

ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The **Spirit**

May 2024

Sunday May 12th
Honor Your Mother at
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

A Mother's Love

Of all the special joys in life,
The big ones and the small,
A mother's love and tenderness is the
greatest of them all.

~ Anon.



A Message from your President

Thank you to the Property members, Altar Guild, Choir, Bell Choir, and all who made Holy Week and Easter joyous. It was great to see you all and worship together.

Thanks, Jeannette and all who helped to make the ham dinner a success.

Thank you to all the volunteers who serve our St. Stephen's community, you are all greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping with a committee, event or task, there is also information listed on the Kiosk. We would love to have you!

We look forward to our Church Council meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parlor. All are welcome to attend, please let me know if you do plan on attending.

May you continue to keep your faith in the Lord and find strength and renewal in him.

In God's love,
Jenn Schneider

Sunday School News



We would love some members to volunteer to help or teach one Sunday. The children bring such hope and joy to our lives. We need to show them the love of Jesus by teaching them about him. We have stories to read to them. They are the same lessons you would hear during the Gospel each Sunday just in simpler form. Sometimes we all need to hear God's word in an easier form and remember that Jesus wanted all the little children to come to him.

Our last day of Sunday school is Sunday, May 26.

Lastly, we are asking some parents to step up and Chair the Christian Ed Committee, or Co-Chair. We need your new ideas and we need the current parents to take part in their children's religious learning. We all need Jesus in tough times, but if we don't teach about Him, our children won't know who to turn to when they need God the most.

MAY 2ND
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 19th
PENTECOST SUNDAY

We wear red to remember the flames and passion of the Holy Spirit descending for the first time to those believers who opened their hearts.

As recorded in Acts 2

FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE



Volunteers Needed

Saturday afternoon, May 11th is the day of the annual Postal Workers Food Drive. We really NEED strong arms to help with unloading the boxes of food and to bring them into Fellowship Hall. 4:00 to 4:30 PM.

We will also gather on **Saturday, May 18th** to help sort all the can goods collected by the local letter carriers. Come and bring a friend to help re-stock our food bank. We need all the help we can get, even if it's for an hour. Every little bit helps. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall, 9:00 AM.

**St. Stephen's Lunch Bunch
Thursday, May 16, 2024**

We will be meeting for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on May 16, 2024, at Olive Garden Restaurant, 9280 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia. I have reserved a table under my name.

Ask for individual checks.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can inform the restaurant.

Thanks,
Elaine Bohanan
215-364-6079.

HOPE LODGE

We will visit and provide meals to our friends at Hope Lodge on the **May 13th** and on **June 17th**

See Jenn Schneider for details

Chris's Corner

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

- Theodore Roosevelt

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

**Sunday May 5, 2024
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

The cost associated with purchasing our altar flowers from a florist continues to increase. While we intend to maintain our association with our local florist, we are exploring the possibility of having interested church members arrange the altar flowers for some of our Sunday services. Many churches are following this pattern, establishing Flower Guilds to provide floral arrangements for Sunday mornings, and to help decorate the church for festival seasons such as Easter, Pentecost, Advent and Christmas.

On Sunday, May 5, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Ken Lovett, our sometime organist, will lead a workshop for anyone interested in learning about arranging flowers for the church. Each participant will create one church arrangement. No previous experience necessary, just an interest in learning and participating in this new church ministry.

Please sign up in the narthex before Wednesday, May 1st, so we know how much material to order. There is no charge for the workshop, though contributions to cover the cost of flowers will be gladly accepted.