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April Quill

Gather with Friends

Silver Saints: April 17th, 11:00am @ Cheesecake Factory
Men's Breakfast: April 20th, 8:30am @TBD
Women's Breakfast: April 27th, 8:30am Pub 212

Volunteers Needed!

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

Worship with Us!

Sunday's Unified Worship • 10am

Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesday April 3 & 10 • 7pm
Maundy Thursday • 7pm
Good Friday • 7pm

Easter Sunday
Traditional Worship • 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship • 11:15 am

Prayer Chain

Gus (Christa Emerson's son) healing and recovery after suffering a stroke, John (Mavern's nephew) for a good and complete recovery after open heart surgery, Bonnie B continued recovery after getting home from rehab for her surgery, Brian Yapko— healing from broken rib & comfort and healing from complications due to recent surgery, Chris Warhurst (Carolee Mitchell's mom) for a successful back surgery, recovery and comfort with the anxiety in preparation, Ken (Jim Dailey's brother — continued healing from surgery), the family of Jeff Garrett as they mourn his loss, Rick Keller (nephew of Dee Hanson) who was injured in an accident; Family of Karl (brother of friends of Kari Martinez) for peace and comfort after his passing, John (Tessa's brother), Bill Johnsen, Alan Boney, Sarah Pfungsten, Gary (friend of Sally Lindgren following surgery for brain cancer), Pat Perkins (recovering from surgery), Anna (Connie Cook's daughter, healing after an auto accident), Brian Waverly, John Bailey (Avis Bailey's brother)

Pray for all military personnel and first responders and their families; especially those in harm's way.

If someone needs to be put on the prayer chain, please contact:
Carolyn Hauck: 503- 329-5333, Lois Smith: 503-473-1876 Helen Holden: 503-650-3094

From the Interim Pastor

The Transition Task Force is in the process of being formed. In fact, by the time you actually receive this edition of the newsletter, it may be in place! More realistically, it may not be until the first week or two of April, and then there will be the challenge of coordinating schedules and setting the first meeting; but I am confident that we will be ready to begin right after Easter. Continue to pray for the process and be on the watch for updates!

We are focusing on prayer during this season of Lent. Prayer is the constant that strengthens everything we do. We pray when we come together as a community in worship. We pray at meetings where we do the business of the church. We pray as individuals. We pray with formal words and we pray with half-formed thoughts. Prayer makes us aware of the presence of God. And prayer helps us clarify what is important in our lives. Prayer is also a means for the Holy Spirit to help us discern the will of God. Prayer is essential to our lives as the people of God.

I like the saying, “pray at all times; when necessary, use words.” Prayer may be simply opening our eyes and letting the beauty of God’s creation remind us of God. Or it may be hearing music or the laughter of a child and knowing that God is present. Or it may be in the depth of emotion when we hear good news or something disturbing happens and our hearts turn instinctively towards God. Prayer can be in our breath. From Psalm 46: “Be still and know that I am God.”

In the last week of Lent, Holy Week, there will be extra opportunities to worship and pray together. The Maundy Thursday service will be April 18th at 7:00 p.m. There will be an option for people to have their feet washed, which can be a good time for pray and contemplation. The Good Friday service will be April 19th at 7:00 p.m. This will include the bidding prayer, which has pauses of silence for individual prayer in the midst of community prayer. And then we will celebrate Easter with two worship services: 9:00 and 11:15; more or less the same sermon at both services, but different music (you could come to both and see how many differences there are in the sermon!)

May the remainder of the season of Lent be a time of renewal as we prepare to enter into the joyous season of Easter!

Pastor Sue Seiffert

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



Wednesdays in Lent

Through April 10th

Soup Supper 6 pm

Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm

Sundays in Lent

Beginning March 10th



Unified Service 10 am

Adult Education and Kidz Club
at 11 am

Worship Committee Report

During this season of Lent, we are trying out having a single unified Sunday service at 10 am. Our Worship Committee has been asking for your input. Many of you have noticed and noted your thoughts each week on the easel in the Fellowship Hall, under the headings “What do we need MORE of,” and “What do we need LESS of?” Thank you so much for sharing! Your comments have led to changes each week, and we are committed to continuing to ‘tweak’ the music, the format, the sound system, the instruments, the power point slides, and most anything else about the service.

On Easter we will celebrate with two services again – at 9 am and at 11:15 am.

Our committee is trying to listen and respond. We think we’ve got it ‘right’ when we hear the same “You nailed it!” from long time late service AND long time early service attendees. Selection of the songs and hymns has turned out to be the most difficult task, and the one generating the most comments. For now, our two main criteria are 1) how the words fit the message of the day and 2) how familiar the tune is to most people. We are encouraging use of the less familiar tunes during the offering or communion, and making music available for as many songs/hymns as possible. Pastor Sue has discovered and suggested familiar hymn tunes with alternative, more modern-day lyrics. Many of us have been surprised to find so many of the ‘worship and praise’ songs actually in the red hymnal.

Come and see for yourself! Then write your ‘we need more of/less of’ comments on the easel in the Fellowship Hall.

See you in worship!

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

From the Preschool

The month of March started with a birthday party – a party for Dr. Seuss, whose birthday was March 2! We celebrated by inviting a couple of special guests to read his books to us. The Cat in the Hat, himself, (also known as Kassy Babeckos from the kindergarten) and Gladstone Fire Captain Tighe Vroman came to preschool and each read a Dr. Seuss book to our M/W/F class.



Although we missed a few school days due to snow, early March was the perfect time for learning about clouds, wind and rain. And for doing some of our favorite Noah's Ark projects! We've made some wonderful rainbows and raindrop "splat" paintings☺

We recently turned our focus to Easter. We are starting with our exploration of caterpillars and their transformation into beautiful butterflies. By the time we return from Spring Break, we will have real, LIVE caterpillars in our classroom so we can watch them and discuss our observations. We will also be spending time on stories, songs and projects that teach us more about Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who purchased plants through our Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser! We appreciate your help SO MUCH!!

We have been busy registering students for the 2019-2020 school year and classes are filling up!!! There are a very few spaces left in our classes, so anyone interested should contact the preschool as soon as possible☺

Lori Funk, Director
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St Stephen Lutheran Church, Outside Groups

Apr 2019 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Unified 11:15am - Adult 4:30pm - Worship	1 4:30pm - Praise Pals 5pm - TOPS @	2 GS Senior Center 5pm - Cubescouts @	3 8:15am - Bible 6pm - Dance Team 6pm - Lenten Soup 7pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Evening	4 9:30am - Sew & 5:30pm - Executive 7pm - A.A. @	5 9am - TOPS @	6
7 10am - Unified 11:15am - Adult 12pm - Leadership	8 4:30pm - Praise Pals 5pm - TOPS @	9 5pm - Cubescouts @ 7pm - Leadership	10 9:30am - Bible 6pm - Lenten Soup 7pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Evening	11 7pm - A.A. @	12 9am - TOPS @	13
14 Baptismal 10am - Unified 11:15am - Adult	15 4:30pm - Praise Pals 5pm - TOPS @	16 GS Senior Center 5pm - Cubescouts @ 7pm - Bunco @ In	17 8:15am - Bible 11:30am - Silver 7pm - Bell Choir	18 Quilt Deadline 18th 7pm - A.A. @ 7pm - Worship -	19 9am - TOPS @ 7pm - Worship --	20 8:30am - Men's
21 8am - Easter 9am - Traditional 11:15am - Contempo	22 4:30pm - Praise Pals 5pm - TOPS @	23 5pm - Cubescouts @	24 9:30am - Bible 7pm - Bell Choir	25 9:30am - Quilters @ 7pm - A.A. @	26 9am - TOPS @	27 8:30am - Women's 10am - KOPS @
28 Eucharistic 10am - Unified 11:15am - Adult	29 4:30pm - Praise Pals 5pm - TOPS @	30 5pm - Cubescouts @	1 8:15am - Bible 6pm - Dance Team 7pm - Bell Choir	2 9:30am - Sew & 5:30pm - Executive 7pm - A.A. @	3 9am - TOPS @	4

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Youth and Family Ministries

Thank you to all who donated auction items, food items, or attended the St Stephen Potato Bar & Auction to help send Confirmation Youth to Camp this summer AND for our group to do some summer service projects in our communities. We raised over \$1200 because of your help and support!

Our final fundraiser event is the Easter Breakfast on April 21 from 8-11. We don't sell tickets to this, but we do have suggested donation amounts which will be on cards and our Easter Baskets will be on the tables for you to give generously to our final planned event to help fund sending youth to camp this summer. Please share our delicious Easter Breakfast and two worship services 9 am and 11:15 am with your friends and family. Thank you from all of us hopeful campers!

Lastly, If ANYONE is interested in buying a tent or cabin for youth to go to camp this summer see Tessa or one of the youth/parents that can help receive that sponsorship purchase after worship services. A share purchase is another opportunity to help send our youth to camp and can be a smaller more affordable way for those who may not have the ability to help with a FULL share - this could also be a quarter share (1/4) = \$105; a half share (1/2) = \$210; three-quarters share (3/4) = \$315; or even a FULL share = \$420.

Calling all VBS helpers! VBS is not too far off and I am recruiting my team of EXCELLENT volunteers to help ROAR VBS come to life here at St Stephen for all the Preschool (independent toilet trained) thru 4th/5th grade children to come experience how Life is Wild and God is Good! If you are interested in helping lead a station, walk around from station to station with a group of child, helping in any way for any amount of time you can give us, SEE TESSA to be included on the most awesome VBS team for God.

Love sharing God's good news and want to see future generations stay connected to church? Come help Tessa grow our Kidz Clubz ministry. We need your help and investment of time to help bridge church and children and church and families as important and valuable members of this congregation's lifeline. Your spiritual and Christian GIFTS, your TALENTS to sing & play or craft, and your TIME are all profoundly meaningful and filling ways to give to God and the church.

From the desk of Tessa Dailey
Youth & Family Ministries



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EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8 am — 11 am

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Ham,
Fruit, Cinnamon Roll, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Bis-
cuits & Gravy

Suggested Breakfast Cost/Donations:

\$3/ Child (under 10)

\$7/ Adult

\$25/ Family

Easter Egg Hunt downstairs
at 10:30 am



Your free-will offering will help support

The St Stephen Youth attending Confirmation Camp at Lutherwood this Summer

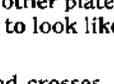
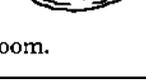
Easter Crosses

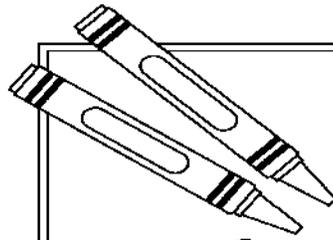
Make this craft to remember what Jesus did for us. Hang it in your room to look at all year long.

What you need:

- Two 8" paper plates (white)
- Scissors 
- Pencil 
- Crayons, paints or felt markers 
- Stapler, glue stick or glue
- Paper punch 
- Yarn, string or ribbon (about 10" or 12") 

What you do:

1. With your pencil draw a slight curved line all the way across the center of one plate. This will be a hill. 
2. Draw three crosses on the hill. Make the center one a little bigger than the others. 
3. Color the hill green and the crosses brown. Or color the hill and crosses black to look like a silhouette. 
4. Cut out the hill and crosses as one piece. 
5. Color the top half of the other plate with red, orange and yellow to look like an evening sky. 
6. Staple or glue the hill-and-crosses plate onto the sky plate. Make sure you line up the bottom edges of the plates, and staple or glue just along the curved edges where the plates meet. 
7. Punch a hole near the top of the sky plate. 
8. Tie a loop of yarn, string or ribbon through the hole. 
9. Hang your scene on your doorknob or on something else in your room. 



Just for KIDS

Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

		a	b	c		
1		F	U	N		
2		♥	B	♥		
3		M	V	H		
4	♥	♥	A	W	O	♥
5	♥	♥	♥	G	♥	♥
6		E	T	C		
7		L	♥	R		
8		♥	D	♥		
9		I	♥	S		

“
 2b 1b 6b 5b 4c 8b 8b 6a 3a 4c 1c 9c 6b 7c 4a 6b 6a 9c
 3c 9a 9c 4c 4b 1c 7a 4c 3b 6a 1a 4c 7c 1b 9c 9a 1c
 6b 3c 9a 9c 4b 3c 9a 7a 6a 4b 6a 4b 6a 7c 6a
 9c 6b 9a 7a 7a 9c 9a 1c 1c 6a 7c 9c 6c 3c 7c 9a 9c 6b
 8b 9a 6a 8b 1a 4c 7c 1b 9c”

“BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.”
 Answer:



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.



Quilts for Sale:

Baby Quilts (36x48): \$30

Lap Quilts (size varies): \$40

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

From the Office

It is with great pleasure that I have the privilege of typing this brief introduction in regards to our new office assistant. Kim Brooksby has accepted our offer to join our church and fill in this role. A brief summary of her history is that she choose to teach 7th grade English at Portland Christian High School for 22 years. After that, she went to Marylhurst University where she worked there as a receptionist until they closed. She is a wonderful person with a great demeanor and I personally am looking forward to having her here. She will start on April 1st, with her first day in the office being on Tuesday. She will regularly be here Monday through Friday from 9am to 12pm. Please stop in and say hi to her. We will welcome her at the service on April 7th.

Thank you to all of the individuals that helped us get to this point. Diane Berreth, Janet Peschke & Everett Buttolph for taking the time to work on the description and interviewing candidates.

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.

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Pastor Sue: pastor@sslcladstone.org

President, Jason Fosberg: president@sslcladstone.org

From the President

The leadership board has been introducing themselves the last couple of Sunday mornings so that you could see who we are. I will take it a step further and tell you about me and where exactly St Stephen fits into my life. My Great Grandpa was a founding member of the church. I found it very interesting. I was baptized here one month after my birth. I went through preschool, Sunday School and Confirmation. There were the funerals of my Great Grandpa and grandparents that occurred here. I got married here and we had our kids baptized here. My kids are now following in my foot steps with preschool, Sunday School and Confirmation.

Now, you choose me to be the President of the Congregation. I reflect a lot when I am here, about how the church has been a major part of my life. It is also a time of reflection for the congregation and where it is that we are going. The transition team is forming and then we will go onto the next chapter of St Stephen Lutheran Church. It is the church of my family and I am glad to be a part of it.

Your leadership board is working for you all of the time. We put the minutes from the last meeting here and we will continue to post the minutes for you. If you have any questions please let us know. You can always reach me via email at president@sslcladstone.org.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Members Present: Lori Downs, Doug Boleyn, Jill Messecar, Barb Carter, Jane St. Jacques, and Interim Pastor Sue Seiffert, Jason Fosberg, Polly Domine. Members absent: Douglas Buchner, Bill Peck

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Jason F. Devotions on Romans 8 evoked by Jeff Garrett's passing. "Nothing can separate us from the love of God..."

Barb C. moved and Lori D. seconded motion to approve February minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Gender Neutral Bathroom project: Jill showed the new doorknobs and signs to be used, and are ready to be installed in the bathrooms. There are currently inadequate funds in the Trust Fund to make any changes to the toilets.

Trust Fund Report was reviewed.

Interim Pastor's Report Highlights: Mini-retreat for the Board was reset to be Sunday, March 31, noon to 5pm, due to conflicts with the previously set March 16 date. Transition Team nominees will be accepted until March 15. Calls to selected nominees will begin shortly thereafter. One service has begun as of last Sunday, March 10. At the April 7th Worship Committee meeting there will be a discussion and decision whether or not to continue one service after Easter. April 13 is the date of the Regional gathering of Oregon Synod for our region. Jane St. J will attend along with Pastor Sue.

The Board discussed and agreed that it needs to clarify to the congregation the decisions that it is making through better communication. Jason will post results of Leadership Board decisions via social media and on slides at church. Secondly, pictures and identification of Board members will be taken and posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Synod Assembly will be held this year. Request was made for volunteers to represent St. Stephen, 1 male, one female.

Easter Lillies: Will have church members purchase if they wish. Sign up will be on a clipboard.

Family Minister Report: Tessa issued an urgent plea for the congregation to support Confirmation Camp fundraisers. Need at least \$400 per attendee, and families have difficulty supporting this. The Board went on record as being strongly supportive of getting the youth to Confirmation Camp and will do as Tessa asked to "provide Leadership Board help in reaching out to the church community in asking for campership assistance to help those..who want to attend camp...but cannot afford...the cost". Doug B moved ____seconded, and a resolution for this support was passed unanimously.

Employee Liaison Committee: After the Employee Liaison Committee's letter of resignation, Jason worked with the Committee to reassemble and reached agreement with them to work on an Employee Handbook. He reported that the Committee wishes that the Worship Committee/Music Team be involved in hiring a professional musician. Regarding hiring Office Staff: Jason, Diane Berreth and Janet Peschke will be interviewing at least 2 candidates.

Treasurer's Report: Incoming offerings are covering current billing obligations.

Worship Committee Report: A report of feedback from the first "one service" Sunday was presented. In response to those suggestions, the music team will be making adjustments (primarily to sound levels, selection of songs, use of slides, microphone usage) in the coming weeks and will ask for continuous feedback.

Clifford Hjelt Insurance Policy Annuity: The church has received a gift from the Estate of Cliff Hjelt in the form of an annuity from a life insurance policy. In order to secure these funds, the Leadership Board is required to authorize individuals to act on the church's behalf in this matter. IN this regard:

Doug Boleyn moved and Lori Downs seconded this motion: "The Leadership Board of St. Stephen Lutheran Church authorizes Jason Fosberg and Jill Messecar to act on behalf of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in the matter of the insurance policy annuity from the Clifford Hjelt estate". Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Jeff Garrett's passing: The Board needs to appoint a replacement member to assume the remainder of Jeff's term through September, 2019. Names of nominee(s) will be presented to Board members via email for a vote before the next Board Meeting on April 9.

Announcement: Leadership Board is responsible to provide soup, etc for the Soup Supper on March 27. Senior Group will be responsible for April 3. Doug will talk with Diane Berreth.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Boleyn
Secretary

Worship Assistants for the Month of April 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!

		7-Apr	14-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	
				Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter		
Flowers		Alyce Waverly Birthday				Easter Calla Lilies		
Ushers	10:00 AM	Carston & Diane Berreth	Myrv & Joan Chose	Steve & Polly D	Douglas B	9:00 am	Del / Carsten	Steve & Polly D
						11:15 am	Tom O'Neil	
Readers	10:00 AM	Barb Carter	1.Bill J		1.Bill J	9:00 am	LaRae	Barb C
			2.Jane		2.Doug			
			3.Kari		3.Emily	11:15 am	Cheryl R	
			4.Doug		4.Chris D			
Cantor	10:00 AM	Doug	Rob K			9:00 am	Rob K	Chris D
Assistant Ministers	10:00 AM	Rob K	Barb Carter			9:00 am	Emily	Rob K
						11:15 am	Cheryl	
Communion Assistants	10:00 AM	Jill M	Kari			9:00 am	Helen	Kari
						11:15 am	Sue R / Cheryl R	
Sound	10:00 AM	Andrea	Frank S		Tessa	9:00 am	Frank S	Frank S
						11:15 am	Andrea	
Audio- Visual	10:00 AM	Madison				9:00 am	Madison	
						11:15 am		
Prayer Minister	10:00 AM	Marie R	Eileen Johnsen			9:00 am		Carolyn H
						11:15 am	Bill J	
Bread Baker		Wendy May	Nadine Herman			Chris Duncan		Del Smith
Tellers		Audrey	Nadine / Polly			Cheryl R		Sue R
Wine	For the month	Waverly						
Altar Guild	For the month	Polly Domine						