

STEEPLE VIEWS

SERVICE - FELLOWSHIP - WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2026



HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

St. Stephen will host the Holiday Artisan Market on Saturday, November 7 from 10am - 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and start your holiday shopping for gifts or for yourself. We have various vendors, including some of our own church members, who will share their talents and display their craft.

Come for lunch! Our Youth will have a light lunch available and baked goods for sale. There will be some food vendors, as well as a food truck, Rolling Comfort, new to our area, in our parking lot.

Invite your friends and family to join us as we begin the holiday season.

NOVEMBER 2026

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE & BEERS WITH) NANCY

Mathew, Mark, Luke and (beers with) NANCY will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 6:00pm. Nancy Binzel will be joining us in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the differences between skilled nursing, rehab, palliative care and hospice. Beer and snacks will be provided. Sign-up to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOV. 15

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15 at 10:45am. Discussion and a vote will be held regarding the 2027 Budget and incoming Council Members. Please plan to attend.

J.O.Y. TRIP - NOV. 13

The J.O.Y. Group will be traveling to Hartville Kitchen and Collectibles for lunch and shopping on Friday, November 13. Plan to meet in the church parking lot to carpool at 11:00am.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board, if you plan to attend.

SERVICE

LYDIA'S PANTRY

Lydia's Pantry continues to serve our neighbors. Last month we served 272 people. A full shopping list is always available outside the pantry doors.

Items needed this month:

- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Sides
- Cereal
- Soup
- Monetary donations are always welcome



If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, a sign-up sheet is in the office hallway. Contact Keli Miller with any questions.



OPEN TABLE - NOV. 12

St. Stephen offers a FREE community dinner on the second Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from **4-6pm**. OPEN TABLE DINNER is open to everyone. We invite St. Stephen members to join us for dinner with friends and family, as well as our Stow neighbors.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the meal, a monthly sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



NOVEMBER BE THE CHANGE

Worship
Church Cupola Repair
\$1,000



ACME CASH BACK

Earn 5% Community Cash Back.

The Acme Community Cash Back program runs between **AUGUST 1, 2026** to **FEBRUARY 15, 2027**.

Please turn in your ENTIRE Acme receipt to the collection box on the table in the narthex. We will be collecting these receipts through the end of January. All money earned will go toward Mission Support. If you have any questions or need your receipts picked up, please contact Mary Appleby at 330-931-9368 (call or text).



2027 DAILY TEXT

It's time to order the 2027 Daily Text. If you are interested, the group price for the text is **\$13.00**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board and make your check payable to St. Stephen and note *Daily Text*. Envelopes are available and can be placed in the offering plate or in Jane's mailbox.

Deadline to order is November 22



THANKSGIVING DINNER BOX

Thanksgiving Dinner boxes will be available for filling beginning November 1. A grocery list, including a \$25 gift card, is included in each box to purchase.

Dinner boxes include:

- \$25 Grocery Gift Card
- Instant Potatoes (13.75 oz.)
- Stuffing Mix (6 oz. box)
- Canned Yams (40 oz. can)
- Canned Green Beans (2 - 15.25 oz.)
- Canned Cranberry Sauce (14 oz.)
- Turkey Gravy (2 - 12 oz. jars)
- 1 package of Cookies (your choice)
- 1 jar Applesauce (24 oz)

Filled dinner boxes are due back on Nov. 15.
They will be distributed on Monday, Nov. 23.



CROCHET/KNIT ITEMS

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and would like to donate some of your items, they would be a welcome addition to the pantry. Items like hats, scarves, afghans and lap blankets are always appreciated and a special gift for our pantry shoppers.

Please leave your donation on the mailbox table in the office hallway.

COCOON MAKERS NEED TIES

“Cocoon Makers’ is a group of ladies in Kent who make bedrolls, quilts and other items that are donated to area service organizations. They make bedrolls and use men’s ties to wrap around them.

A box is located in the narthex to collect men’s ties. Please place them in the box and they will be delivered to Cocoon Makers.



ST. PAULY CLOTHING SHED

The St. Pauly clothing shed has a window that is often difficult to reach. To help, there is a flexible bin in the narthex where you may place your clothes. (13 gallon bag) We will take it out to the shed for you.

FLOWER CALENDAR

If you would like to celebrate or recognize an occasion, please sign-up to bring flowers to the worship service. Please include your name and occasion.



WORSHIP



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1



REIGN OF CHRIST NOVEMBER 22



ADVENT 1 NOVEMBER 29



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

St. Stephen families are invited to participate in the candle lighting at the beginning of each Advent Sunday worship service.

November 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 24

A sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board. The reading during the lighting will be provided in advance.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

10am - 11:30am in the Lounge

LIVING THE LECTIONARY

Thursday Email Message

MEN IN MISSION

Saturdays at 8am - 9:30am

LIVESTREAM & FACEBOOK

9:30am on YouTube
& Facebook

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 10:45am in the Lounge

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:35am in the Education Wing



HAND BELL CHOIR

The Jubellation Hand Bell Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the narthex. Please see Jennifer Cupak to join.



ST. STEPHEN CHOIR

The St. Stephen Choir rehearses every Sunday morning at 8:30am in the choir room. Please see Dawn Horner, if you would like to join.



FELLOWSHIP



J.O.Y. Group at The Barn in Smithville.



J.O.Y. TRIP - NOV. 13

Join the fun with the J.O.Y. Group on Friday, November 13 to go to Hartville Kitchen for lunch and shopping. Plan to meet in the church parking lot at 11:00am to carpool.

If you want to drive on your own, Hartville Kitchen is located at 1015 Edison St., NW, Hartville, 44632.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would like to attend.

Contact Jane Koch with any questions.

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE & (beers with) NANCY

Join us at Matthew, Mark, Luke & (beers with) NANCY on Thursday, **November 5 at 6:00pm** in the St. Stephen Fellowship Hall.

Nancy Binzel will be joining us to help us understand long-term care options. What "Skilled Nursing," "Rehab," "Palliative Care," and the scary "H word" really mean.

Beer, beverages and snacks will be provided. Feel free to invite your friends to learn about what health choices and decisions mean.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT - DECEMBER 1



Details to come



FELLOWSHIP

MML& (BEERS WITH) NATHAN



Presentation on the
One Church
Experiment by The
Rev. Nathan Krause,
Assistant to the
Bishop for
Congregational
Vitality and Director
for Evangelical
Mission



ADVENTURE

FELLOWSHIP

LADIES' NIGHT OUT - Thai Gourmet



ADVENTURE

FELLOWSHIP

DAR GROUP BIRTHDAY BOXES FOR LYDIA'S PANTRY





Sheetz Grand Opening
provided a donation to
Lydia's Pantry



Trunk or Treat at
First Christian Church

FALL FUN PARTY





Hybrid Council Meeting October 1, 2026

Members in person present: Larry Kribbs, Mark Stultz, Michelle Rousseau, Jane Koch, Pastor John Corsi

Members present online: Mike Leffler

Members absent: Dave Lang, Kevin Strohl

Larry Kribbs opened with prayer.

Jane Koch stated that the minutes of the August 30, 2026 Council Meeting and the September 20, 2026 Congregational Meeting were approved as written.

The financials were sent for August 2026. These will be discussed at the October 18, 2026 Council meeting. It was noted that we were \$3801.34 in arrears for August.

Old Business

Jane Koch will continue to look for a chair for the Crossroads Commission. Topics for this commission will be discussed at the October 18, 2026 meeting.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 4, 2026 to vote for a second time on the Constitutional sections that require a second vote.

Lighting both inside and outside were discussed. Many of the inside lights were replaced by Gary Reynolds prior to the Oktoberfest in the Fellowship Hall area. The timer for the outside lights is no longer working. At this point people using the church in the evenings will be shown how to turn lights on for use until the timer is fixed.

Painting was done on one of the walls as well as under the serving areas in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Gary Reynolds and Anjalee Wagers for completing this task.

The contract for use of the building will be reworked and presented to council for acceptance.

Mike Leffler reported that various roofing companies are being contacted to present quotes for fixing the leaks around the cupola in the sanctuary.

Jane Koch presented a written report on the One Church Experiment that is being held through the Synod Office. Pastor Nathan Krause will be at St. Stephen on Thursday, October 15, 2026 for a further discussion of this program during Mathew, Mark and Beers with Nathan (John). This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

New Business:

K-Company will replace the valve on the HVAC unit on the hallway outside the sanctuary for approximately \$1300.00. A vote was taken by council via email for this approval.

The Budget will be discussed at the October 18, 2026 meeting. Jane Hecht and Anjalee Wagers will be invited to attend this meeting for their input.

A Congregational Meeting to present the 2027 Budget will be on November 15, 2026.

Mike Leffler reported that we have a quote of \$175.00 for snow plowing. Larry Kribbs noted that we were paying last year's company \$145.00. Larry will contact last year's company for a current quote.

NOTE: If we need to cancel services due to inclement weather or an emergency, the Council Person of the Day will make that decision.

Pastor reported that the Sunday following Thanksgiving will be a "Day of Thanks" for all who volunteer at St. Stephen.

Next Council meeting will be October 18, 2026.

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2026 to present the 2027 Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Koch, Recording Secretary

**Congregational Meeting
October 4, 2026**

Voting members present: 27

Larry Kribbs opened with prayer.

Motion was made by Larry Kribbs and seconded by Jim Erickson to suspend the reading of the Constitution section C that required two votes to pass.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mark Stultz and seconded by Dave Lang to vote on the Constitution as a whole.

Motion passed.

The vote was favorable for the acceptance of the Constitution for the second time.

Pastor John Corsi closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Koch, Recording Secretary

Happy Birthday



Nov. 1	Anjalee Wagers
Nov. 2	Linda Knapp
Nov. 3	Carita Parker
Nov. 5	Sherry Petrosky
Nov. 8	Kathleen Ridings
Nov. 11	Dawnya LaMantia
Nov. 12	Jennifer O'Connell
Nov. 15	Marianne Karlson
Nov. 17	Jackson Swindler
Nov. 18	Autumn Johnson
Nov. 20	Jacqui Jarmol
Nov. 21	Pam Lang
Nov. 24	John Lawrence
Nov. 29	Dave Vestfals
Nov. 30	Alecia Murphy

Happy Anniversary



Nov. 1	Doug Henderson & Sherry Petrosky
Nov. 17	Jim & Alice Jackson 70 YEARS!!!!
Nov. 30	George & Kathleen Ridings

Consecration Sunday
November 22





NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS



Date	Assistant Minister	Lector	Usher
11/1	Dave Lang	Nancy Ewing	Debbie Smetts
11/8	Fred Biondo	Kevin Dwenger	Jim Karlson
11/15	Abby Preston	Rachel Stultz	Jane Koch
11/22	Debbie Smetts	Nancy Binzel	Ed Crabtree
11/29	Jane Hecht	Dave Renninger	Mary & Ray Appleby

Date	CPOD	Coffee
11/1	Mark Stultz	Jane Koch
11/8	Dave Lang	Connie Wilson
11/15	Mike Leffler	Joan Conaway
11/22	Kevin Strohl	Seth Kohut
11/29	Jane Koch	Gary & Cathy Reynolds

Altar Guild

Jane Koch

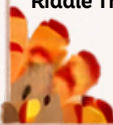
Care Team

Debbie Smetts



November

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 All Saints 9:30 Worship 10:35 Pathfinders 10:45 Adult SS Thanksgiving Box	2 6:30 Cubs 7pm Scouts	3 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	4 7pm Bells	  6pm MML & NANCY Fellowship Hall	6	 10AM - 3PM HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET
 8 9:30 Worship 10:35 Pathfinders 10:45 Adult SS Thanksgiving Box	9  9am JOY Breakfast 6pm Game Grp 7pm Scouts	10 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	11 7pm Bells	  4-6pm OPEN TABLE	13 11am JOY Trip to Hartville Kitchen	 11am - 8pm Elloo Thanksgiving
  15 9:30 Worship 10:35 Pathfinders 10:45 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	16 7pm Scouts	17 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	18 7pm Bells	 19	20	 11am - 3pm Alice Stage Party (FH)
22 REIGN OF CHRIST 9:30 Worship 10:35 Pathfinders 10:45 Adult SS	 23 5-6:30pm Distribute Thanksgiving boxes 6pm Game Grp 7pm Scouts	24 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	25 Church Office CLOSED	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Riddle Thanksgiving 	27 Church Office CLOSED	28 
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