

The Quill

March 2019

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH



Who's Who

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Interim Pastor	Sue Seiffert
Minister of Youth & Families	Tessa Dailey
Congregation President	Jason Fosberg
Vice President	Jeff Garrett
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!



Quilts for Sale:
Baby Quilts (36x48): \$30
Lap Quilts (size varies): \$40

ST. STEPHEN IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY. BELIEVING GOD LOVES EVERYONE AND ALL CREATION.
SHARING OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS IN SERVICE AND CELEBRATION.



From the Interim Pastor

What will I write about for this issue of the Quill?

I know!

The Transition Team!

Yes, yes, I know: I wrote about this last month. And I talked about it during the congregational meetings on the last Sunday in January. And I've been talking about it during the Welcome and Announcement time on Sunday mornings. And I have had handouts about it, which have been posted in various places. Do you get the feeling I believe this is important?

The Transition Team will play a key role in the effectiveness of the interim time. They are not the Call Committee, but they are crucial for the work of the Call Committee. The Transition Team will engage the congregation, ask for participation, listen carefully, assess what they hear, and from that describe the identity and mission of the congregation. This will then define the qualities that the future Call Committee will seek in the process of interviewing candidates for the position of your next pastor. It's like dominoes: you want a good pastor, which means the Call Committee must know what to look for, which means there must be clarity about who you are and where God is leading you, which means there must be discernment that comes from asking the right questions and listening carefully to the answers, and that is what the Transition Team will be doing.

This process involves the whole congregation, so that is why I have been asking you to pray about who should be on the Transition Team. Who do you trust? Who do you respect? Who is wise? Who listens well? Who is connected to the congregation in several different ways? Pray about this! Seek to discern God's will. Now, I've been saying this for a while. And I know that some of you instantly thought of names. But I asked you to continue praying; sometimes when we think we've discerned what God wants, something happens to lead us in a slightly different direction.

The day is coming. On Sunday, March 10th, in worship, you will be asked to write down four names (please, please, please, please PRINT the names!). Remember: this is not a ballot, you are not voting, people are not campaigning. You are listening for the voice of God. I will collect the names. I will enter them on a chart on my computer. The people who are named most frequently will be getting a phone call from me. I will ask them to be in prayer about whether or not God is indeed calling them to serve on the Transition Team.

Note, the officers of the Leadership Board will not be serving on the Transition Team; there is always plenty of other work for them to do. Also, Tessa will not be serving on the Transition Team; her input into the process will be invaluable and she will probably be asked to attend some of the meetings as time goes on, but her role as a significant employee of the congregation would make it challenging to also serve on the Transition Team. However, other members of the Leadership Board and the people who have very part-time administrative roles may serve on the team.

Note that March 10th is also the first Sunday in Lent. That means that it is the first Sunday when we shall have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. So we will be coming together as one community of faith, worshipping together in one worship service, praying together about who will serve on the Transition Team, taking this significant step together as we move forward together into the next phase of the life of St. Stephen Lutheran Church. If it is impossible for someone to be present in worship on Sunday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m., I will continue to receive names through the 15th before I begin to make the phone calls.

Pray. Listen for the voice of God. Pray some more. This is the beginning of a holy, important, exciting time for St. Stephen.

Peace,

Pastor Sue

Lent

The season of Lent is a time for reflection and discipleship. It is the most ancient season of the church year. Initially it was the time when new converts would make the commitment to become a member of the Church. They would be given instruction, have a mentor, and engage in certain disciplines with the goal of being baptized at the first Easter service, which took place after sunset on Saturday.

As the Church became more established and there were fewer adult converts, the focus of Lent shifted to contemplating the last days of the early ministry of Jesus: his suffering and death. Disciplines shifted from a time to of learning how to be a Christian to a time of repentance in response to all that God has done for us in Christ. In recent years, things have shifted back towards Lent as a time to grow in faith, which of course includes repentance.

The classic spiritual disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and giving alms (charity). This year, St. Stephen will focus on prayer. In particular, the emphasis will be on prayers for healing. The intercessory prayers that are used on Sunday mornings follow a pattern: prayers for creation, for nations and leaders, for healing of brokenness, for this particular community of faith, and for those who mourn the dead. Each of the five Sundays in Lent will focus on God's promise of healing for one of these areas.

In addition to Sunday morning worship at 10:00 a.m., there will be worship every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. March 6th will be the Ash Wednesday service; the rest of the Wednesdays will continue the emphasis on prayer with Holden Evening Prayer.

Wednesdays in Lent

Beginning March 13th



Soup Supper 6 pm

Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm

President's Report

We are still looking for an office assistant person. The last go around didn't provide any fruitful options, but we are still looking. I know that there are many of you who have volunteered to help in the office and I appreciate it. I apologize that I have not been able to reach out to you. If you are able to come in, then there are some projects that we have available to work on.

I thank everyone that has helped during this transition time. Chris Duncan, for proofreading and correcting all of the mistakes that I make. Emily Boleyn and Jill Messecar, for working on the slides every week. Bonnie Beissel and Cheryl Ridlon for all of the time that they put into the Fellowship Café. The Members of the Employee Liaison Team for working throughout the process of finding the new staff members. The worship Committee for taking on the tasks of helping to plan our worships. Also to all of the members of the Congregation who have volunteered for helping with all of the aspects of service and the fellowship.

Jason



Unified Service

Sundays in Lent

Beginning March 10th



Unified Service 10 am

Adult Education and Kidz Club
at 11 am

After much reflection and conversation, the Worship Committee made a recommendation to the Leadership Board, which accepted and approved it: during the season of Lent, there will be one worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

One worship service gives people the opportunity to see everyone regularly, which lays the foundation for closer relationships. The Worship Committee hopes that it will be a positive experience for everyone. This is a trial. Things can be adjusted. The committee will welcome responses and ideas. Of course all change is challenging, but change can also be surprising and even good. Please give this trial a fair chance. There will be two worship services, at the usual times, on Easter Sunday.

In addition to Sunday morning worship, there will be worship every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. March 6th is Ash Wednesday, which will include the opportunity to receive ashes and Holy Communion. Beginning March 13th, Holden Evening Prayer will be used and there will be soup served beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Education

Since there will be one 10:00 a.m. Sunday service beginning March 10th, Pastor Sue will be able to lead adult education classes after worship. Pick up a cup of coffee and some goodies (or, on the 10th, an entire plateful of food, since there will be a pot-luck) and come to the library.

Pastor Sue will come prepared to review some classic Lutheran theology, using the Small Catechism as a foundation, but the sessions will really be called: "Stump the Pastor". Anyone is welcome to come with any sort of question related to church, Scriptures, faith disciplines, doctrine, traditions, history, the transition process, current events, etc. Warning: any questions about sports will be met with a blank stare.



FAT TUESDAY

Pancake Feed & FUNdraiser*

March 5th from 5-7pm

Come join us for all you can eat
pancakes with all you can think of
toppings for them.

Cost is \$5/person at the door

(paypal reader option also available)



Join Us for Brush and Brunch

March 9th, 2019 from 10am - 1pm

Fee is **\$35** and includes:

Canvas, Paint, Brushes

And step by step instruction from professional artist Michele of Free to be
Art

There will also be snacks, punch and goodies galore!

Great Fun and Amazing fellowship!!

All are welcome!

Please RSVP to Madison via email: berrethmadison@gmail.com



BRUNCH WITH THE BELLS!

You're invited to enjoy our St. Stephen Lutheran Bell Choir presentation, followed by a Pot-Luck Lunch!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

**Concert at 11 am, lunch at 11:30 am
290 W. GLOUCESTER, GLADSTONE, OR**

**Please bring: A SALAD, ENTRÉE, OR DESSERT TO SHARE
SIGN UP AT YOUR CHURCH FOR THIS FUN EVENT!
COORDINATED BY ANN GERBER, GLADSTONE CHRISTIAN and
EMILY BOLEYN, ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN
HOSTED BY THE SILVER SAINTS**

The End-of-the-Rainbow-Auction



WHAT: A FUNdraiser for Our Youth
to help them be servants of Christ by practicing
discipleship, peacemaking, and justice.

WHEN: 5-7pm, Sunday, March 17th

For \$10 per Adult, \$5/under 6 come and enjoy an
evening full of food, music, and if you dare-dance an
Irish jig.

~ Tickets available NOW after services or contact the office ~

Featuring:

Irish Potato Bar with all sorts of toppings, and
delicious desserts (Sugar free option available for those
that need one.)

Silent Auction & “Golden Ticket” Raffle

***Remember to wear your green or Celtic
clothing!***



From the Preschool

The month of February sped right by with everyone watching and waiting to see if it would really snow. As I am writing this article, I am at home because school is closed for the third day in a row. It seems there has been just enough snow for Gladstone schools to have two late starts and one school closure. Since we have morning classes only, we do not have late starts at Preschool. I am personally ready for warmer weather and some sunshine. Hopefully spring is just around the corner!

Preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun and classes are already filling up. We are offering 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@sslcgladstone.org as soon as possible. They can also check out our website at www.ststephenpreschool.webs.com.

Our Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser has also begun so be sure and turn in your order form (one is included in this Quill) and payment no later than Wednesday, March 13. Many thanks to everyone who supports and encourages the Preschool by participating in fundraisers!!

Spring Blessings!!!

Lori Funk, Director

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website: ssl@sslcgladstone.org

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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

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.

St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool Plant Sale

290 W. Gloucester, Gladstone 97027

ORDER FORM – 2019

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Orders and payment due Wednesday, March 13.

Everything will be ready to pick up the afternoon of Sunday, May 5th.

**BEDDING PLANTS are \$15.00
per flat (24 plants per flat)**

Number Cost

Alyssum-white		
Lobelia-mix		
Marigold-mix		
Petunia-mix		

**GERANIUMS are \$4.00 each
(4-inch pots)**

Number Cost

Geranium-Red		
Geranium-Pink		
Geranium-White		

Tomatoes are \$6.00 (1 gallon)

Number Cost

Cherry tomatoes		
Early Girl		

Gift Certificates are \$25.00

Number Cost

Gift Certificate		
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HANGING BASKETS are \$30.00

Number Cost

Combination Basket		
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Number Cost

Bedding Plants: _____ | _____

Geraniums: _____ | _____

Tomatoes: _____ | _____

Hanging

Baskets: _____ | _____

Gift Certificates: _____ | _____

GRAND TOTAL _____ | _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. STEPHEN PRESCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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

Mar 2019 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

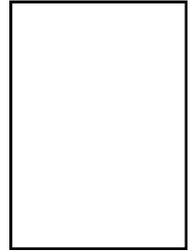
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Eucharistic 9am - Traditional 10:15am - Adult 10:15am - Kidz Klub	25 4:30pm - Praise Pals 6pm - TOPS @ 7pm - Worship Team	26 12pm - Cluster 5pm - Cubscouts @	27 9:30am - Bible 7pm - Bell Choir	28 6:45pm - SSLC Choir 7pm - A.A. @	1 9am - TOPS @	2 3pm - G.A. @
3 9am - Traditional 10:15am - Adult 10:15am - Kidz Klub 11:15am - Contempo 6pm - Youth	4 4:30pm - Praise Pals 6pm - TOPS @	5 GS Senior Center 12pm - Cluster 5pm - Cubscouts @ 5pm - Pancake Feed	6 8:15am - Bible 6pm - Dance Team 6pm - Lenten Soup 7pm - Worship - Ash	7 9:30am - Sew & 5:30pm - Executive 7pm - A.A. @	8 9am - TOPS @	9 9am - Retreat (Celtic 10am - Brush and 3pm - G.A. @
10 Baptismal Daylight Saving 10am - Untrified 11am - Kidz Klub 11:15am - Adult	11 4:30pm - Praise Pals 6pm - TOPS @	12 12pm - Cluster 5pm - Cubscouts @ 7pm - Leadership	13 9:30am - Bible 6pm - Lenten Soup 7pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Evening	14 7pm - A.A. @	15 9am - TOPS @	16 8:30am - Men's 10am - Cub Scouts - 3pm - G.A. @
17 St. Patrick's Day 10am - Untrified 11am - Kidz Klub 11:15am - Adult 5pm - Potato Bar &	18 Quill Deadline 18th 4:30pm - Praise Pals 6pm - TOPS @	19 GS Senior Center 12pm - Cluster 5pm - Cubscouts @ 7pm - Bunco @ In	20 8:15am - Bible 11:30am - Silver 6pm - Lenten Soup 7pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Evening	21 9:30am - Quilters @ 7pm - A.A. @	22 9am - TOPS @	23 8:30am - Women's 10am - KOPS @ 3pm - G.A. @
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Worship Assistants for the Month of March 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!

		3-Mar		10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar
Flowers					Lori Downs	Sally & Andrea Birthday	Schmuck Family – Linda's Birthday
Ushers	9:00 am	Douglas B	10:00 AM	Jere Applebee / Steve D	Steve & Polly Domine	Lori Downs	Steve & Polly Domine
	11:15 am	Tom O'Neil / Steve Domine					
Readers	9:00 am	Chris Duncan	10:00 AM			Cheryl R	
	11:15 am	Audrey W					
Cantor	9:00 am	Chris Duncan	10:00 AM	Rob Kugler	Chris Duncan	Rob Kugler	Rob Kugler
Assistant Ministers	9:00 am		10:00 AM	Barb Carter	Rob Kugler	Bill Johnsen	
	11:15 am						
Communion Assistants	9:00 am		10:00 AM			Cheryl R / Sue R	
	11:15 am	Jill M / Audrey W					
Sound	9:00 am		10:00 AM	Tessa D	Tessa D	Andrea D	Tessa D
	11:15 am	Andrea D					
Audio-Visual	9:00 am		10:00 AM	Chris Duncan	Andrea D	Tessa D	Andrea D
	11:15 am	Tessa D					
Prayer Minister	9:00 am		10:00 AM	Carolyn Hauck	Bill Johnsen		
	11:15 am	Sally L					
Bread Baker		Wendy K May		Nadine Hermann	Chris Duncan	Del Smith	Helen Holden
Tellers		Jill M / Audrey W		Nadine / Polly		Cheryl R	
Wine	For the month	Vonnie Ballew/Douglas Buchner					
Altar Guild	For the month	Linda O'Neil					

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March • Newsletter



Thank you, God!

Thank you for a fresh new year, filled with endless possibilities



Gather with Friends

Silver Saints: Mar. 20th, 11:00am @ Brunch w/ Bells
Men's Breakfast: Mar. 16th, 8:30am @TBD
Women's Breakfast: Mar. 23rd, 9:00am (Special Time) @ The Lair



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

Contemporary Worship • 11:15am



Prayer Chain

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, Ruth(Helen Holden's sister) good healing, peace and comfort for her and her husband, Bobby, John (Tessa's brother), Dee Hanson, 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 Korsmo (Avis Bailey's brother)

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