 people!**
- ♦ **Please sign up in the narthex to bring a salad, main dish, or dessert.**
- ♦ Sign up in the narthex to participate in our "God's Work Our Hands" service project (11:30am-12:30pm)!

Register NOW for Faith Education

Registration is now OPEN for Faith Ed. Registration forms are available in the narthex or online via our website:

www.StStephenwbl.org



- ♦ **Sunday** School (preschool thru grade 4) begins September 17 (9:45-10:30am) meeting weekly in the South Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ **Wednesday** Faith Ed begins September 20, including:
 - ♦ Pre-confirmation (grades 5 and 6) meeting weekly (5:30-6:15pm) in the A-B Room.
 - ♦ Wednesday School (preschool thru grade 4) meeting weekly (6:00-6:45pm) in the South Fellowship Hall.
 - ♦ Confirmation (grades 7 and 8) meeting on the 1st & 3rd Weds (6:30-8:00pm) in the A-B Room.
 - ♦ Youth Group (grades 7 thru 12) meeting weekly in the Youth Building (7:00-7:45pm).

Youth Faith Education Location

Faith Ed for YOUTH (grades 5 thru 12) meet at St. Stephen in September and October. In November, they will meet at Redeemer. In December, back at St. Stephen.

Content Deadline for October Newsletter (9/10)

The deadline for items going into the October Steppingstone Newsletter is on Sunday, September 10th. Please submit items to Tami at office@ststephenwbl.org



GAP Worship & Community Meals

Join us and invite others to GAP (Grace & Praise) casual worship services (6:00-6:45pm) and Community Meals (5:15-6:00pm) on Wednesdays. We will be monitoring the weather conditions to determine if GAP is held indoors or outdoors throughout September. Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket!

HAPPENINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

Cooks Needed for Wednesday Meals

We are in need of volunteers to prepare, cook, and serve our Wednesday evening community meals (beginning Wed., Sept. 13). Mealtime is 5:15-6:00pm before our Grace & Praise (GAP) Worship Service. Choose one or as many Wednesdays as you like. Please contact Tami in the church office office@ststephenwbl.org or 651-777-1107) to get onto the schedule.

God's Word

God's Word Bible discussion group, led by Phyllis Ballata, meets in the Library on Thursdays (1:00-2:00pm). Walk-ins are welcome.



Retiree's Breakfast (9/14)

All retirees are invited to join other retirees from church for breakfast (Thurs/9:00-10:00am) at Perkins in Maplewood on County Rd D.

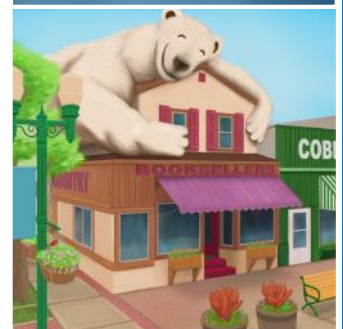
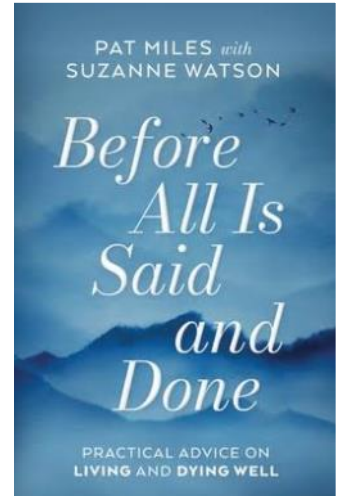


Save the Date! Gloria's 11th Annual Shortest Marathon (9/16)

The race begins on the corner of 3rd Street and Bald Eagle Avenue (11:00am) on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Proceeds from Gloria's Shortest Marathon (one block in length) benefits the White Bear Area Food Shelf. Register at www.whitebearfoodshelf.org or pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space. Donations are tax deductible, \$35 adults and \$15 children under 12. All ages welcome. Register by September 7 to guarantee a custom event T-shirt. Contact Peggy Parenteau athenawbl@comcast.net if you have any questions.

"Before All is Said and Done" Pat Miles Speaking (9/24)

Former news anchor and journalist Pat Miles will be visiting St. Stephen Lutheran Church to discuss her book, *"Before All is Said and Done: A Practical Guide to Living and Dying Well"* which navigates the realities surrounding dying and widowhood. After the unexpected loss of her husband, Pat shares advice and stories from surviving spouses in hopes of providing comfort and a plan of action. The book underscores the critical importance of discussions in advance of a loved-one's dying and death. Please join us (and invite others) on Sunday, September 24 (2:00pm).



A book-signing with refreshments will follow her talk. Her book is available at Lake Country Booksellers (4766 Washington Square, WBL) and online. This event is **FREE** and open to the public. Mentioning the event at Lake Country Booksellers will get you a discount on her book.

Estate Planning

Rebecca Palmgren, from the ELCA Foundation, will offer a brief introduction and make appointments (for a later date) to discuss estate planning. Anyone a member of an ELCA congregation can meet with Rebecca.

We hope in your estate planning with Rebecca that you remember St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

HAPPENINGS & OPPORTUNITIES



CD Sales to Benefit St. Stephen

Our own very talented Rebecca Drimmel has just released another CD "*Cinematic Symphonies Collection*" which consists of 21 of

her musical compositions. She has generously given the church some of these CD's.

Please feel free to purchase a CD for a **minimum donation of \$5** (payable to St. Stephen Lutheran Church). CD's are located in the narthex, along with envelopes for donations. Please place envelopes into the church office door mail slot. This is a wonderful way for Rebecca and those purchasing CD's to help donate to the church!

Lost & Found Items

We have quite a collection of lost and found items in the narthex near the coat rack. Please take a look or give us a call. Items not retrieved by Rally Day will be donated.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are in need of more prayer shawls. Shawls are given to those who are experiencing illness or any other hardship. If you know of someone who might benefit from receiving a shawl, please let Tami in the office know. Instructions for knitting, crocheting, and fleece (no sew)

blanket/shawls are located in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Anderson.



Crafts Needed for Holly Boutique

Please remember the Holly Boutique will be November 11th and it's not too early to start making items to be sold. We are accepting hand-made crafts and hope you would consider donating for our sale.

Isaiah: Faith and Democracy

Jesus was a storytelling man. His stories were memorable and showed the listeners what they needed to know about Jesus' instruction and God's love. In the story of the king in Matthew 25, Jesus shows God's priorities: give the hungry food, give the thirsty water, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit the prisoner. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40 NRSV). St. Stephen cooperates with Redeemer and Christ the King, as well as other faith communities, to act on this gospel message. ISAIAH is a combination of faith communities, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim, whose goal, like the goal of St. Stephen, is to bring God's love to the world. This year and for the last decade, ISAIAH has encouraged our state to act on clean energy, restoring the vote for those who have paid their debts to society, creating driver's licenses for all in order to make transportation safer, starting automatic voter registration to encourage all eligible voters to participate in democracy, offering free school breakfast and lunch for K-12 children, using paid family and medical leave to make caring for the sick and needy possible, working on transit for a connected state, stabilizing child care availability, and offering Minnesota Care buy-in to expand access to the state health insurance program for those who are without insurance. Our local ISAIAH group with representatives from several churches has met with Lindy Crawford, the White Bear Lake City Manager, Senator Heather Gustafson, Representative Brion Curren, and will soon meet with Tracy Shimek, the White Bear Lake Housing and Economic Development Coordinator. Our goal is to learn about local issues and see how we might be able to help our neighbors. If you would like to join in ISAIAH's work or learn more, please talk to Pastor Juli or visit www.isaiahmn.org (or click on the graphic above).



- Phyllis Ballata, Church Council,
Congregation and Community Care

HAPPENINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

32nd Annual Music Festival and Auction

Saturday, October 14, 2023
(11:00am—2:30pm)

Get ready for our 32nd annual Music Festival and Auction.
All proceeds raised by this event will be used to reduce
St. Stephen's budget deficit.

**Auction Donations
&
Volunteers Needed!**



Schedule of Events:

Live Music (11:00am-12:45pm)
Food for Sale (11:00am-2:30pm)
Silent Auction (11:00am-1:30pm)
Live Auction Begins (1:00pm)

Ideas for Auction Donations:

- ◆ Sporting event tickets
- ◆ Weekend (or longer) retreat at your cabin
- ◆ New or gently used items (NO clothing)
- ◆ Your services to someone in need or to promote your business (examples: website creation, computer work, auto work, raking leaves, washing windows, snow plowing, lawn mowing, yard work, electrical work, carpentry, painting, house cleaning, plumbing, etc.)
- ◆ Home-made items (such as arts & crafts items, edible items, you name it!)
- ◆ Donate your hobby time to create something with that lucky winner (make jelly, sew, quilt, photography, bake, give singing or instrument lessons, etc.)
- ◆ Provide themed dinner in your home for a group of lucky winners
- ◆ Make soup or dessert every month for 6 or 12 months (you pick the number of months)
- ◆ Themed Gift Baskets

Donation Instructions:

- ◆ Have some extra baskets? Please donate them to be used for our gift baskets.
- ◆ Please leave items in the church office and mark "Auction" on them.
- ◆ **You may begin dropping off items AT ANY TIME STARTING NOW!**
- ◆ Start thinking now about that "special" item or service you would like to donate.
- ◆ FIRM deadline for dropping off items: **Sunday, October 8.**

Volunteer Needs:

- ◆ Solicit items or services from local businesses (please talk with Betsy Clark)
- ◆ Making desserts to sell day of event, set-up of tables and auction items, volunteer shifts the day of the event, clean-up, and more.
- ◆ If you have volunteered in the past to assist with the auction, you may be contacted in September.

Please contact Betsy Clark at 612-554-3925 or at
eaclark001@comcast.net if you have any questions, and thank you!

APPRECIATION

A Unique and Successful Relay for Life 2023 – submitted by Viki Bosin

Friday night, July 28, was unique in so many ways. The team set up all 270 luminaries on both sides of the track by 4:00, and luckily, we covered them all with tarps, because rain poured down with lightning and high winds from 4:30-5:30. When we got the all-clear, we found out our tent and most of our luminaries stayed dry, and we were back on schedule by 6:30!

Unique, and both bitter and sweet. We made new friends with members of Abiding Savior Lutheran in Moundsvew, who contributed over \$1100 to our total with donations and luminary purchases, thanks to Pastor Marla Amborn's interimship with them. We renewed and strengthened many old friendships. We cheered survivors. And we mourned our lost loved ones.

Unique, and successful. The entire team met their fund-raising goals. St Stephen contributed over \$6000, plus the additional \$1100 from Abiding Savior, with a total of \$7292. Church member, Nan Duchene successfully launched a new team with her union's retirees: SOAR for the Cure, who raised \$1434. WBL Relay for Life surpassed its goal of over \$140,000, with a total to date of \$143,349. Donations can still come in through September 14, 2023.

I want to thank everyone at St Stephen, but most especially our team: Marla Amborn, Dave Bosin, Robin Eberlein, Anita Schreder, Tom Scott, Cindy Scott, Karen Smith, John Strand, and Scott Zieman. I also want to thank Sue Lemon and Gretchen and Mike Trenda, who helped out at the Relay. A huge thank you to our 14 sponsors: Bob & Joyce Alexander, Bev & Ev Ammons, Curt & Darlene Blegen, Dave & Viki Bosin, Brent & Betsy Clark, Paul & Jackie Colaizy, Steve & Carol Hansen, Betty Rombach, Dan & Judy Ruth, Paul & Karen Schultz, Paul & Diane Swanson, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, St Stephen's Women in Ministry, and an anonymous donor. And a huge thanks to the 45+ people who purchased luminaries.

This year's motto was "Every Step Brings Hope." As a part of the White Bear Lake community, our church once again stepped up and reached out to help bring hope (and funding) for a cure, as well solace for those who grieve because of this dreadful disease. Well done!



PRAYERS

Help Keep Us Informed

Please help keep us informed of any concerns that you would like our congregation to be praying about, including those serving in the military and any deaths among family members, by contacting the church office at 651-777-1107 or office@StStephenWBL.org

APPRECIATION...

- ◆ *St. Stephen, Thank you very much for your \$500 donation toward preserving the Galilee-Rice Street Gardens, we greatly appreciate it. - Carol Ann Hart*
- ◆ For cleaning blinds and windows in the pastor's office.
- ◆ To all who mow, garden, pull and kill weeds, trim bushes, remove brush, and care for our lawn. (Pictured right: Rebecca Drimmel moving brush.)
- ◆ For replacing and reattaching a portion of our neighbor's fence which was damaged during snow removal this past winter.
- ◆ Revival for being our Music Disciples on July 16th (Pictured right).
- ◆ To the leaders, volunteers, and attendees of the Vacation Bible School ministry in partnership with Redeemer, church members, and the community (VBS class pictured right.)
- ◆ For troubleshooting, parts-hunting, and installing a very large and important fuse on July 21st, just in time for worship and memorial services.
- ◆ To now retired treasurer, Patsy Olson, for her 16-year commitment and for helping Cindy and Mary Beth transition into their shared role of Bookkeeper/Treasurer.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please let the church office know if your birthday is not listed so that we may correct the database.

Prayer Request (add or remove from the Prayer List)

ADD _____

This person is... ☐ Member ☐ Family ☐ Friend ☐ Self 

Your name _____

Reason for prayer _____

May we share this with the congregation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

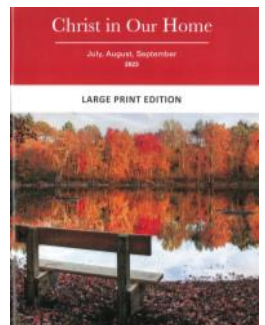
REMOVE _____

Update _____

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Prayer Request Cards

Prayer Request Cards are located in the sanctuary pews. Feel free to place your request in an offering plate/basket or drop into the church office door mail slot. Please keep us updated on those you have asked us to add to our prayer list.



Christ in Our Home

Devotional Booklets for July/August/September are available in the narthex in the info racks. Please feel free to take as many as you like and offer them to others who may find comfort in reading them.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Steppingstone Newsletter...

Is distributed monthly. If you have any items for the **October** issue, please send them to office@ststephenwbl.org by Sunday, Sept. 10. Newsletters are also available in the narthex information racks or via email. Please let us know if you have a change of address so that we can update our mailing list.

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What's Happening

Sundays

Blended Worship Service
9:30am IN-PERSON
(also live-streamed and online)

Wednesdays

Grace & Praise Casual Worship
6:00pm IN-PERSON
(Community Meal at 5:15pm, \$5/pp)

Calendar Highlights (*August events *Resuming events *Weekly events)

- 8/27 Family Fun Night at Redeemer (Sun/4:00pm)
- 8/29 Christian Singles Lunch Bunch (Tues/11:30am)
- 8/29 Evergreen Team Meeting (Tues/7:00pm)
- 9/3 Sunday Worship (9:30am) *also on 10, 17, 24*
- 9/3 Food Shelf Collection (Sun)
- 9/3 Cottage Meeting (Sun/10:30am)
- 9/4 Labor Day / Church Office CLOSED (Mon)
- 9/5 Church Council Meeting (Tues/7:00-9:00pm)
- 9/6 Food Shelf Collection (Wed)
- 9/6 Fellowship Group (Wed/10:30am) *also on 13, 20, 27*
- 9/6 Community Meal (Wed/5:15pm) *also on 13, 20, 27*
- 9/6 Summer GAP Worship (Wed/6:00pm) *also on 13, 20, 27*
- 9/6 Choir Rehearsal **RESUMES** (Wed/7:00-8:00pm) *also on 13, 20, 27*
- 9/7 Bible Discussion (Thurs/1:00pm) *also on 14, 21, 28*
- 9/7 Mission Exploration Team (Thurs/7:00pm)
- 9/7 Worship & Music Meeting (Thurs/6:00pm)
- 9/10 Content Deadline for October Steppingstone (Sun)
- 9/10 Rally Sunday Worship Service (9:30am)
- 9/10 Rally Sunday Community Picnic (10:45am-12:30pm)
- 9/10 Rally Sunday Service Project (11:30am-12:30pm)
- 9/13 Bible Study **RESUMES** (Wed/11:00-11:45am) *also on 20, 27*
- 9/13 Rally Wednesday Faith Ed Registration, Games, and Community Meal (5:15pm)
- 9/13 Rally Wednesday GAP Worship (6:00pm)
- 9/14 Retiree's Breakfast (Thurs/9:00-10:00am)
- 9/16 Gloria's 11th Annual Shortest Marathon (Sat/11:00am)
- 9/17 Sunday School **RESUMES** (9:45-10:30am) *also on 24*
- 9/17 Scott Trena Remembrance Reception (Sun/10:30am)
- 9/20 Wednesday School **RESUMES** (6:00-6:45pm) *also on 27*
- 9/20 Pre-Confirmation **BEGINS** (Wed/5:30-6:15pm) *also on 27*
- 9/20 Confirmation **RESUMES** (Wed/6:30-8:00pm)
- 9/20 Youth Group **RESUMES** (Wed/7:00-7:45pm) *also on 27*
- 9/21 Steppingstone Distribution Day (Thurs/9:15am)
- 9/23 Bill Sutherland Memorial: (Sat/10:00am-visitation, 11:00am-service, 12noon-luncheon)
- 9/24 Pat Miles Speaking "Before All is Said and Done" (Sun/2:00)
- 9/26 Christian Singles Lunch Bunch (Tues/11:30am)
- 9/28 Mission Exploration Team (Thurs/4:00pm)
- 9/28 Evergreen Team Meeting (Thurs/7:00pm)