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May Quill

We Have a Transition Team!

- Madison Berreth
- Emily Boleyn
- Barb Carter
- Jim Dailey
- Polly Domine
- Carolyn Hauck
- Bill Johnsen
- Jill Messecar
- Jane St. Jacques
- Audrey Weintz

The Transition Team will be commissioned in worship on Sunday, May 5th; by that time they will have already had their first meeting!

Remember that these are the people who were named most frequently by the congregation in March. Pastor Sue began by calling the people who were at the top of the list and asked them to prayerfully consider serving on the Transition Team. A few people concluded that the Holy Spirit was not calling them to this task, but of course they will still have ample opportunity to participate in the transition process.

Pastor Sue will work with the Transition Team. She will explain the transition process in more detail, sharing various options for how the process might unfold at

St. Stephen. The Transition Team will set the priorities and choose how best to meet the goals. They will be asking the congregation to reflect, ponder, dream, share ideas, voice concerns, listen to one another, and explore the identity, context, and purpose of the congregation:

- Who are we?
- Who are our neighbors?
- What is God calling us to do and to be?

As the process unfolds, the Transition Team will gather information, reflect, assess, and possibly make recommendations to the Leadership Board. All of this will help shape the responses that will be entered into the Ministry Site Profile, which is the primary document that is used by the synod office to seek candidates to be your next called pastor.

So the work of the Transition Team is about calling a pastor. But it's about the congregation. The more you come to understand yourselves and the blessings and challenges that God is giving you, the better equipped you will be to move into the future with a new ministry partner; and the more efficiently and wisely the Call Committee will be able to do its work. (The Transition Team is *not* the Call Committee, although it is possible for individuals to serve on both.) The transition process is an opportunity for the congregation to grow more deeply in faith and trust. It's an opportunity for members to get know one another better. It's an opportunity to explore new ideas. It's an exciting time!

Give thanks for the members of the Transition Team. Pray for them. And participate in the activities they plan.



From the Interim Pastor

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

We are in the midst of the Easter season. Easter lasts for seven weeks. For seven weeks, the Paschal candle burns beside the baptismal font. For seven weeks, the liturgical color is white. For seven weeks, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Seven weeks. Fifty days. It reflects the fifty days from the day that the disciples discovered the empty tomb to the day when the Holy Spirit came to them in tongues of fire as they sat in the upper room. Fifty days. During the first forty days, Jesus appeared to the disciples from time to time, continuing to teach them, to prepare them for what was to come. Then he ascended into heaven on the fortieth day, telling the disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Those fifty days from the first Easter to the day of Pentecost were an interim time, a time of transition. Jesus had died on the cross and then rose again, but the disciples didn't quite know what to do with that. What did it mean? What were they supposed to do? And when the day of Pentecost arrived and they received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they still had questions. What were they supposed to do about Gentiles? Did they have to continue to follow Jewish laws? How do they handle unexpected people responding to the Holy Spirit?

St. Stephen Lutheran Church is in an interim time, a time of transition. The Transition Team has been formed and had its first meeting. There are questions to ask. Ideas to explore. Dreams to dream. This is an exciting time; just as it was an exciting time for the disciples to realize that Christ was indeed risen! It is also a time for reflection and growth, which we see happening in the stories of Jesus with the disciples after the resurrection. I think it's fair to make a rough parallel: for the transition process will be a time of reflection and growth. And then there were those ten days, after Jesus ascended but before Pentecost. During that time, the disciples put their heads together and figured out who should replace Judas: the first call process in the Christian church!

Celebrate this time of transition (which is going to last longer than the Easter season!).



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special worship services during Lent and Holy Week: those who helped lead music, those who read Scripture and prayers, the children waving palms, the ones who helped set up the worship space, and everyone who attended. Your contributions helped make this special time of year even more special.

Worship Committee Report

WORSHIP & MUSIC UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who's taken time to provide input to our Worship and Music Team as we work together making our worship services relevant, meaningful, welcoming, and beautiful. We've heard many comments that our unified services have felt "good having everyone worshipping together" and that they "really feel the Spirit especially during the Sharing of the Peace." You've also noted that you want "more traditional hymns" and "more current contemporary music." With Kim Brooksby now in the office, the slides are being consistently produced with larger fonts and easy to read backgrounds. Thanks to Jim Dailey, the sound system has been re-set.

At our last meeting, a majority approved a recommendation to our Leadership Board that we keep our unified 10 am service throughout the summer. Following that, our Leadership Board voted in April to keep one 10 am service until our Annual Meeting this fall.

Thank you also to those of you who provided specific suggestions for hymns and songs to use during the post-Easter services. We'll be using the contemporary "Revelation Song" on a regular basis since the worship themes center on passages from the book of Revelation. We'll also be singing the familiar "I Can Only Imagine," "Amazing Grace," "Down to the River to Pray," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "Holy, Holy, Holy." Other songs coming up in May include "The River is Here," "Let it Rise," "All Who are Thirsty," and "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus."

See you in worship!

Madison Berreth, Doug Boleyn, Emily Boleyn, Jim Dailey, Chris Duncan, Helen Holden, Bill Johnsen, Sue Robinson

Via De Cristo

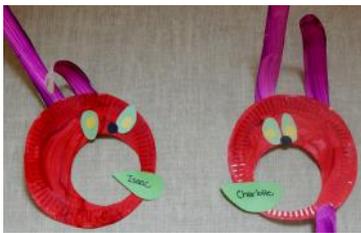
YOU'RE INVITED!

How's your spiritual journey going for you? Are you feeling in need of a 're-set'? Lacking a meaningful connection with other Lutherans? Needing motivation to discern what God has in store for you next in life? Looking for a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus? Mark your calendars now for October 3-6 for our next Via de Cristo spiritual retreat. You will be nurtured with God's word in worship, discussions, music, and devotions. You will be entertained with skits, inspired by presentations, and fed with great food and snacks. The entire weekend you will be surrounded by and uplifted with God's abundant and abiding love for you. Make plans now to set aside Thursday evening October 3 through Sunday afternoon October 6. This retreat is sponsored by Oregon Via de Cristo, and will be held in Turner, Oregon at the Oregon Christian Convention Center. See Emily or Doug Boleyn for more information.

From the Preschool

We spent the month of April working on lots of Easter projects and watching for dry days to play outside.

As I write this article, we are keeping a close eye on our newest classroom "pets." We have five caterpillars that have moved into their chrysalises. We are eagerly anticipating their transformation into beautiful butterflies. One of our favorite books about caterpillars is Eric Carle's "Very Hungry Caterpillar."



In Chapel Time, we reviewed that Sad Day when Jesus died and rejoiced at the Happy Day when we learned that JESUS IS ALIVE!!! We also sang a fun song - "Ho-Ho-Ho- Hosannah!"

We will soon be working on beautiful Mothers' Day gifts and getting ready for a musical celebration in honor of our moms and a day with some special dad time.

We want to again thank those of you who purchased plants and flowers in our Annual Plant Sale. They are scheduled to be delivered the afternoon of Sunday, May 5 and should be ready to pick up by 2:30 pm.

We are very excited that our classes for next year are already almost filled – 2019-2020 will be a very busy preschool year - just the way we like it!!

Lori Funk
Director

Gladstone Senior Center

1st, 3rd and 5th (if there is one) Tuesday of the month

Gladstone Senior Center is up and running. St Stephen serves lunch on the odd Tuesdays of each month. The Center is also in need of servers on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you know of anyone looking to lend a helping hand, have them call the Gladstone Senior Center at 503-655-7701 and ask for Debbie.

Youth and Family Ministries

I want to thank you for the wonderful support you've been giving our youth (and me) here at St. Stephen by coming to our FUNdraisers, donating auction items, helping with our events, buying tents to help campers get to Confirmation Camp, donating candy, your thoughts and prayers, and making any and all generous monetary donations!

On Easter Sunday our youth and parents worked hard to make Easter breakfast as special as possible for everyone, and we hope you enjoyed the food, fun, and fellowship. The little ones enjoyed a massive Easter egg hunt downstairs, where they found enough candy and toys to last until next Easter!

We will continue to sell tents to help with camperships for our summer Confirmation Camp attendees. We also have two to three high school youth who will be joining the Oregon Trail Cluster in July for the Road Trip with Jesus, doing servant work and learning. If you are interested to hear more about what they will be doing and where they are going, contact or see Tessa.

Lastly, we have seven (7) high school seniors, six of whom are applying for the St. Stephen Scholarship that we offer to our graduating seniors to help with their post-high school education and career paths. A brochure identifying this year's high school graduates will be mailed to each of you. It will include an envelope that can be used for donations to the Scholarship Fund. We will recognize and celebrate with the graduates on June 2nd, when we present the scholarships to them. We hope you will join us to celebrate their accomplishments as they end one chapter of their educational journey and begin the next.

Again, I thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, and support for Youth & Family Ministry and me.

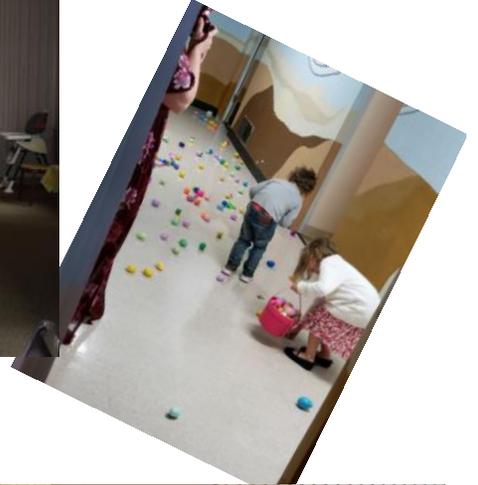
God's Peace,
Tessa Dailey, Youth & Family Minister
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Cell 503-462-5384

PRAISE PALS

Here is a picture of our Praise Pals/Youth Worship Team today enjoying their song for Easter Sunday. Please know that we have decided that today will be our last Sunday to sing until we come together again in the Fall. My father just had a very peaceful passing this last Friday and time is needed for me to take care of things for him. Lynn and I are both expecting to be grandparents during the first 2 weeks of May and will need time to help their families with their new addition. This will be Lynn's 2nd grandchild (a girl) and my 1st time being a grandma (a boy). There will be no more upcoming practices on Monday's until we start again in the fall..

Wendy, Lynn and I appreciate all your support and we have enjoyed each and every minute with your child! Our love to you all!





EASTER
SUNDAY



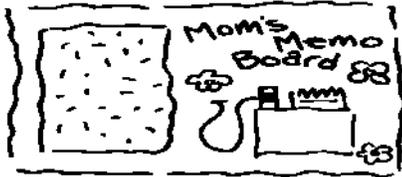
We are a welcoming community, believing God loves everyone and all creation and sharing our spiritual journeys in service and celebration.

Make a Memo Board for Mother's Day

Make a memo board and give it to your mom on Mother's Day.

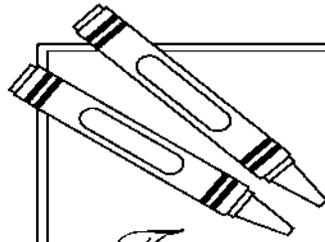
What you need:

- a canvas board approximately 14" x 10" (available at art and craft stores in various sizes)
- a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board (available in self-adhesive rolls or sheets at art and craft stores)
- permanent marker
- colored tissue paper
- 1 sheet of construction paper
- 2 pieces of string or yarn, each about as long as your arm
- glue ■ small notepad
- scissors ■ pencil ■ stapler



How to make it:

1. Cut a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board. Attach it to the left side of the board with glue (or the adhesive backing).
2. Write "Mom's Memo Board" on the top right side of the canvas board.
3. Cut the tissue paper into flower shapes and glue them onto the canvas board.
4. Fold the construction paper into a pocket big enough to hold the small notepad and pencil. Glue the pocket's side and bottom edges to the canvas board. Let it dry.
5. Tie one piece of string or yarn to the pencil and staple the other end to the board near the notepad pocket. Put the pencil in the pocket.
6. Staple the last piece of string or yarn to the back of the board as a hanger.
7. Write a special message to your mother on the first page of the notepad.



Just for KIDS

Famous Mothers in the Bible

Mothers are very special people. The Bible tells many stories about famous mothers.

Unscramble the letters to find the names of some mothers from the Bible. Look up the Bible verses, if you need help. Write the names on the blanks. Use the letters on the numbered blanks to fill in the message at the bottom.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NAHHAN (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

BRAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18

3

KREEHBA (Genesis 27:5)

16

5

HELA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CHELRA (Genesis 30:22)

7

12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

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17

13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

RAMY (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI
(Luke 1:13)

9

15

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 8 14 G 15 F 4 F 16 10 17 G 3 18 !

A MOTHERS LOVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

ANSWERS: EVE, HANNAH, DEBORAH, REBEKAH, LEAH, RACHEL, NAOMI, SARAH, MARY, ELIZABETH



Quilts for Sale:

Baby Quilts (36x48): \$30

Lap Quilts (size varies): \$40

Gladstone Children's Clothing Closet

September - June

Thursdays 3pm - 5pm & Saturdays 10am - 12pm

The GCCC helped over 500 children every year & runs on donations & volunteers. St. Stephen & nearby churches provide volunteers to sort donations, help customers, do laundry & stock shelves. This is a great way to serve the kid's in our own community. Sign-up to volunteer on the clipboards on Sunday, and/or donate gently used children's clothing and new socks & underwear.

Youth and Family Ministries

May 2019 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 11am - Kidz Klub	29	30	1	2	3	4 Tamale Making
5 11am - Cinco Fiesta! 11am - Kidz Klub 6:30pm - conf/youth	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 11am - Kidz Klub	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 11am - Kidz Klub 6:30pm - conf/youth	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 11am - Kidz Klub	27	28	29	30	31	1

From the Office

Kim Brooksby, Office Administrator About Me

I was born and raised in Bozeman, Montana. I moved to the Portland area when I married my husband **Alan**, who is a native Oregonian. We have lived in West Linn for the last twenty-three years, and are active members of The Anglican Parish of St. Mark in downtown Portland. We have three children: **Kirsti**, who lives in Portland, **Bryan** and his wife Emily, who live in Sellwood; and **Branden**, who is finishing a year of teaching English in Honduras. Next year Branden will be teaching in Seoul, South Korea. I taught high school English for twenty-two years at Portland Christian High School, but retired early in 2008 when Alan and I decided to have Branden attend West Linn High School. Discovering that “one can only read so many books,” I found a part-time position at Marylhurst University, working in Reception and Student Services for seven years. Unfortunately, Marylhurst closed its doors in September of 2018. I enjoy reading (the English teacher connection), finding new ways to avoid exercising for thirty minutes a day, eating out on Fridays, and being around people with a sense of humor. I am grateful to be here at St. Stephen, as I consider church my second home. In my first month, I have found everyone to be friendly and welcoming, and have gone home each afternoon knowing that I will love being the “Office Administrator” for St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

Office hours:

Monday—Friday 9am—12 pm

- 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.

Office Administrator, Kim: sslc@sslcladstone.org

Pastor Sue: pastor@sslcladstone.org

President, Jason Fosberg: president@sslcladstone.org

Prayer Chain

Hal Pflingsten for healing and recovery following pneumonia and strength for Sarah; Ken (Colleen Emmon’s father) for healing, and for her cousin, Kim; Jerry (Kari Martinez’s friend from the Scandinavian Choir) for peace and comfort following cancer diagnosis, Audrey Weintz and family on the passing of Audrey’s father and his twin brother ; John Coon Sr (Tessa’s stepdad) for healing following pneumonia; Wendy Kaufman-May’s family following the death of her nephew Chris; Paige King for her Oma’s healing following cardiac bypass surgery; Carol Messecar for continued healing after neck surgery; Gus (Christa Emerson’s son) for healing and recovery after suffering a stroke; Bill Johnsen; Brian Waverly



St Stephen Lutheran Church, Outside Groups

May 2019 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Eucharistic 10am - Unified 11:15am - Adult	29 5pm - TOPS @	30 6pm - Cubscouts @	1 8:15am - Bible 6pm - Dance Team 7pm - Bell Choir	2 9:30am - Sew & 7pm - A.A. @	3 9am - TOPS @ 6pm - Transition	4
5 10am - Unified 11:15am - Adult 4:30pm - Worship	6 5pm - TOPS @	7 GS Senior Center 6pm - Cubscouts @	8 9:30am - Bible	9 5:30pm - Executive 7pm - A.A. @	10 9am - TOPS @	11
12 Baptismal 10am - Unified 11am - Mom's Day 11:15am - Adult	13 5pm - TOPS @	14 6pm - Cubscouts @ 7pm - Leadership	15 Sand Quill 8:15am - Bible 11:30am - Silver 7pm - Bell Choir	16 9:30am - Quilters @ 7pm - A.A. @	17 9am - TOPS @ 5pm - Viewing for	18 Quill Deadline 18th 8:30am - Men's 10am - Funeral for
19 10am - Unified 11:15am - Adult	20 5pm - TOPS @	21 GS Senior Center 6pm - Cubscouts @ 7pm - Bunco @ In	22 9:30am - Bible	23 7pm - A.A. @	24 9am - TOPS @	25 8:30am - Women's
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Worship Assistants for the Month of May 2019

Ministers, thank you for serving! If you cannot serve on the day assigned, it would be appreciated if you could find a replacement and let the church office know so it can be changed in the bulletin.
Thank you!

		5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May
Flowers		Buttolphs 58 years on 5/6/61			Sally L
Ushers	10:00 AM	Everett / Del Smith	Steve & Polly D	Peter Foley / Dean Menken	Lori D / Kari D
Readers	10:00 AM	Bill J	Cheryl R	Bill J	Jane
Cantor	10:00 AM	Doug B	Rob K	Doug B	
Assistant Ministers	10:00 AM	Barb C	Barb C	Barb C	Barb C
Communion Assistants	10:00 AM	1. Jill M	1. Cheryl R	1. Sue R	1.
		2. Polly	2. Mitzi	2. Helen H	2.
Sound	10:00 AM	Andrea D	Andrea D	Andrea D	Andrea D
Audio- Visual	10:00 AM	Madison	Errol R	Madison	Chris D
Prayer Minister	10:00 AM	Eileen J	Chris D	Eileen J	Linda S
Bread Baker		Helen Holden	Nadine Herman	Chris D	Del Smith
Tellers		Audrey/Jill	Nadine/Polly	Cora/Polly	Cheryl/Sue
Wine	For the month	None needed for this month			
Altar Guild	For the month	Sally Lindgren & Chris Duncan			