

**ST. STEPHEN'S  
GOOD NEWS  
April-May-June 2022**



**“Celebrating One Year as Your Sheepdog”**

April 5<sup>th</sup> will be the one-year anniversary of when I started as your rector, or as I think of it, when I started as your sheepdog. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. You all are the flock of St. Stephens, and I wear the dog collar (a loving term for my clergy collar) because I am the sheepdog. My calling is to guide you all in the direction to which our Shepherd is calling.



There is some interpretation that goes with the job of being your sheepdog. Sometimes the Shepherd is clear in the call. For example, Christ is very clear in directing us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and all those good deeds he directs us to do “for the least of these” (from Matthew 24). Discerning our participation in serving food at *The Lord’s Diner* once a month or making 150 sack lunches for the *Sandwich Saturday* feeding program on four Saturdays a year are part of fulfilling this clear call.

Sometimes the Shepherd gives a whistle that I must interpret using the training, experience, and gifts that I bring with me to this flock. For example, leading the vestry through the discernment to replace all the single-paned old windows with new insulated glass windows. The condition of the old windows on half of the building made it pretty obvious that they needed replaced. The way to carry out that project, however, made me lean heavily on my experience in church fundraising, building project management, among other things. All these gifts that came with me when I entered my office a year ago, helped me to interpret this call from the Shepherd to get this project done and walk with the vestry through the process.

An important thing about being your sheepdog is that I can’t walk out ahead of you. The way I plan to always lead St. Stephens is from that posture of encouragement. I will come alongside you where you are and will encourage you to make progress in the direction to which God is calling you. It is important that I help you see and make the path forward. Even if I see it clear as day, if you can’t see it, then I need to do things differently to articulate the Shepherd’s call. There are even times when you help me to hear a call from the Shepherd in an alternative direction.

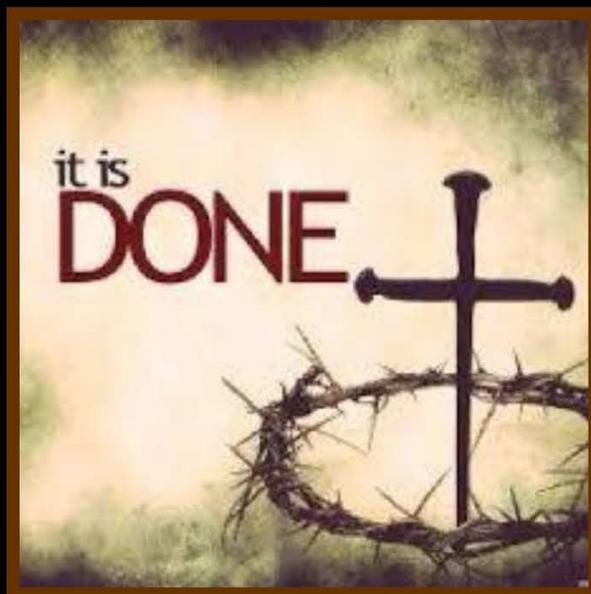
For our second year together as sheepdog and flock, we will continue to discern what our physical building says about how we love one another. Soon you will see repaired siding and fresh paint. We will continue to listen for how the Shepherd is calling us to do more “God Works” in our community and beyond. We will continue to expand the ways we build discipleship as well as fellowship. We have every reason to believe the Good Shepherd is going to keep this flock busy.

~Mother Laurie

# ***"THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS"***

***A LITURGICAL CONCERT***

***FOR GOOD FRIDAY***



**POETIC AND LITURGICAL READINGS  
PAIRED WITH SOLOISTS, CHOIR,  
STRING QUARTET AND ORGAN  
FRIDAY APRIL 15TH**

**7:00 PM**

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
7404 E KILLARNEY PLACE**



## THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION—APRIL 10th

8:30 am— **Holy Eucharist: Rite One**, Holy Spirit Chapel

10:30 am— **Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist**  
Procession outside with palms (weather permitting,  
with brass horn, reading of the Passion

*Volunteers needed after worship in the Fireside Room for filling the Easter Eggs for the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday*

## TENEBRAE SERVICE—WEDNESDAY—APRIL 13th

An invitation from the Wichita Minster to the Tenebrae Service at  
St. John’s Episcopal Church at 7:00 pm



## MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 14th

12:15 pm— **Holy Eucharist**, Holy Spirit Chapel

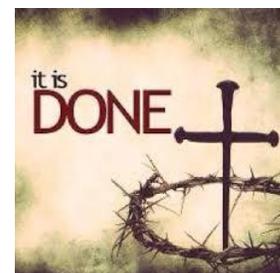
5:30 pm— **The Great Gathering with Holy Eucharist**  
in the Sanctuary

## GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 15th

12:15 pm— **Spoken Liturgy**, Holy Sprit Chapel

7:00 pm— **“The Stations of the Cross”** in the Sanctuary

A Liturgical Concert with soloists, choir, string quartet and organ



## EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 17th

8:30 am— **Holy Eucharist: Rite One**, Holy Spirit Chapel

10:30 am — **Lighting of the new fire and**

**Paschal Candle with Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**, Sanctuary

9:15 am—10:30 am **Potluck Easter Brunch**,  
Parish Hall



**Children’s Easter Egg** to follow the 10:30 am  
service on the west lawn by the playground  
(weather permitting)



# St. Stephen's Calendar April 2022

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3	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Existing Acolyte Training Following the 10:30 am service (lunch provided)	6:30 pm -EfM 6 pm—YAW*	5	7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders— Parish Hall	6	Finance Committee zoom meeting— 7:00 pm	7	Noon-Book Club 5:30 pm Adult Bible Study—Fireside Rm  5:45—7:45 pm— Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall	8	11 am—1 pm VOLUNTEERS PACK SACK LUNCHES FOR SANDWICH SATURDAY	9	<b>10:30 am DELIVER-SANDWICH SATURDAY</b>  Diocesan Lay Leaders Retreat, Topeka
10	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Filling Easter Eggs—11:30 Fireside Room 11:45 am—Youth Group 1:30 pm—Larksfield LEV	6:30 pm -EfM 6 pm—YAW*	12	Chrism Mass, Topeka  Music Rehearsal for Good Friday	13	7:00 pm Tenebrae Service at St. John's Episcopal	14	<b>Maundy Thursday Services</b> <b>12:15pm -Holy Spirit Chapel</b> <b>5:30 pm -Sanctuary</b>	15	<b>Good Friday Services</b> <b>12:15 pm -Holy Spirit Chapel</b> <b>7:00 pm Stations of the Cross</b>	16	Lord's Diner Volunteers
17	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>9:15—10:30 am Easter Potluck Brunch</b> <b>Children's Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 service</b>	6:30 pm -EfM 6 pm—YAW*	19	7 —8 Flint Hill Highlanders- Parish Hall	20	Vestry zoom meeting—7 pm	21	Noon-Book Club 5:45—7:45 pm— Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall Noon-Book Club	22	Women's Summit St. James, Wichita	23	10 am— SW Convocation Meeting—Zoom  Women's Summit St. James, Wichita (Continues)
24	<b>The Second Sunday of Easter</b>  11:45 am—Youth Group	6:30 pm -EfM 6 pm—YAW*	26		27		28	Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45—7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall	29		30	

\*YAW—"Young Adults Wichita", location TBD. Contact Dillon Green 256.762.5110

# St. Stephen's Calendar May 2022



1	<b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b>  New Acolyte Training following the 10:30 am service, lunch provided	2	6:30 pm—EfM 6 pm—YAW*	3	7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders, Parish Hall	4	5	Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall	6	Special Youth Event (TBD)	
8	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>  11:45 am—Youth Group  1:30 pm—Larksfield LEV	9	6:30 pm—EfM 6 pm—YAW*	10	7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders, Parish Hall	11	12	Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall	13	14	
15	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	16	6:30 pm—EfM 6 pm—YAW*	17	7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders, Parish Hall	18	19	Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall	20	21	Lord's Diner Volunteers
22	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  11:45 am—Youth Group	23	6:30 pm—EfM 6 pm—YAW*	24	7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders, Parish Hall	25	26	Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall	27	28	
29	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>  Fr Dillon Green, Guest Preacher	30	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  6 pm YAW*	31							

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# St. Stephen's Calendar—June 2022



<p>5 <b>The Day of Pentecost</b></p> <p>MEGA CAMP</p>	<p>6</p> <p>MEGA CAMP</p> <p>6 pm YAW*</p>	<p>7</p> <p>MEGA CAMP</p> <p>7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders, Parish Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>MEGA CAMP</p> <p>7 pm Finance Committee zoom meeting—</p>	<p>9</p> <p>MEGA CAMP</p> <p>Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>MEGA CAMP</p>	<p>11</p> <p>MEGA CAMP</p>
<p>12 <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b></p> <p>1:30 pm Larksfield LEV</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6 pm YAW*</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders, Parish Hall</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Vestry zoom meeting—7 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Lord's Diner Volunteers</p>
<p>19 <b>The Second Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>DOK Meeting</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 pm YAW*</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7—8 pm Flint Hill Highlanders, Parish Hall</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Noon-Book Club 5:30-6:30-Adult Formation, Fireside Rm 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall</p>	<p>24</p> <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>
<p>26 <b>VBS Sunday</b></p> <p><b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 pm YAW*</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Noon-Book Club 5:45-7:45 pm Wichita Caledonian Pipes, Parish Hall</p>		

# April, May & June Celebrations

## April Birthdays

4/4 TJ Lewis  
4/6 Dale Graham  
4/7 Ashley Winters  
4/8 Les Ryther  
4/10 Paul Attwater II  
Honor Bates  
Brian Gillespie  
4/14 Joe Gehr  
4/15 Deanna Klenda  
Laveta Abboud  
4/22 Brianna Gaskill  
4/25 Mike Floyd  
4/29 Marshall Cooke  
Rebecca Gehr

## May Birthdays

5/2 Lou Ann Robertson  
5/4 Sally Alefs  
5/7 Karen Norton  
5/13 Joe Rothwell  
5/13 Seth Miller  
5/15 Rhea White  
5/16 Karen Phillips  
5/17 Aubrey Watson  
5/24 Criss Schulz

5/25 Susie McFall  
John Staples  
5/31 Sophie Ramsey

## May Anniversaries

5/12 Mike & Linda Henry  
5/31 Dan & Susan Taylor

## June Birthdays

6/2 Annabelle Dohogne  
6/4 Sam Taylor  
6/5 Mary Lynn Priest  
6/6 Hank Hoesli  
6/7 Bob Shurden  
Audrey Kramer  
6/14 Owen White  
6/15 Jason Hart  
6/16 Anne Elsworth  
6/17 Patti Mann  
6/19 Al Higdon  
6/25 Lillian Gattis  
6/29 Colin Hart

## June Anniversaries

6/1 Joe & Devon Rothwell  
6/2 Rick & Susan Gaskill  
6/7 Richard & Amanda Shield





### **Building and Grounds News.**

As the new Junior Warden, I want to let you know we have hit the ground running this year. St Stephen's is in pretty good shape for a building of its age, but the building is large and is not new. Consequently, there is something needing attention most of the time. We have recently completed replacing windows in the building which look very nice and should improve our heating and cooling capacity. The new Columbarium has been installed and if you have not seen it you should take a look at it in the Chapel. It is beautiful. Our painting projects for the building will begin as the weather allows, so pretty soon. New rubber pads have been placed on the bottom of some of the kneeling benches as about 10 were missing pads. We also needed a new door stop to the Parish Office as the spring had failed on the old one. Two hymnal holders were broken out on the bottom. The wood had been replaced or reglued and reinstalled. The Formica in the nursery counter top and the bathroom counter had come loose and has been reglued. A number of the window trim pieces were scuffed and rough from the installation of the new windows. These have been sanded and stained. Finally, the toy shelf in the nursery was not secured to the wall after the nursery was repainted. This has been secured to prevent it from tipping should a child climb on the shelving and the water cooler in the hall by the nursery has been turned on and leaking pipers tightened. The next project is to replace a rotted post on the fence screening the air conditioners to the west of the office entry.

We will be scheduling a Building and Grounds committee meeting soon as we have numerous up keep projects. Should anyone notice something in the building that needs attention, please let Vera, in the Parish Office, or myself know so we can get it on the to-do list and assigned to the correct person, persons, or business to complete the project. At the Building and Grounds meeting, we will discuss some of the needed projects and begin working on them as we move into spring.

Thank you all for your assistance in keeping St Stephens , Rick Gaskill





## **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR (LEV)**

Are you looking for a new REWARDING opportunity to serve St. Stephen's parishioners. Currently there is a real need for volunteers to visit our home-bound, senior facilities and



infirm (normally on a Sunday after service). The training is easy and only requires about an hour of your time. Definition: ***A Lay Eucharistic Minister is a lay person who is trained to bring the reserved sacrament to people in hospitals and nursing homes.***

### **ON BEING A LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

***Melanie Shurden:*** "Have you ever thought about becoming a Lay Eucharistic Visitor? Usually we are sent out two by two. The training is simple and the visits are enjoyable and take approximately 30-40 minutes. To take the consecrated Sacrament directly from our altar to our parishioners unable to come to church is truly a privilege beyond measure and deepens the relationships with the people you visit in a beautiful way. It is a fulfilling part of our Christian mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. Consider being part of this important ministry. Ask a friend to do it with you!"

***RICK GASKILL:*** Susan and I have been LEV visitors for over 10 years and it has been one of the most meaningful pastoral care functions in our life at St Stephen's. While the service is intended for the communal benefit of those we visit, it has been one of the most meaningful spiritual experiences of our lives. As Episcopalians it is always important that we celebrating Communion as often as we can. To see how grateful others are for this opportunity is truly humbling. Susan and I urge all of you to seriously consider joining us in this important ministry.

#### ***Community Volunteer Opportunities:***

If you are interesting in volunteering in our community, please contact any (or all) of the below for more information and opportunities. If you know of other opportunities, please contact the Parish Office!



- \* **Breakthrough/ESS**—[rachel.newell@breakthroughwichita.org](mailto:rachel.newell@breakthroughwichita.org)
- \* **Sandwich Saturdays**—contact Joan Bledsoe, [pansy1918@icloud.com](mailto:pansy1918@icloud.com) to volunteer on



Saturday's. St. Stephen's DOK provides sack lunches one Saturday every quarter (watch for more information).

**The Lord's Diner**—[ku.jayhart@gmail.com](mailto:ku.jayhart@gmail.com) or [rebeccageher@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccageher@gmail.com)

*The 3rd Saturday of each month, 5-8 pm. if you want to help out with preparing the take-out*



## ***A typical Sunday for Children's Formation***

Off the sanctuary, the children's wing is a busy place to be on any given Sunday! The nursery staff, Ms. Lise and Ms. Natalie, open the nursery shortly after nine o'clock and are ready to greet the "choir kids" as their parents attend practice. As parishioners arrive for our Rite II service at 10:30, more and more children trickle into the nursery.



Our nursery serves children ages infant on up. The nursery is well-stocked with puzzles, games, toys, and activities. Thanks to our devoted and highly qualified nursery staff, childcare is available at 10:30 a.m. Sunday services and almost all extra and evening services.

At 10:15, the children who have been in the nursery head over to the Holy Spirit Chapel, where children's chapel is beginning. Children's chapel is led from 10:15–10:30 a.m. by our Music Director, Ashley Winters. The children greet one another in the chapel, pray together as a community, and make joyful noises unto the Lord. After chapel, our children make their way back to the Sunday School rooms, where they begin their lessons for the day.

Our Sunday School meets every Sunday from 10:30-11:07, except Easter and Christmas day. St. Stephen's Sunday School serves children ages three through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We sometimes divide into two classrooms, with the "Littles," aged three through kindergarten, in one room, and the "Bigs," who are first through fifth graders, in the second classroom. We operate as a one-room Sunday School at other times, with all of our children gathered and learning together. Around 11:00 a.m., we begin picking up and preparing to enter the sanctuary to worship with the adults.

Under Mtr Laurie's leadership, the children enter the sanctuary, typically when the congregation is passing the peace, and gather at the foot of the altar to sit on rugs together as we prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist. At communion time, we return to our families in the pews. On the first Sunday of each month, Mtr Laurie invites the children to sit on the floor on their rugs in front of the altar, where she joins us on the steps and preaches a special children's sermon. We still begin worship with children's chapel on these Sundays but have a shortened Sunday School to join everyone in the main church after the gospel reading.

Before the pandemic, our children were taught by a rotating group of parents and other volunteers as it is all of our jobs to help teach our children our beliefs. As this pandemic turns into an endemic, we are again discerning whether the time is right to again go back to calling on this network of volunteer teachers. If you would like to get to know our exceptional, intelligent, kind, and Beloved children by helping to teach Sunday School, please get in touch with Julia Hart or the Parish Office.



## Ashley's Music Notes

Make sure and mark your calendar for **HOLY WEEK**, there will be brass horn on PALM SUNDAY. GOOD FRIDAY "Stations of the Cross" with a stringed quartet, our St. Stephen's Choir, soloists and our own Aubrey Watson on the organ. Invite your family and friends for a LITURGICAL CONCERT for the entire family. EASTER SUNDAY will have special music at the 10:30 am service.



If you enjoy singing, I invite you to join the choir on Sunday mornings, practice is a 9:15 am



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Mark your calendar!

Join "Beacon the Puffin" as we journey on "Discovery of Adventure Island"

Thursday, June 23rd & Friday, June 24th, 5:00 –7:30 pm

Dinner at 5 pm and program will follow at 5:30 pm

Saturday, June 25th, 9:30 am—2:30 pm (lunch will be provided)

Sunday, June 26th will be VBS Sunday at the 10:30 am service.

**WATCH FOR ENROLLMENT and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**



## ST. STEPHEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

Information available to learn about gifting methods and opportunities for St. Stephen's Endowment and how you can plan for the future, both yours and ours. Also, if you would be interested in serving on this committee, please call the Parish Office.

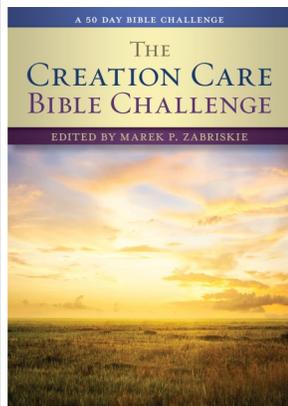
**Committee Members:** Rector Mtr. Laurie Lewis, Chair Paul Attwater, Sr. Warden Mike Morrow, Jr. Warden Rick Gaskill, Chris Graham, Jason Hart, Criss Schulz, Kim Vining, Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper Vera Aikman.



## **ADULT FORMATION for APRIL—JUNE**

Beginning April 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., we will be studying and discussing readings from The Creation Care Bible Challenge, a 50 day set of Bible readings. We have previously used the Bible Challenge readings for the Gospels of Luke and John, The Acts of the Apostles, and for the Way of Love. We will meet every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. from April 28th through June 16th. If you are interested in participating, please call or e-mail the Parish Office so we can be sure to order enough books for those participating in the class.

Mike Morrow, Presenter





Though it may have looked like "that scary part which features in the 23rd Psalm," the Youth Group has reclaimed its space in our lower level! With the help of Mtr. Laurie, Teresa Ryther, and volunteer co-leaders Diane Helmer and Jason Hart, the SSEC Youth Group celebrated their own community by planning, painting, and redesigning the feel of their space over several Sundays. A significant aid to this endeavor has been the donation of veritable loaves and fishes (and chocolate chip cookies) from the several of our SSEC family. The Youth Group continues to meet in this lovely and lively space every other Sunday after church for lunch, some games/activities, some Gospel chat, and some God-works! Our next meeting is Sunday, April 10th. Also, for you parent/guardian/saint-types, be on the lookout as we make plans for an off-campus evening event around Friday, May 6th! (If you say Escape Room, you might have found a clue!)



### **EPISCOPAL SUMMER MEGA CAMP**

***Who wants to go to Mega Camp??  
We want to go to Mega Camp!!!***

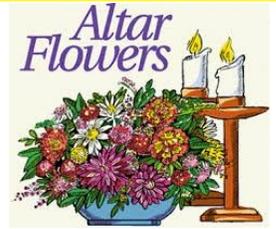
Open enrollment has begun for this year's Episcopal Summer Mega Camp, June 5th - 11th at YMCA Camp Wood in Elmdale, KS. Enrollment is for students 3rd grade (*must have completed 3rd grade*) through high school.

Mega Camp is a great way to make new friends in the diocese, visit old friends, and is spiritually uplifting! The programs provided by the Episcopal Diocese are amazing and structured for each age group.. Camp Wood has many activities to offer as well, such as horseback riding, swimming, archery, canoeing, hiking and so much more.

Scholarships are available through the Diocese and St. Stephens Parish. Fundraisers for camp will also be available so that no camper who wants to attend is left behind. Visit [edokformation.wordpress.com/camp/](http://edokformation.wordpress.com/camp/) for more information. Covid precautions are listed on the website. If you have questions regarding camp, contact Sabrina Dohogne 501-538-1663 or Teresa Ryther 316-461-7213.

## Altar Flowers Dedication April-May-June 2022

### MANY "OPEN" OPPORTUNITIES



**Sponsor** Altar Flowers, Memory Lamp, or Sanctuary Lamp a great way to celebrate an event, a memorial for a loved one, or thanksgiving, as well as, help support the parish.

Suggested donation for altar flowers is \$60, lamps \$5.

*Call or email the Parish Office to save your date!*

4/3	Memory of Birthday of Sally Hoesli	Hank Hoesli
4/10	Celebration of Honor Calliope Bates Birthday	Aubree & Lincoln Brassler
4/17		
4/24	Thank you to our Parish Family for Care, Prayers, Love and Support	Tom & Liz Steele
5/1	Memory of Ava Count Celebration of Ella Count's Birthday	Ric & Darlene Knorr
5/8		
5/15	Memory of Darrel Rolph	Ric & Darlene Knorr
5/22		
5/29	Memory and Gratitude for Birth of Bart Kinney and Mia Norton	Don & Karen Norton
6/5	Memory Luke Maska	Ric & Darlene Knorr
6/12		
6/19	Memory Delmar Rolph	Ric & Darlene Knorr
6/26	Gratitude 45th Wedding Anniversary	Don & Karen Norton



### ON LINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Through "Simple Give" by credit card or ACH, directly deposited to St. Stephen's. Scan the QR code.

You can also visit our web site: [www.ststephensec.org](http://www.ststephensec.org).

Also, giving with PayPal.

### **DILLON'S COMMUNITY REWARDS**

If you shop at Dillon's, you can support St. Stephen's as your charity by using your Dillon's Reward's Card. For information or assistance in enrolling, call the Parish Office. Your Dillon's Rewards fuel points or coupons are not affected but "rewards" our parish!



**Community Rewards Donations received support our ministries.  
We received \$275 for the first quarter of 2022, 49 families are enrolled.**



### Daughters of the King (DOK)

DOK continues to meet both in person and on line, which has proved to be very helpful to those unable to be at our meetings at church. VP Jo Brant

hosts at the church, while President Nan Myers leads from home! The pandemic has taught us some useful things! We are always glad to welcome visitors in either way, who might be interested in finding our more about our Order.

As we move into spring, various service projects keep the members busy. The first Sandwich Saturday was very successful, and we look forward to the second round in early April. This time, we will have the help of the young people who will be organizing the stuffing of sacks. Then volunteers will make the sandwiches and add them. At our last meeting, we also began discussion of support of the International Refugee Committee's work in Wichita.

We are still looking at the possibility of organizing a Junior Chapter possibly next fall. We are also hoping to join with the other chapters in our minster to host a Fall Assembly for all the chapters in Kansas.



We would like to invite YOU to join St. Stephen's Acolyte Ministry. If you are finishing 3rd grade- adult. We need you serving God at the Altar. Please, plan on joining us for lunch and training on **May 1 after the 10:30 am service**. We should be done by 2 pm. We will learn what an Acolyte does, how to do it. Come and join us for lunch and training. Please, let Teresa know if you will be attending or If you have any questions. You can contact me by text, call, or email at: 316-461-7213 or [teresaryther@gmail.com](mailto:teresaryther@gmail.com). If you wish to



Acolyte and can't come on this date, please contact me and we will make other arrangements to do your training. Teresa Ryther



### SPRING BOOK CLUB NEWS

The St Stephen's/St James Church Book Club, which meets each Thursday at noon, has a busy reading schedule for the spring. We begin with Hidden Life of Trees (Peter Wohlleben), then The Beekeeper of Aleppo (Christy Lefteri), A Walk in the Woods (Bill Bryson), Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (Gail Honeyman), House of Unexpected Sisters (Alexander McCall Smith) and Cloud Cuckoo Land (Anthony Doerr). One can see by this list that we enjoy a variety of genre and writing styles. We invite any book lovers to join us each week, either in person in the St. Stephen's Fireside Room or by Zoom (if need be).



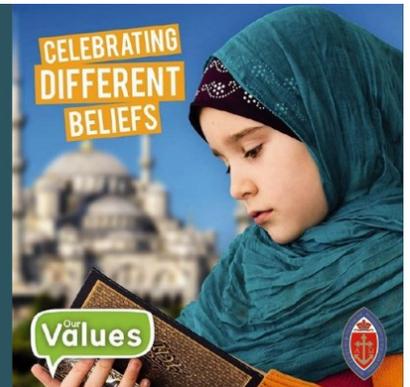
The Wichita Minster would like to invite the members of St. Stephen's to a **Tenebrae Service**

at St. John's Episcopal Church  
3rd & Topeka,  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th at 7pm**

### Women's Summit

April 22-23, 2022  
St. James, Wichita

"Nothing will bring world peace faster than the opening of our lives to cultures and religions unlike ours."  
~Sister Joan Chittister



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

**Meal kits that don't require extra ingredients:** Canned meat, canned sauce and pasta all in one box are great choices, person receiving can make without having to purchase additional ingredients.

**Pancake and muffin mix that only require water:** Special treats or easy breakfasts, the simplest is pancake or muffin mix that only requires water.

**Canned soups and pasta meals:** Soups, canned ravioli or pasta meals that don't require but a heat source to eat are excellent for those who have limited resources

**Canned meat:** Tuna, chicken, salmon, Spam or similar types of meat are excellent choices, (avoid potted meat blends, sardines and similar choices are difficult to get a child to eat). Kid friendly items are good.

**Variety of canned fruits:** Good choices are peaches, pears, cherries or tropical fruit blends.

**Allergy friendly food options.:** Gluten free, nut free, dairy free and overall allergy friendly is always beneficial.

**Basic staple pantry items:** Rice, dry beans, oil, shortening, baking soda and powder, vanilla extract and seasonings of all kinds are always welcomed. Garlic, pepper, salt, chili powder, etc. can make a meal much more palatable.

**Shelf stable milk:** Individual serving sizes of shelf stable milk (Horizon Brand)

**Juice boxes:** 100% pure juice individual boxes.

**HYGIENE PANTRY:** Toilet paper, paper towels, bleach, sanitizing solutions, sanitizing wipes, basic cleaning supplies.

**Feminine hygiene products:** Maxi pads, tampons, panty liners and

**Baby diapers and wipes:** Baby diapers (all sizes), wipes (unscented), baby wash, baby shampoo, diaper rash cream, new unused bottles and nipples, formula (in date).

**Personal care :** Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soaps, face wipes, foot care, lotions, razors in packaging, shaving cream, lip balm, Vaseline.



***Drop items in the "little red wagon" in our narthex and DOK will deliver to Breakthrough!***



***THANK YOU for the men's coats, shoes, belts! They were much appreciated. The picture is of one of the grateful recipients that received a new pair of boots!***



***FILL THE RED TUB with EASTER CANDY in the narthex.***

***Collecting individually wrapped candy for the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.***

***Mark your calendars to help fill the eggs after the service on Palm Sunday, April 10th.***



***"Fill the church with Easter Lilies"***

***If you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily, forms available in the weekly insert and on the table under the name tags and may be dropped in the alms basin, or call/email the Parish Office. Dedicate in thanksgiving, memory or celebration.***

***Suggested donation \$20.00 for 6" Potted Plant***

*Plants to be taken home after Easter.*

# Save the Date

**EASTER  
POTLUCK  
SUNDAY  
APRIL  
17th**

**9:15—10:30 am  
between the services.**



# Potluck

Everyone brings something to the Table

**St. Stephen's Annual  
Ice Cream Social  
SUNDAY—JUNE 26th  
Following the 10:30 am service**

**HOMEMADE ICE CREAM  
Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans**

**Live Entertainment, fun activities for the  
kids, silent auction, AND MUCH MORE!**



**Donate a silent auction item(s)!  
MANY Volunteer opportunities,  
watch for more information.**



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