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A monthly newsletter of the congregation of St. Stephen Lutheran Church



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear St. Stephen Family,

Thank you for your loving and caring support during my wife, Janet's, all-too-brief two weeks on Hospice, her death, her memorial service and this time of grieving. While there are no words, you still found some to write in the hundreds of cards I received. And you sent additional cards to my daughter Wendy, who has been staying with me, and my granddaughter, Brooklynn, who lives here in Portland. You sent food—good food—that was nourishing and comforting. You have given generously to the St. Stephen Memorial Fund in Janet's memory and you filled the church to overflowing for her memorial service... and filled it with wonderful music. While she planned parts of the service herself—other elements were serendipitous as the date for the service was the Feast of the Epiphany. It all came together. Thanks to everyone who helped. I have no doubt Janet loved the service!

I am concerned for **your** support during this time of grieving. Our grief has been multiplied by the deaths of Caroline Bailey, Ginny Rountree, Jean Lair and Wayne Hauck—all within a few weeks of Janet's death. That's a lot! It's intense...may feel overwhelming. While, as St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "we do not grieve as those who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13)—we know our loved ones are in a better place and that we will **all** be together again, we still grieve.

That makes gathering to worship all the more important—so we can comfort and encourage one another "with consolation we have received from God" (2 Corinthians 1:4). It makes talking with each other important—not hiding our grief or concerns. I need you to know you can still talk to me about your grief—it will **not** "burden" me as I grieve. Indeed, we will find what the Lutheran Confessions called "the mutual consolation of the brethren" (The Smalcald Articles in the book of Concord). I do not want anyone to feel they don't have access to pastoral care. I'm still functioning as a Pastor. I'm going to be ok. If, however, you would find it easier to talk to someone else, I understand... and I've arranged for two of the Pastors from Janet's memorial service to accept your phone calls for grief counseling. Thanks to Pastor Susan

FOLLOWING CHRIST OF THE CELTS
« A LENTEN JOURNEY TO EASTER »
« A SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL »
—The Gospel of John—

February 14th: *Following the One Who Connects Us All*
(Ash Wednesday)

February 18th: *Following the One Who Calls Us by Name*

February 25th: *Following the One Who Sets Us an Example*

March 4th: *Following the One We Betray and Deny*

March 11th: *Following the One Who Speaks Truth to Power*
(observance of Feast of St. Patrick)

March 18th: *Following the One Who is Condemned*

March 25th: *Following the One Who Falls Down and Dies*
(Palm Sunday)

March 29th: *Following the One Who Loves Us to the End*
(Maundy Thursday)

March 30th: *Following the One Who is Finished*
(Good Friday)

April 1st: *Following the One Who Rises*
(Easter)

April 8th: *Following the Wounded One Who Breathes Peace*
(2nd Sunday of Easter)

Kintner, Assistant to the Bishop for our Oregon Synod (503-413-4191), and the Rev. Dr. Laura Schwerin (503-501-7995). I also want to thank the Rev. Dr. Rob Kugler for preaching and presiding the Sunday morning Janet died, again on Christmas Day, the Sunday morning after the memorial service and during my bereavement leave. This was his gracious gift to the St. Stephen community of which he and Mitzi are a precious part.

Very soon Lent begins—it comes very early this year with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, (worship at 7pm). I love the season of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word for "spring". Lent is a six week period of spiritual preparation and journey to Easter. A "springtime of the soul." I suspect we could all use a "springtime" for our soul?! This year we read the story of Jesus from the Gospel of John—which was the favorite gospel of the Celtic Christians—Christians who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, the Isle of Mann and

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PRAYER CHAIN

- Bailey Family
- Rountree Family
- Lair Family
- Dunfee Family
- Hauck Family
- Berreth Family
- Michael Carter
- Aiden & Anna Corr
- Linda Gowen
- Gary Hauck
- Patsy Lindsay
- Kathie McNett
- Michael Moran
- Rhonda Moran
- Gerald Puppe
- Jane St. Jacques
- Chris Warhurst
- Paul Walters
- Alyce Waverly
- Lorraine Zeller

If you or someone you know needs to be put on the prayer chain, please contact:
Lois Smith, 503-473-1876,
or Helen Holden at 503-650-3094



Volunteers Needed

- AV/Sound Techs
- Office Task Volunteers
- Mailing Staffers
- SON & Warming Center Volunteers
- Grounds Keepers
- Special Event Volunteers

Please contact the office with how you can help!

Traditional Worship at 9am
With music Minister
Jamie Webster
Contemporary Worship at 11:15am
With music minister
Kathleen Hollingsworth



"ST STEPHEN is a WELCOMING Community, BELIEVING God loves everyone and all Creation, SHARING our Spiritual journeys in service and celebration."

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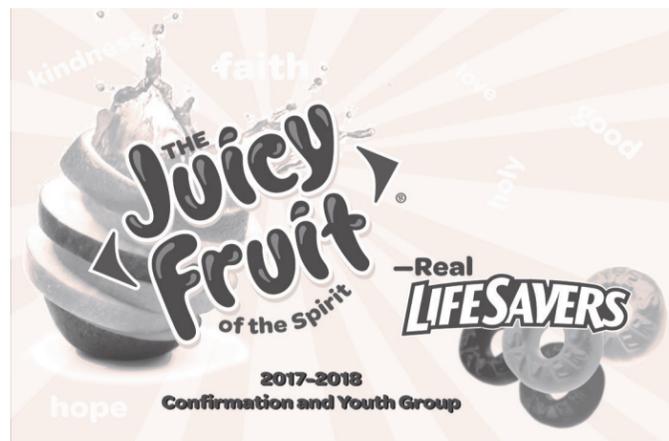
Brittany (in France). And some add the region in northwest Spain, called Galicia, because of their Celtic culture and ancient connection to the Celtic tribes. Each Gospel has a unique way of telling the story of Jesus and the Celts more readily identified John's emphases than other traditions. We'll explore all that and let John's gospel speak anew and afresh to us and to our lives and our world, a Living Word that raises us up to new life! Come join us, as we journey together to Easter: **"Following Christ of the Celts."**

I look forward to seeing you and sharing God's peace on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent.

Love in Christ,



Pastor Scott Dunfee



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal. 5:22-23a)

February

- 4th, 6:30pm: "Kindness"
- 11th, 4pm: Cluster Activity
- 18th, 6:30pm: "Generosity"

March

- 4th, 6:30pm: "Faithfulness"
- 11th, 5pm: Irish Potato Bar & "Over the Rainbow" Auction
- 18th, 6:30pm: "Gentleness"

- Silver Saints:** Feb. 21st, 11:30am @TBD
- Men's Breakfast:** Feb. 17th, 8:30am @TBD
- Women's Breakfast:** Feb. 24th, 8:30am, @ Shari's in the Oregon City Shopping Center



The friendship phone ministry needs more callers! This twice yearly commitment includes, calling congregation members & attending meetings twice a year. If you are interested, contact the office.

IN LOVING Memory

Janet Dunfee

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Scott, his family and their friends. You are invited to remember Janet with donations to the St. Stephen Memorial Fund. Make checks payable to "St. Stephen" and mark them "in Memory of Janet".

Caroline Bailey

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. You are invited to remember Caroline with a memorial gift to the St. Stephen Scholarship Fund in her memory. Caroline and her late husband, Steve, helped establish the Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to "St. Stephen" and mark them "Scholarship Fund" in memory of Caroline Bailey.

Ginny Rountree

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. You are invited to remember Ginny by donating in her name to the St. Stephen Memorial Fund.

Wayne Hauck

Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and her family and friends. There will be a memorial service held on February 3rd, at 11am, at St. Stephen. You can remember Wayne with a gift in his name to the St. Stephen Roof Fund.

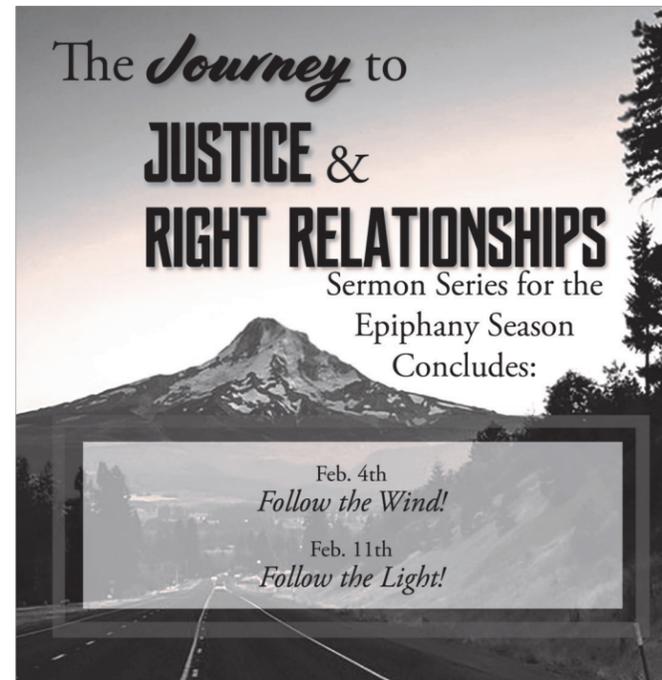


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Traditional Service @ 28 10:15am - Kids Club @ 11:15am - Contemporary 6:30pm - Confirmation/Yout	3pm - Girl Scouts @ 5pm - TOPS @ Fellowship 7pm - Worship Team	10:30am - Strings Plus 12pm - Cluster Pastors 6:30pm - Cubscouts @ 7:30pm - Welsh Choir @	4:15pm - Praise Pals 7pm - Handbell Choir	9:30am - Quilters @ 5:30pm - Executive 6:45pm - Choir Practice @ 7pm - A.A. @ Fellowship 7:30pm - CCC Practice @	9am - TOPS @ Fellowship 7pm - N.A. @ Fellowship	3pm - G.A. @ Fellowship
9am - Traditional Service @ 11 10:15am - Kids Club @ 11:15am - Contemporary 6:30pm - Confirmation/Yout	3pm - Girl Scouts @ 5pm - TOPS @ Fellowship 7pm - Worship Team	10:30am - Strings Plus 12pm - Cluster Pastors 5pm - Pancake Feed @ 6:30pm - Cubscouts @ 7pm - Leadership Board 7:30pm - Welsh Choir @	8:15am - Bible Study @ 4:15pm - Praise Pals 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Handbell Choir	6:45pm - Choir Practice @ 7pm - A.A. @ Fellowship 7:30pm - CCC Practice @	9am - TOPS @ Fellowship 7pm - N.A. @ Fellowship	8:30am - Men's Breakfast 3pm - G.A. @ Fellowship
9am - Traditional Service @ 18 10:15am - Kids Club @ 11:15am - Contemporary 6:30pm - Confirmation/Yout	Presidents' Day 3pm - Girl Scouts @ 5pm - TOPS @ Fellowship 7pm - Worship Team	GS Senior Center 10am - Quill Packing @ 10:30am - Strings Plus 12pm - Cluster Pastors 6:30pm - Cubscouts @ 7pm - Bunco @ In homes 7:30pm - Welsh Choir @	8:15am - Bible Study @ 11:30am - Silver Saints 4:15pm - Praise Pals 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Handbell Choir	6:45pm - Choir Practice @ 7pm - A.A. @ Fellowship 7:30pm - CCC Practice @	9am - TOPS @ Fellowship 7pm - N.A. @ Fellowship	8:30am - Women's 10am - TOPS @ Fellowship 3pm - G.A. @ Fellowship
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St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Outside Groups, Preschool, Youth and Family Ministries, Holidays in United States

Feb 2018 (Pacific Time)

Worship Assistants for the Month of February 2018					
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!					
		Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Sermon Topic		Setting 4	Setting 6	Setting 4	Setting 6
Flowers		Linda & Tom Neill in honor of Bryan's bday and in memory of Linda's mother Lula Dahl's bday	Sally Lindgren in memory of Russell Lindgren		Carol & Mike Ransom in honor of Betty & Phillip Gibson
Greeters	9:00 am				
	11:15 am				
Ushers	9:00 am	Ev Buttolph	Barb Carter	Douglas B	Douglas B
	9:00 am	Dean Menken	Del Smith		
	11:15 am				
	11:15 am				
Readers	9:00 am	Bill Peck	Bonnie Beisell	Rob Kugler	Jerry Groner
	11:15 am	Don C	Bill J	Audrey W	Cheryl R
Cantor	9:00 am	Jacob Lundgren	Abigail Graves	Barb Groelz	Brian Yapko
Assistant Ministers	9:00 am	Emily Boleyn	Judy Wunderlich	Bill Peck	Rob Kugler
	11:15 am	LaRae A	Don C	Bill J	Audrey W
Communion Assistants	9:00 am	Judy Wunderlich and Barb Carter	Barb Groelz and Doug Boleyn	Judy Wunderlich and Barb Carter	Bill Peck and Barb Groelz
	11:15 am	Jill M/Audrey W	Polly D/Tessa D	Sue R/Audrey W	Connie C/Cheryl R
Communion Music	9:00 am	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Offering	9:00 am	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir
	11:15 am				
Sound	9:00 am	Sid Toll	Sid Toll	Sid Toll	Sid Toll
	11:15 am	Andrea D	Tessa D	Andrea D	Tessa D
Audio-Visual	9:00 am	Abigail Graves	Jacob Lundgren	Errol Rivers	Errol Rivers
	11:15 am	Tessa D	Andrea D	Tessa D	Andrea D
Prayer Minister	9:00 am	Bonnie Beisell	Linda Schmuck	Bonnie Beisell	Linda Schmuck
	11:15 am	Sally L	Bill J	Eileen J	Sally L
Fellowship Café	Snacks	LaRae Applebee &	Mitzi Kugler & Julie Harguth	Jane St. Jacques &	Carolyn Hauck & Cheryl Ridlon
	Set-up	Bonnie Beisell	Bonnie Beisell	Bonnie Beisell	Cheryl Ridlon
	Host	Kathie Todd	Kathie Todd	Kathie Todd	Kathie Todd
	Clean-up	Marlys Weiss			Douglas Buchner & Jerry Groner
Bread Baker		Wendy A. K. May	Nadine Hermann	Bonnie Beisell	Joy Arnold
Wine	For the month				
Altar Guild	For the month				
Tellers		Jill and Audrey	Polly and Nadine	Coralie and Polly	Sue and Cheryl



Lately, we have been receiving lots of returned mail. Please take a moment to update your personal information, via email (ssl@sslgladstone.org) or via our website (sslgladstone.org). Did you know that it will also save the church money? We pay double for every letter that is returned to us! So not only would this update ensure that you receive all of your mail and email, but it would save the church some money! Just take a second to send us your current email, mailing address and phone number.

JANUARY UPDATE FROM THE LEADERSHIP BOARD

- Opened with a devotion on freedom through grace and gratitude as a response.
- Discussed report from treasurer. Low attendance and offerings in the last few months has led to St. Stephen falling behind on its bills. Executive team had to borrow \$8,000 from the \$24,000 Thrivent stock fund in order to get caught up on bills. A campaign to raise \$8,000 to return the money to the trust fund to safeguard our future will be started at the end of January. "Melt the Debt"
- Discussed other staff reports.
- Pastor Scott is taking two weeks of bereavement leave at the end of January.
- St. Stephen's 65th Anniversary will be held on April 15, 2018 and we discussed the celebration. Will also hold a very short congregational meeting to propose amending the constitutional bylaws to move the Fiscal year and budget from October 1 to September 30 so that our financial matters more closely follow the church year.



The preschoolers have been very busy since their Winter Break. We have been learning about snow and animals that spend their lives in snow and ice. We've been talking about the clothes we should wear in the snow, too. One of our favorite books in January was "The Mitten" by Jan Brett – the illustrations are just beautiful!! Maybe we will have some snow by the time you read this article. 😊

Now we are planning our Valentine parties and working on all kinds of projects using hearts – so we can show our families and friends how much we love them. And, of course, we are beginning to look forward to spring projects, spring walks and playing in our playground.

Yes, spring is just around the corner and preschool registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in early March.

We are planning to offer two classes next year. We will have a Tuesday/Thursday morning (9am to noon) "3 year old" class and a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning (9am to noon) "4s/Pre-K" class.

Encourage your friends and family to call the preschool at 503-656-3035 or email us at preschool.ssl@gmail.com. They can also check out our website at www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com.

Our Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser will begin mid-March, so start planning!

Lori Funk,
Preschool Director

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Pastor	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee
Minister of Music & Worship (9:00am)	Jamie Webster, PhD
Min. of Music & Worship (11:15am)	Kathleen Hollingsworth, DMA
Minister of Youth & Families	Tessa Dailey
Congregation President	Jill Messecar
Vice President	Jason Fosberg
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Treasurer	Connie Cook
Finance Secretary	Sue Robinson
Bell Choir Director	Emily Boleyn
Praise Pals/Youth Worship Team Director	Audrey Weintz
Nursery Attendant	Alex Kaster
Parish Nurses: Marie Reitz, RN (Ret); Barb Carter, RN (Ret); Eileen Johnsen, RN (Ret)	
Quill Support Team: Bonnie Beisell, Nanette Breznan, Herb Ketterling, Marie Reitz, Sue Robinson, Lois Smith, Marie Fosberg	



FOLLOWING CHRIST OF THE CELTS

« A LENTEN JOURNEY TO EASTER »

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Holy Season of Lent begins Feb. 14th, 7pm
Service of the Word and Ashes—using part of
Holden Evening Prayer.



SOUP, CELTIC SAINTS & CANDLELIGHT PRAYER

« WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT »

« FEB. 21ST – MAR. 21ST »

–Soup Supper at 6pm, Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm–



Enjoy a good bowl of soup and the nourishing
fellowship of Friends in Christ.

Learn about a Celtic Saint to encourage you on your
spiritual journey

February 21st: *St. Brigid*

February 28th: *St. Brendan*

March 7th: *St. Columba*

March 14th: *St. Kentigern*

March 21st: *St. David*

Enter into the warm light and soft singing, peaceful
prayer and gentle presence of Christ.

“From this fullness we receive grace upon grace”
(John 1:16)

– a sprintime for the soul –



Bible Study



The 1st and 3rd Wed. mornings of
every month

•8:15am—In people’s homes
(see bulletin)

•Contact: Diane Berreth (656-5761)

The 2nd and 4th Wed. mornings of
every month

•9:30am in church Library

•Contact: Marie Reitz (655-2710)



Do you love social media? Are you
good with computers? Do you just
like to tool around the internet? If this
sounds like you, then you may be the
perfect fit for our new volunteer
position. We need an individual (or
two) to be our Social Media Guru.

This position requires a weekly
update to the front page events
section on our website and updates on
social media to inform the community
about our upcoming events. If you’re
interested, please contact the office.



Backpack Buddies We put Grace in action!

*We are a cooperative
ministry of Gladstone
schools and churches,
providing 100 underfed families per
week with food in their time of need!*

This month we are gathering:

- Peanut Butter: in plastic jars, no glass please
- Spaghetti sauce and noodles
- Hearty soups & chili
- High grade tuna and Chicken
- Mac and Cheese

Look for the Backpack donation tub
in the narthex

Annual Fat Tuesday

Pancake Feed

Feb. 13th, 5-7pm
in the Fellowship Hall



\$5 suggested donation, for all you can eat pancakes.

All proceeds go to support the
Confirmation/Youth Group

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