

The Quill

December 2018



ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Christmas Eve: 2pm Traditional Worship, 7pm Contemporary Worship & 11pm Worship by Candlelight
Christmas Day: 10am Christmas Worship

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

I am here! I became part of St. Stephen's transition time on November 1. At this point, I am focused on getting to know you. I am visiting people in their homes to listen to their stories and hear what is on your mind; if you would like me to visit you, contact me or ask to see my clipboard with the schedule. These visits are just the beginning; I look forward to learning more about your hopes and dreams, your concerns and challenges as the interim time progresses. Some of you are most likely curious about the next steps of the transition process. In the Fellowship Hall, on the wall to the right of the entrance there is a "Progress Chart" that outlines the steps. It's important to note that some steps will take much longer than others, but as you look at the chart you will realize that you have already begun.

On Sunday, December 2nd, we begin the season of Advent; a good time to be at the beginning phase of a transition. Advent is the season of waiting and preparation, and we will be spending this season of Advent resting and praying and preparing to begin the exciting work of the interim time. Often we think of Advent as a time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, when God became incarnate and lived among us, fully human. But the season of Advent is also about that time that is yet to come: the time when Christ will return in glory to make all things new and there will be no more pain or suffering, no more tears or sorrow. So, it is about Christ coming. It is about preparation for the coming of Christ. And yet, Christ is already here!

Christ is here, in the bread and wine of Communion, in the words of Scripture, in prayer, in the relationships we have with one another. We don't have to wait for Christ

to come, Christ is here. Christ is here, in this interim time. Christ has been present with this congregation from the beginning. Christ will continue to be present with each one of you. Christ is present now, in this in-between time.

During the season of Advent, we will construct paper prayer chains. Slips of paper will be available for you to write names or short petitions. These will be collected and linked into a chain as a visible means of prayer. Advent also includes lighting candles on the Advent wreath, each week another candle reminds us that the light of Christ cannot be overpowered by darkness. On Wednesdays during Advent, we will meet with our brothers and sisters of King of Kings and Milwaukie Lutheran Church to share in worship with Holden Evening Prayer; the theme of those services will be "Welcoming the Stranger". In the midst of this busy time of year, I hope that each of you will find to pray, to remember the light of Christ, to worship.

On Christmas Eve, we will gather to worship at 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. For those who wish to worship on Christmas Day, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a simple service with Scripture, reflections on the birth of Jesus, a few carols, and Holy Communion. On the sixth day of Christmas, Sunday, December 30, there will be one worship service with the opportunity sing many Christmas carols. Epiphany Day, January 6, falls on Sunday this year, so there will be songs about the magi. May the joy of the baby Jesus fill your hearts and minds during the Christmas season.

Pastor Sue Seiffert



Music Ministry

Chautauqua Community Chorus Concerts

The Chautauqua Community Chorus, St. Stephen's outreach choir, presents their concert, "Christmas at the Castle – Ancient Carols of Love and Light" on Dec. 1 (7pm) & Dec. 2 (3pm). The program is filled with beloved carols from Renaissance England and France, using ancient melodies and texts combined with the new. Morten Lauridsen's "O Nata Lux" is our featured work, a shimmering, luminescent vocal work on the ancient text of the birth of light. The St. Stephen Bell Choir, St. Stephen Worship Team, and St. Stephen Praise Pals and Youth Worship Team will also be featured on the program.

December is filled with special musical offerings that provide especially nice opportunities to build community with our friends and neighbors, in and outside the church. December 16 will be a combined service featuring musicians from both services as well as Tessa Dailey's Christmas Pageant, written by Brian Yapko.

December 23 will be "Lil' Julaften" (Little Christmas Eve), as we host the Scandinavian band Fossegrimen who will help lead us in a proper Nordic carol service, and welcome our community members for worship and fellowship.

St. Stephen Musicians – International Winners

The tallies are in: our 9am minister of music and worship, Jamie Webster, swept the vocals categories of the 2018 online Welsh "Eisteddfod" (competition of Welsh arts), taking first place in the solo category, group category (along with adjunct St. Stephen musician Jeff Lewis), and also in "Cerdd Dant" – a song form incorporating interlocking complementary tunes performed by harp and voice. The competition was sponsored by the international Welsh language program, "Say Something in Welsh."

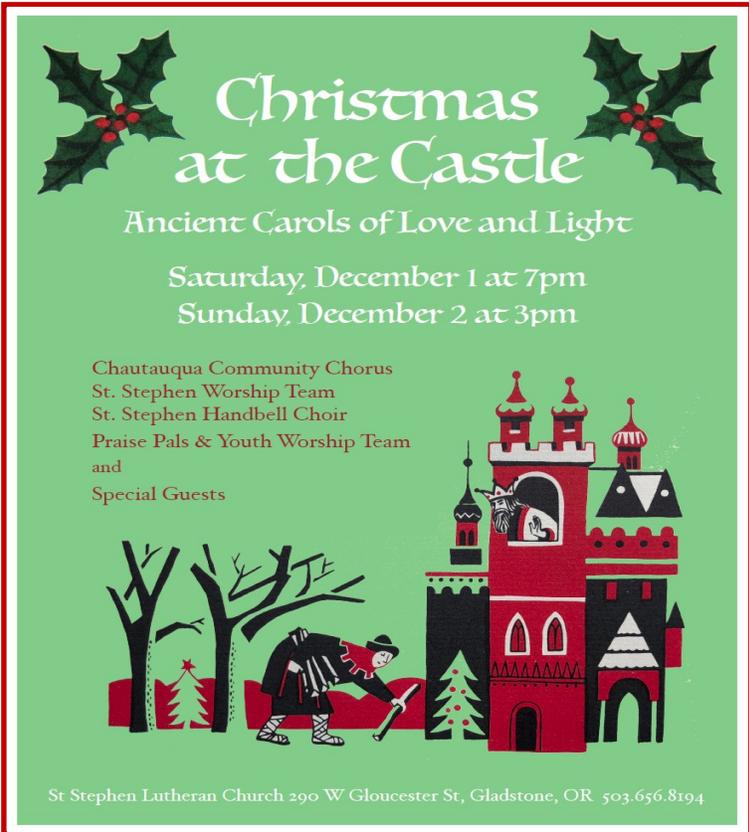
St. Stephen Musicians – performances out and about

Jamie Webster will be leading a Welsh-American Lessons and Carols service followed by Welsh tea, at Bryn Seion Church in Beaver Creek on Sunday, December 9, at 2pm. Open to the community

The Welsh Dragon Choir, conducted by Jamie Webster, will be presenting their Christmas concert of culture & folklore, "The 12 Days of Christmas in Wales" on Dec. 15 at 7pm at St. David of Wales, 3200 SE Harrison.

CD Release: Kathleen Hollingsworth will be performing a concert version of her new album, "Maria Full of Joy" on January 31 at the Mission Theater, 8pm

CD Release: ViVoce Women's Choir, conducted by Jamie Webster, will be performing their winter concerts, "Sing and Shout" February 2 and 3 (7pm and 4:30pm) at St. Michael and All Angels Church in NE Portland.



Christmas at the Castle
Ancient Carols of Love and Light
Saturday, December 1 at 7pm
Sunday, December 2 at 3pm

Chautauqua Community Chorus
St. Stephen Worship Team
St. Stephen Handbell Choir
Praise Pals & Youth Worship Team
and
Special Guests

St Stephen Lutheran Church 290 W Gloucester St, Gladstone, OR 503.656.8194



TOY DRIVE

November 21 to December 16

Please donate new, unwrapped toys

Clackamas County Foster Care & DHS Children



Soup Supper: 6pm
Advent Service: 7pm

Soup Supper

December 19th



Why I Attend Church

Doug Boleyn

Last month, Brian Yapko led off with the first installment of “Why I Attend Church”, wrote heartfelt summary of his and Jerry’s love for church and for St. Stephen. Brian tagged me for the next in the series and I was glad to add my love for church and St. Stephen!

First of all, I attend church because the God of the universe and is the same God who comes to be with me - Emanuel! This God renews me each week through the preaching, teaching, singing and celebration of the Good News of Christ. And thus renewed, I can live the next week working to bring the Kingdom of God to earth, full of beauty, love, welcoming all, generous in spirit, bringing right relationships and blessings to all people and all of creation! I also want to share that renewal with others through song and music.

Secondly, attending church strengthens my commitment to be a good steward of all that God has made. I believe that the results of human-caused climate change are seriously damaging God’s good and life-affirming Creation. So my entire career before retiring was to use energy from the sun to help restore creation as God intended. St. Stephen’s mission statement has become my guide: “St. Stephen is a church that believes that God loves *all* people and all *creation*...”.

I also attend St. Stephen because St. Stephen is a living example of the Kingdom of God I pray for. I am freed by Christ to welcome all of God’s people and share my life’s journey with you all. In this era of division, “tribalism”, and disdain (and even oppression) for people “not like us”, St. Stephen is a place where love overcomes fear and anger. The rich and poor, differing gender identities, different callings and vocations, different perspectives and views of life, different abilities and disabilities – All are Welcome here! I truly have a *sanctuary* at St. Stephen where I am part of a great family, from which I am sent to proclaim God’s love to all.

I attend church because God dwells in the music. Music is one of God’s languages. For me, the music at church brings us together – to lift up – to console – to praise – to bring peace – to express love – in ways that just words cannot. St. Stephen’s diverse and talented directors through the years have helped me experience God through all God’s different musical languages. From the

old-timey gospel and traditional hymns I grew up with in the Methodist church, to the protest and folk genre of the 1960’s, through the pop Christian tunes of the 1980’s-’90’s. From Godspell to jazz and gospel music. From Handel, Bach, and Praetorius of the middle ages and renaissance, to the big Christian pop groups of today. From lilting Celtic ballads to gentle Christmas lullabies. God dwells in all this music! As Martin Luther said: “As long as we live, there is never enough singing!”. I am blessed at St. Stephen to share voice and music with all of you at both services.

Attending a Lutheran church, I experience the Good News of God’s amazing grace preached, exemplified, and lived. Knowing God loves me as I am has freed me to enter into the world to live fully and abundantly, to share my gifts with others, to lift others up and share the Good News. I believe in the power of God’s grace to save and free me to live a life of generosity and love. God loves me. Period.

Finally, I attend church to say “Thanks!”. I thank God for life, for family, indeed for the entire creation, full of beauty and song. I thank God for the gift of hope that my life here on earth is just the beginning of Life Eternal in God’s creation. I thank God for the gift of intellect and reason, and indeed for my very DNA that has come down to me from thousands of ancestors throughout the ages. I thank God for the “DNA” of faith that I have blessed and upheld my ancestors -which included Catholics, Presbyterians, Quakers, Methodists, and Lutherans - and now is in my life and keeping.

My final thanks is for St. Stephen church, which is the place where I meet God and from which I am sent to bring God’s kingdom of love to all to Earth.

See you in church!
Doug Boleyn



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 2pm: Daylight Worship
 7pm: Contemporary Worship
 11pm: Worship by Candlelight

Christmas Day:
 10am: Christmas Worship



St Stephen Lutheran Church, Outside Groups, Youth and Family Ministries, Holidays in United States

Dec 2018 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Eucharistic Ministers</p> <p>8am - Traditional Service</p> <p>10:15am - Adult</p> <p>11:15am - Contemporary</p> <p>2</p>	<p>4:30pm - Praise Pals ☺</p> <p>6pm - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - CCC Practice</p> <p>7pm - Worship Team</p> <p>3</p>	<p>12pm - Cluster Pastore</p> <p>8:30pm - Cubscout ☺</p> <p>7pm - Welch Society Choir</p> <p>4</p>	<p>8:30am - Bible Study ☺</p> <p>7pm - Ball Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5</p>	<p>8:45pm - 8SLC Choir</p> <p>7pm - A.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7:30pm - CCC Practice</p> <p>5</p>	<p>8am - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - N.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7</p>	<p>8:30am - Advent</p> <p>3pm - G.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>4:30pm - CCC Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - CCC Concert</p> <p>8</p>
<p>Advent Begins</p> <p>8am - Traditional Service ☺</p> <p>10am - Advent Wreath</p> <p>10:15am - Adult</p> <p>10:15am - Kids Klub</p> <p>11:15am - Contemporary</p> <p>2pm - CCC Rehearsal</p> <p>3pm - CCC Concert</p> <p>6pm - Youth Worship Team</p> <p>9</p>	<p>4:30pm - Praise Pals ☺</p> <p>6pm - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - Worship Team</p> <p>10</p>	<p>12pm - Cluster Pastore</p> <p>8:30pm - Cubscout ☺</p> <p>7pm - Leadership Board</p> <p>7pm - Welch Society Choir</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Quill Deadline 12th</p> <p>8:30am - Bible Study ☺</p> <p>7pm - Ball Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>12</p>	<p>8:45pm - 8SLC Choir</p> <p>7pm - A.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7:30pm - CCC Practice</p> <p>13</p>	<p>8am - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - N.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>14</p>	<p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>8:30am - Women's</p> <p>3pm - G.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>15</p>
<p>Baptismal Anniversaries</p> <p>8am - Traditional Service ☺</p> <p>10:15am - Adult</p> <p>10:15am - Kids Klub C'mas</p> <p>11:15am - Contemporary</p> <p>4pm - Carolling -</p> <p>8pm - CCC & Carolling Pot</p> <p>15</p>	<p>4:30pm - Praise Pals ☺</p> <p>6pm - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>6pm - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>17</p>	<p>12pm - Cluster Pastore</p> <p>8:30pm - Cubscout ☺</p> <p>7pm - Bunco ☺ in homes</p> <p>7pm - Welch Society Choir</p> <p>18</p>	<p>8:15am - Bible Study ☺</p> <p>11:30am - Silver Sainte</p> <p>6pm - Girl Scout ☺</p> <p>6pm - Soup Super</p> <p>7pm - Advent Evening</p> <p>7pm - Ball Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>19</p>	<p>8:30am - Quilters ☺</p> <p>8:45pm - 8SLC Choir</p> <p>7pm - A.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7:30pm - CCC Practice</p> <p>20</p>	<p>8am - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - N.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>21</p>	<p>10am - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>3pm - G.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>22</p>
<p>Toy drive ends</p> <p>10am - 1 Worship ☺</p> <p>23</p>	<p>4:30pm - Praise Pals ☺</p> <p>6pm - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>11pm - Worship - Carols &</p> <p>24</p>	<p>12pm - Cluster Pastore</p> <p>8:30pm - Cubscout ☺</p> <p>7pm - Bunco ☺ in homes</p> <p>7pm - Welch Society Choir</p> <p>25</p>	<p>8:30am - Bible Study ☺</p> <p>7pm - Ball Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>26</p>	<p>8:45pm - 8SLC Choir</p> <p>7pm - A.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7:30pm - CCC Practice</p> <p>27</p>	<p>8am - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - N.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>28</p>	<p>3pm - G.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>29</p>
<p>Eucharistic Ministers</p> <p>10am - 1 Worship ☺</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>2pm - Worship - Daylight</p> <p>7pm - Worship - Carols,</p> <p>11pm - Worship - Carols &</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p> <p>10am - Christmas Day</p> <p>1</p>	<p>8:15am - Bible Study ☺ ??</p> <p>6pm - Dance Team Parent</p> <p>7pm - Ball Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>2</p>	<p>8:30am - Quilters ☺</p> <p>5:30pm - Executive</p> <p>8:45pm - 8SLC Choir</p> <p>7pm - A.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7:30pm - CCC Practice</p> <p>3</p>	<p>8am - TOPS ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - N.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>4</p>	<p>3pm - G.A. ☺ Fellowship</p> <p>5</p>

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		December 2	December 9	Single 10am December 16	Scandanavian Single 10am December 23	2pm Daylight Worship 7pm Contemporary Worship 11pm Candlelight Worship December 24	10 am 12 / 25	Single 10am December 30	
Sermon		<i>Now the Feast</i>	Setting 4	<i>Now the Feast</i>	Setting 4	<i>Now the Feast</i>		Setting 4	
Flowers			Francine Bivens						
Greeters	9:00 am								
	11:15 am	Tom O / Steve D	Jere A / DJ B	Carston & Diane	Carston & Diane	Steve / Polly Domine		Steve / Polly D	
Ushers	9:00 am								
	11:15 am	Tom O / Steve D	Jere A / DJ B	Carston & Diane	Carston & Diane	Steve / Polly Domine		Steve / Polly D	
Readers	9:00 am	Barb Carter	Bill Peck	Bonnie Beisell	Bill Peck	Barb Carter (11pm)		Emily Boleyn	
	11:15 am	Audrey Weintz	Bill Johnsen		Cheryl Ridlon	Emily Boleyn (7pm)			
Cantor	9:00 am	Rob Kugler	Jacob Lundgren	Abigail Graves		Doug Boleyn (11pm)		Doug Boleyn	
	9:00 am	Judy Wunderlich	Emily Boleyn		Audrey Weintz	Barb Carter (11pm)		Doug Boleyn	
Ministers	11:15 am	LaRae Applebee	Audrey Weintz	Bill Johnsen		Doug Boleyn (7pm)			
	9:00 am	Doug B / Rob K	Barb C / Judy W		Cheryl R / Connie C	Dee H / Judy W (11pm)		Cheryl R / Rob K	
Comm Assis- tants	11:15 am	Jill M / Audrey W	Polly D / Emily B	Sue R / Audrey W		Audrey W / Emily B (7:00pm)			
	9:00 am	OPEN	OPEN	Worship Team	Fossegrimen	OPEN		OPEN	
Offering	9:00 am	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir (11pm)		OPEN	
	9:00 am	Sid Toll	Sid Toll	Sid Toll		Sid Toll (11pm)		Sid Toll	
Sound	11:15 am	Andrea Domine	Andrea Domine		Andrea Domine	Andrea Domine (7pm)			
	9:00 am	Emily Boleyn	Abigail Graves	Jacob Lundgren	Tessa Dailey	Jacob Lundgren (11pm)			
Audio-Visual	11:15 am	Tessa Dailey	Tessa Dailey			Tessa Dailey (7pm)			
	9:00 am	Linda Schmuck	Chris Duncan		Eileen Johnsen	Carolyn Hauck (11pm)		Bill Johnsen	
Prayer Minister	11:15 am	Sally Lindgren	Eileen Johnsen	Bill Johnsen	Eileen Johnsen	Sally Lindgren (7pm)			
		Linda O'Neil / Joan Chose	Chris Duncan	Jeffery B, Julie, Carolyn H	Scandinavian Treats by members			Cheryl Ridlon / Jane St. Jacques	
Fellowship	Set-up	Bonnie Beisell	Bonnie Beisell	Bonnie Beisell	Cheryl Ridlon			Cheryl Ridlon	
	Host	Bonnie Beisell		Kathie Todd	Kathie Todd			Cheryl Ridlon	
Bread Baker	Clean-up	Douglas B / Joan C	Douglas B		Ruth B			Kathie Todd	
		Intinction	Nadine H	Intinction	Helen Holden			Bonnie Beisell	
Wine	month								
Altar Guild	month								
Tellers		Jill / Audrey	Polly / Nadine	Coralie / Polly					

ST STEPHEN IS A WELCOMING AND Caring Community. We are here to support and encourage each other in our spiritual journey. We love everyone and all creation.



Leadership Board

The leadership board was eager at the meeting and discussed a multitude of things. It is important for everyone to know, that the leadership board that you have selected will be working tirelessly and doing a lot of praying on the decisions and ideas that are presenting themselves.

Thank you all for the pledges that were made during the stewardship drive. We have taken the information and determined a realistic number to base our budget upon. In the coming weeks we will be discussing the budget and preparing for the congregation to vote on it at the congregational meeting on January 27th. We will be having forums and discussions on the 13th and the 20th in-between services to be available for questions. It is important for the congregation to know, that at this current time, we will need to trim our expenses by approximately, \$40,000. The leadership board has already made adjustments to help curtail some of the costs. It was decided that color copies will not be made any longer, as the cost to print them is extremely prohibitive. We also have cancelled the contract for the water fountain in the lobby for a savings of \$500 a year. These are small savings that add up over the year.

We also have started to refocus on the committees at St. Stephen. We will have a number of areas in which you can help serve on a committee, one that you are eager to engage with and lend your voice to.

I wish all of you a great Christmas Season and a Great New Year!!!

Jason
president@sslcladstone.org



Who's Who

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Interim Pastor	Sue Seiffert
Minister of Music (9:00am)	Jamie Webster
Minister of Music (11:15am)	Kathleen Hollingsworth
Minister of Youth & Families	Tessa Dailey
Congregation President	Jason Fosberg
Vice President	Jeff Garrett
Executive Assistant	Holly Ray
Treasurer	Connie Cook
Finance Secretary	Polly Domine
Bell Choir Director	Emily Boleyn
Praise Pals/Youth Worship Team	Audrey Weintz
Nursery Attendant	Alex Kaster

A Special Thanks

To ALL the volunteers who make St. Stephen's run!

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TAX TIP FROM JUDY

Can you answer "yes" to each of the following questions?

- (1) Are you over 70 1/2?
- (2) Are you required to take a minimum distribution from a retirement account?
- (3) Do you expect your Sch A itemized deductions to be less than the Federal standard deduction of \$12,000 for single or \$24,000 for married filing jointly?
- (4) Do you expect to owe Federal Income tax (total - not refund)?

If so, then you can probably save money by having some or all of your distribution sent directly to a qualified charity (of course, we recommend St. Stephen). Talk to your tax person to see if this would help you.



PRAISE PALS / YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM

Praise Pals (4yr-4th gr.) 4:30pm Mon.
Youth Worship Team (5th gr. & up) 6:00pm Sun.
Led by Audrey Weintz, Wendy Collins & Lynn Buchanan.
Contact Audrey at 503-957-7537 if interested.

Congregational Meeting

January 27th

WHAT: Silver Saints December Roast Beef Feast featuring music and carol sing-along by our "Strings Plus" quartet.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 19th, 11:30 am

WHERE: Homewoods on the Willamette, 17971 SE River Rd., Milwaukie, OR 97267

HOW: Sign up on the clipboards or contact the Boleyn's (503-558-1617) no later than Sunday, December 9th.

COST: \$10 per person, payable to the Boleyn's



Sew & Sews

Quilts for Sale:

Baby Quilts (36x48): \$30

Lap Quilts (size varies): \$40

Preschool News

Merry Christmas from the Preschool Staff and Students!!!!

This school year is just flying by. We've had all our pictures taken by Louise, the SMILE BUS photographer. We've had a really exciting visit from "Tallulah's Daddy." Check out his website at www.tallulahsdaddy.com!! And now it's time to get ready for Christmas.

We will spend the month of December working on many Christmas surprises for our friends and families. Holiday songs and crafts will be the order of the day all month long. Shortly before Christmas break, we will be entertaining our families with holiday "mini-concerts." Our Winter Break will begin on December 20, but we'll be back in January, hoping for snow and working on lots of wintry projects. We like to review the story of Jesus' birth while reading about, singing about and making our own stars.

Wishes to you all for a wonderful holiday and a blessed new year!!!

Lori Funk, Preschool Director

December 23
10am

Scandinavian Little Christmas Eve

December 9

Kidz Klubz Christmas party: 10:15am

All Congregational Caroling: 4pm

Pot Luck Christmas party for the Youth Group, CCC & Carolers: 6pm

From the Office

Office hours:

Monday 8-2, Tuesday 8-2, Wednesday 8-1, Thursday 8-2 & Friday 8-2

- Please remember to keep all doors to the outside locked & pull them tight when you leave. Also remember to keep the interior doors locked & not propped open. This helps keep (me) & the church safe.
- Please remember to include the church office and/or President in anything that we might need to know or do to keep the church running smoothly.

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St Stephen's Presents
The Christmas Time Machine
An original play by: Brian Napko

Join us on December 16 at 10am Service

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Thank you to my friends at St Stephen's for the lovely cards, thoughts and prayers while I am recuperating from surgery. I am hoping to be well enough soon to resume attending services. Again many thanks.
Arla Dobroth

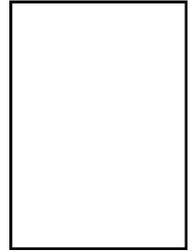
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A limited numbers of paper copies of the Quill will be available in the church narthex & fellowship cafe for those of you who do not have access to a computer, social-media or email.

A Special Thanks to the volunteers who help with the Quill & the Bulletin

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December • Newsletter

Gather with Friends

Silver Saints: Dec. 19th, 11:30am @ Homewood's on the Willamette (see p. 6 for details)

Men's Breakfast: Dec. 15th, 8:30am @ TBA

Women's Breakfast: Dec. 15th, 8:30am, @ Stanley's Corner

Volunteers Needed!

- Prayer Ministers
- Tellers
- Bread Bakers
- Communion Assistants
- AV & Sound System
- Vocal opportunities at both 9am & 11:15am services
- Ushers & Greeters
- Assisting Ministers
- Readers
- Altar Guild
- TLC Team

Worship with Us!

Traditional Worship • 9am

Music Minister:
Jamie Webster



Contemporary Worship • 11:15am

Music Minister:
Kathleen Hollingsworth



Prayer Chain

for Helen Holden's sister, Ruth (in Niagara Falls) who fell & needs a lot of healing & recovery • for Dee Hanson who is having cardiac surgery on Wed., 11/21, Prayers for a successful surgery, good recovery, and healing. • Hal & Sarah Pfingsten's daughter, Sarah Beth continued prayers for her as she recovers • Joe Zimmer (Boleyn's friend) • Prayers for St. Stephen's transition • Patricia Blodgett for health care issues & affordable living • Art Hanson for healing & pain relief • Sue Robinson's niece Katey for cancer treatment • Georgia Rhodes • Alyce & Brian Waverly • Pastor Scott's grandson, Andre • John Bailey (Avis Bailey's brother) • Kathie McNett • and all military personnel & first responders & their families-especially those in harm's way.

If someone needs to be put on the prayer chain, please contact:
Carolyn Hauck: 503- 656-6544, Lois Smith: 503-473-1876 Helen Holden: 503-650-3094

Thank you, God!

- Thank you for loving us despite our imperfections
- Thank you for sending us your Son to save us from our sins
- Thank you for Pastor Sue
- Thank you for the kind church family & weekly church bulletins - Jane S

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