

ST. STEPHEN ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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STEEPLE VIEWS



SEPTEMBER 2025

Play Well: Your Lego Piece



**Play well:
Building
change at**

St. Stephen. Lego is the fall theme for this September as we return back to our regular schedule.

What will YOUR Lego piece represent?

There are many opportunities to share your gifts of time and talent to show God's

love to others, whether it be through volunteering, participating, learning or worshipping.

Please plan to join us for worship on Sundays. We have several speakers scheduled during the month and various Fellowship activities.

Sunday School returns on Sept. 14.

Welcome back!

Bishop Barbins to Visit

Join Pastor John to welcome the Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod-ELCA, to St. Stephen on **Sunday, September 28.**

Bishop Barbins last visited us on Sunday, September 17, 2023.

She will lead the worship service and will also be available to meet and answer questions during the Sunday School hour at 10:45am.

We are pleased that she will be with us. Please plan to attend!

Looking ahead to September:

Sept 1	LABOR DAY
Sept 3	10am-1pm Vitalent
Sept 4	6pm MML&J (Green Valley)
Sept 6	1pm Jack Palm Memorial
Sept 7	God's work. Our hands. 9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:15am RAHAB/Pantry 11:45am Kid's Movie
Sept 8	9:00am JOY Breakfast
Sept 11	4-6pm Open Table
Sept 13	9-11am Rise Against Hunger 10am LifeGuide 101
Sept 14	HOLY CROSS SUNDAY 9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 1pm Carolyn Lutz Memorial
Sept 18	5:30/6:30pm SSSS
Sept 21	THRIVENT 9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:35am Council Mtg 11am-2pm Choir Retreat
Sept 26	11am JOY Trip
Sept 27	10am LifeGuide 101
Sept 28	BISHOP BARBINS 9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB

vitalant



Click the QR Code
above to schedule
your appointment.

Vitalant Blood Drive - Sept. 3

Vitalant Blood Drive
Wed., Sept. 3
10am - 1pm

Vitalant will be holding a
blood drive at
St. Stephen on Wed.,
Sept. 3 from 10am until
1pm in the Fellowship
Hall.

All donors will receive a
\$20 gift card and a
"Giving State" t-shirt,
redeemable via the
Donor Rewards
Program.
Appointments are
recommended. Blood
Drive Code: **100561926**

Donors must use code:
LABORDAY-2025-V
when scheduling an
appointment to receive
the gift card. September
donors receive a free
AIC test. Bring a photo
ID and a list of any
medications you take.



Jack Palm

Jack Palm, 97, passed away on May 16. He
was preceded in death by his dear wife,
Betty. A memorial service will be held at
St. Stephen on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 1pm with a
luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall. All
St. Stephen members are invited to attend.



A Loss
in the **Church**
Family

Carolyn Lutz

Carolyn Lutz, 85, passed away on
July 17. She was preceded in death
by her husband, Bill, and is survived
by her children, William and Dana.
A Celebration of Life will be held on
Sunday, September 14 at 1pm at St. Stephen
Lutheran Church.



A
Celebration
of Life

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (beers with) John

Thursday, September 4

6:00pm

Green Valley Brewing Co.

Join your St. Stephen friends and family on a Brewery Trail.


53 Milford Dr.

Hudson, OH 44236

Order your favorite beverage (it doesn't have to be a beer) and snacks and catch up with friends.



**MATTHEW
MARK LUKE**
& beers with
JOHN

<div>  Matthew, Mark, Luke and (beers with) John THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 at 6pm </div>			
Date	Location	Address	Food
9/4	Green Valley Brewing Company	53 Milford Dr. Hudson, OH 44236	V, GF
10/2	McArthur's Brew House	2721 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	V
11/6	Missing Falls Brewery	540 S. Main St., Suite 112 Akron, OH 44311	V, GF
12/4	Missing Mountain Brewing Company	2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	V, GF, Vegan
2/5	HiHo Brewing Company	1707 Front Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	V, GF, Vegan
3/5	Missing Mountain Brewing Company	2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	V, GF, Vegan
4/2	The Brew Kettle	11 Atterbury Blvd. Hudson, OH 44236	V
5/7	Bell Tower Brewing Company	310 Park Ave. Kent, OH 44240	V, GF, Vegan
6/5	Lock 15 Brewing Company	21 W. North St., Suite TL 1 Akron, OH 44304	V, GF

Locations are subject to change –notice will be sent



Human Trafficking 101 Training

September 7, 2024

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
3725 Kent Rd, Stow, Ohio 44224

Learn the surprising truths
about human trafficking
& concrete ways you can help
survivors find freedom. This training is
free of charge.

*Session material is sensitive in nature,
children should not attend .*

**God's work.
Our hands.**

ThursDay Bible Study - Sept. 4

ThursDay Bible Study

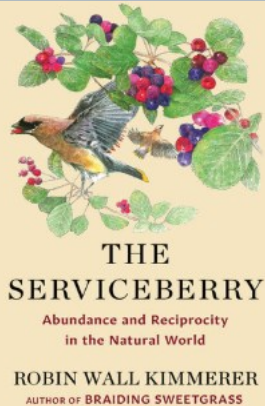
The ThursDay Bible Study is BACK!

See you starting on Thursday, September 4 as we begin **The Serviceberry, Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World.**

Books will be available to purchase.



**Every ThursDay
10-11:30am in the
Lounge**



God's work. Our hands. - Sept. 7

Sunday, September 7

"God's work. Our hands" is a day that continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year, RAHAB will be here to present **Human Trafficking 101**

Training at 12:15pm.
(Not suitable for children).

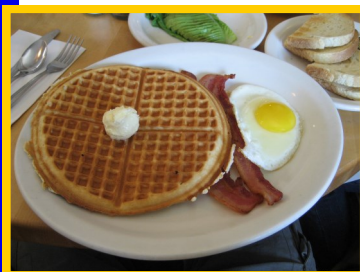
If you and your family will not be attending the training, we invite you to go shopping for Lydia's Pantry. A suggested shopping list will be available.



If you are unable to participate on that day, you are welcome to take a shopping list for Lydia's Pantry and return the items later.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

J.O.Y. Breakfast



The J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth) meets for breakfast the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:00am at the Stow Café.

**See you on
Sept. 8**

Play Well:

Building the Change at St. Stephen



Founded in 1932, by a carpenter named Ole Kirk Kristian (whose family still owns the company) Lego is an abbreviation of the 2 Danish words: leg godt, which means, 'play well.'

Each week in September 2025, St. Stephen will play well with Lego themed worship.

September 7 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Luke 14:25-33

- Luke 14:28-For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?
- Worship will be shortened. Following the shortened service, you choose how you'll play and build:
 - In the sanctuary: join Rahab's Ministries' presentation of Trafficking 101 @ 10:15
 - In the community: shop for Lydia's pantry from a list and bring it back at your convenience.

September 14 Lego Mini Figure Sunday Luke 15:1-10

September 21 Building the Change Luke 16:1-13

- Play Well: Build your own St. Stephen and bring in your work or post pictures on social media!
- Special Guest: Stephanie and Brian McCarty from Thrivent (Worship & Sunday School)

September 28 (Play Well) Together Luke 16:19-31

- Play Well: last Sunday to bring/post your own Lego St. Stephen.
- Special Guest: Bishop Barbins from our Northeastern Ohio Synod (Worship and Sunday School)



Sign-up to help at OPEN TABLE on the bulletin board

September is CHILI Night!

St. Stephen offers a FREE community dinner on the second Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Everyone who uses the building has received an invitation. The meal is advertised by outdoor signage, in the pantry and word-of-mouth.

Plan to come and join us in this fellowship and service activity.

Want to help?

If you would like to help with the meal and become part of a meal team, there's a place for you.

On the day of the meal:

- ♦ 2:30 - 5pm Meal Prep Cook and Serve
- ♦ 5pm Deliver meals
- ♦ 5:00-6:30pm Serve and clean-up

Menus have been predetermined and food will be purchased in advance. Most of the cooking will be done in the St. Stephen kitchen.

Monthly sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to volunteer for future dinners.

**JOIN US on
Thursday,
Sept. 11 4-6pm.
Our Table is OPEN.**

Future Open Table dates on the 2nd Thursday of each month:

- ♦ October 9
- ♦ November 13



Help Feed the World on September 13th

Since 1998, Rise Against Hunger (RAH) has worked to feed hungry people around the world. To accomplish that goal, RAH engages with groups of volunteers to package dried ingredients that can be rehydrated into a nutritious meal. To date, volunteers across the U.S. have packed nearly 600 million meals that have been distributed to 78 countries.

On Saturday, September 13, volunteers will gather in the fellowship hall at St. Stephen at **9 a.m.** to pack 10,000 meals in about **two hours**. Children (with parents), teens and adults are all welcome to participate in this fun and meaningful activity. The event is funded by the family of Clyde and Jean Bolinger, Anjalee Wagers's parents, in honor of their commitment to creating a more just and equitable world. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Neighbors and friends are welcome too!

We need 40 – 60 volunteers to pack these meals.

To learn more about RAH, visit

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

<https://share.google/ThMGhAR9IC2wmBauM> **RELEASE FORM**

CLICK ON THE QR CODE ABOVE TO
COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM

Saints, Sinners, Soups, and Sandwiches



SAINTS, SINNERS, SOUPS, AND
SANDWICHES

Thursday, September 18

Time: Sign-up for either 5:30pm or 6:30pm

Would you like to have some one-on-one time to talk to Pastor John? The topic is up to you. Schedule an hour on Thursday, September 18 and meet at Panera on **Graham Road** (near the Rt. 8 exit) at either 5:30 or 6:30pm. Sign-up on the bulletin board to reserve your time.

J.O.Y. Trip to Maize Valley Winery - Sept. 26

Friday, September 26

11:00am

Maize Valley Winery & Craft Brewery

Join us for a fun trip to Maize Valley Winery and Craft Brewery on Friday, September 26. We plan to meet in the church parking lot to carpool at 11:00am. Once there, we'll have lunch and shopping at Maize Valley with ice cream for dessert at Almost Heaven in Hartville.



Sign-up on the bulletin board to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Koch.

There's plenty of fall FUN!



10 - 11:30am

Saturday, Sept. 13 & Saturday, Sept. 27

NEW: LifeGuide 101

A new support group will begin on Saturday, **September 13** from 10:00am - 11:30am in the Lounge led by our new member, Isobel Faltisco, a past Harvest Home Case Manager. The group will meet every other Saturday.

LifeGuide 101 will discuss addiction issues, mental health issues, boundaries, entitlement, family issues, suicide support and anything people bring to the table. Share this opportunity with family and friends who might need support.

APPROVED July 20, 2025, St. Stephen Council Meeting minutes

Present: Daniel Holm, Jane Koch, Larry Kribs, Michelle Rousseau, Kevin Strohl, Mark Stultz, and Pastor Corsi

- Larry opened the meeting at 10:45 am with a prayer
- The June 29 Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved and submitted to Jane Hecht for posting
- Kevin noted that expenses exceeded receipts in June. He is meeting with the finance team again in early August to consider possible short- and long-term actions that might mitigate the problem. Some of the budget deficit is related to the boiler problem that occurred and has been resolved early this year. Ideas were discussed about how to thoughtfully promote congregational giving and monetizing of the church building, including providing office and coworking space and possibly selling the unused adjacent plot on the western side of the property.
- Further discussion ensued (from the June meeting) about making better use of the St. Stephen's significant endowment to advance the function and mission of the Church. Larry and Kevin had a good meeting with Stephanie McCarty at Thrivent last month. Stephanie offered to come personally to talk with Council members and possibly the congregation as a whole. The following motion was made, seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved by Council:

“Motion to move management of the Endowment Fund from CCM Investment Council to Thrivent Financial Services”

Kevin and Larry will attend the upcoming July 28 Endowment Committee meeting about moving forward with this approved motion.

- The church parking lot needs some maintenance including seal coating.
- Jane Koch is reviewing Church staff job descriptions. It was noted that we might reach out to potential area organists who could serve as possible subs when needed on Sunday mornings.
- Pastor Corsi noted that he is making fall plans which could involve modifying our Thursday night programming. Stay tuned!
- Solar powered lights and new locks will be installed for the St. Pauli donation shed on the southwest corner of our property. Pastor asked that Council members add “shed attentiveness” to their Council Person of the Day duties on Sunday mornings. Jane closed with prayer at 12:30.

Next Council meeting will be held on August 24th

Mark moved to adjourn.

Minutes created by Daniel Holm, Recording Secretary

The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World

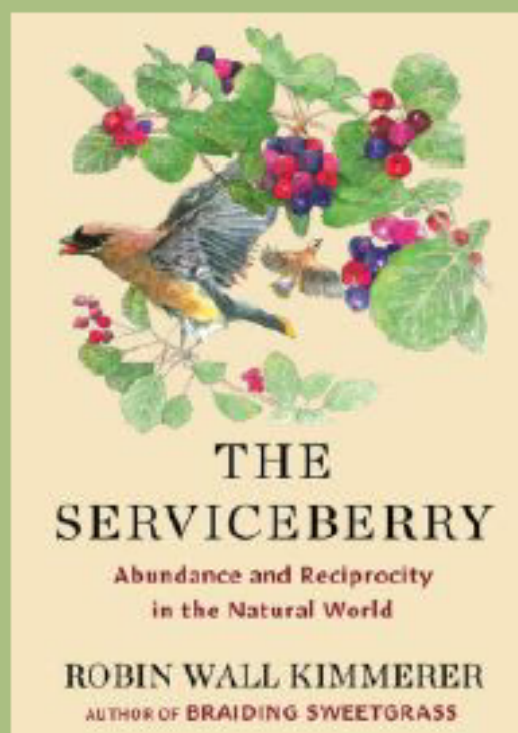


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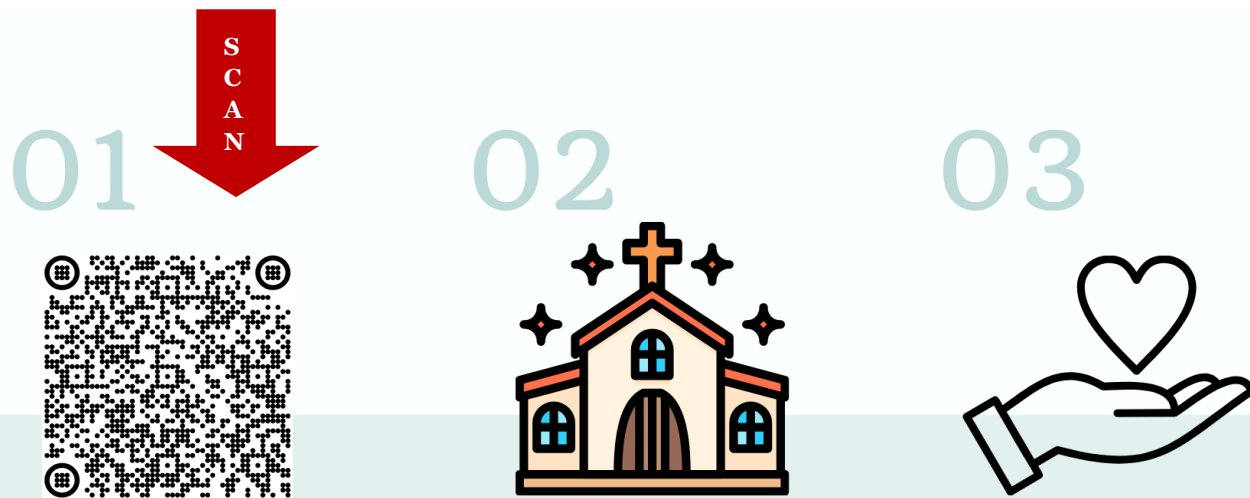
During the month of October 2025 – as Fall begins to set in and the seasons change, we will spend these weeks renewing our connection to the land and drawing from the example of God's work in nature to reconsider our own purpose and place.

* A limited number of copies of the book will be available for purchase at St. Stephen for you to read and pass along.

- Learn about gift economy
- Consider reciprocity
- Wrestle with the idea of whether the church's wealth is in the belly of its neighbor
- Pray about the abundance of God's kingdom



Servant Keeper Online Giving



Scan QR Code

Our QR Code will take you directly to our custom giving page

Sign up/Sign in

If you haven't yet created a donor login, this is your chance! Login if you already have.

Donate!

You can now process a donation, and set up your recurring donation!

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/StStephenLutheranChurchStow>

St. Stephen has a New Online Giving Application

To use Servant Keeper Online Giving, scan the QR code or use the URL. (above). Sign-up. Follow the directions and enter your personal email. Update password of your choosing. (An email will be sent to verify). The new password will need to have 8 characters, one capital, one symbol. Add the payment method: credit card or bank account transfer. Schedule. Choose account. Enter amount. ☐ Cover Processing Fee to pay for it out of your personal account. Choose frequency. (Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Monthly, Annual) SAVE.

You can change your giving amount or frequency whenever you choose. Once complete, you will receive a confirming email from Servant Keeper.

Servant Keeper will automatically add an app to your device so that you can change your options easily. It will default to a St. Stephen screen when opened and can be used for **Give Now** occasions when you may want to additionally give for other instances, i.e. Mission Support, Be the Change, etc. You can access your scheduled giving by clicking the '3 lines' in the upper left corner.

Choir is Welcoming New Members

St. Stephen's choir will practice on Sundays at **8:30am** in our choir room.

We rehearse Sunday mornings before our church service and sing twice a month. We have a strong core of wonderful, talented, music reading musicians. If you would love to join us, but you don't read music, you will have plenty of support from that group.

We laugh, sing and work hard.

If you love to sing, want to meet new people and want a morning filled with laughter and a sense of accomplishment, the choir is a place for you. See you on Sunday in the choir room.

Dawn Horner, Choir Director



Clear Bags Recycled into Park Benches

The local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter is collecting clear plastic bags. The DAR chapter meets here at St. Stephen on Saturdays.

The clear plastic bags are collected and taken to the Kent Lions Club, who then delivers them to Terex. Terex takes the bags and recycles them into park benches. (see photo)

The following clear plastic items are accepted for recycle:

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Ice bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Case overwrap (drinks)

If you have clear plastic to donate, please place it in the bag in the narthex.





Call for Artists & Vendors

Fall Craft Market

**Saturday, October 11
10am-3pm**

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church
3725 Kent Road, Stow, OH 44224**

Interested in becoming a Vendor?
Contact office.ststephenstow@gmail.com

\$25 for an indoor (8'x6'space) or outdoor (10'x10'space)

Acme Cash Back

ACME Community Cash Back Collection

Earn 5% Community Cash Back.

The Acme Community Cash Back program runs between **AUGUST 1, 2025 to FEBRUARY 15, 2026**.

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).



Help Support Our Organization!
SHOP & EARN 5% CASH BACK

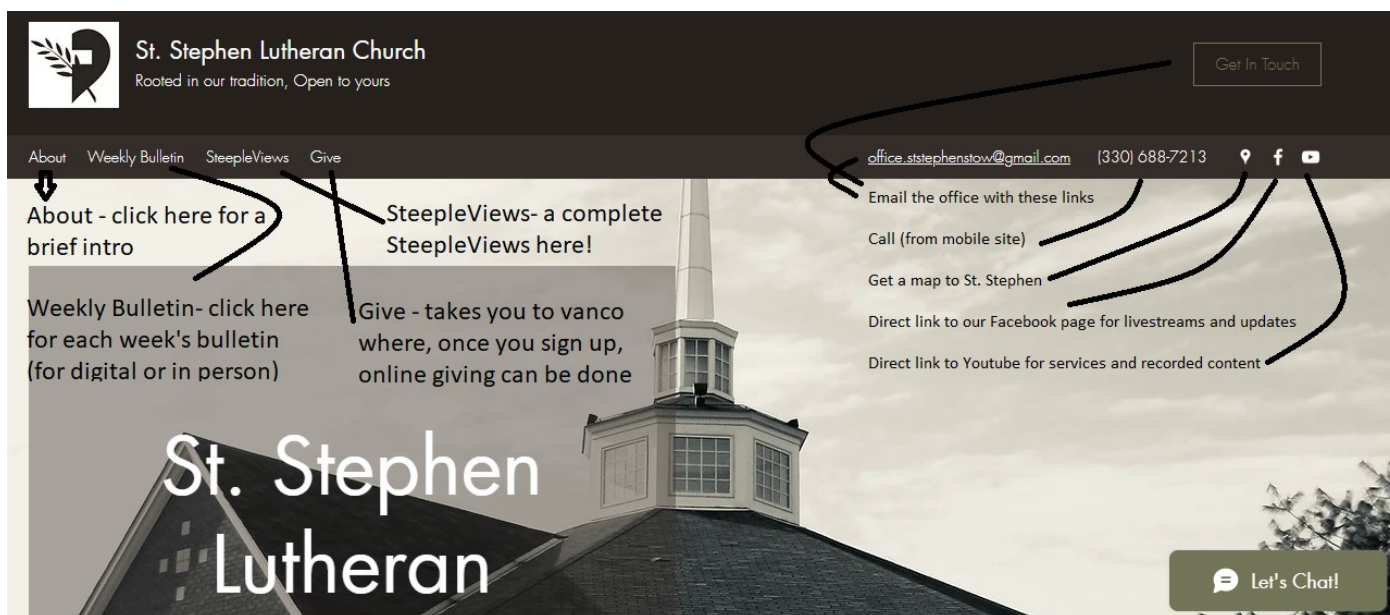
IT'S EASY!
Save your Acme Fresh Market receipts dated August 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 to help us raise money!

Earn 5% Back on Participating Brands!

Earn 5% Community Cash Back on these Participating Brands:

- ACME Fresh Market
- food club
- TopCare
- tippy toes
- simply done
- circle k
- Sweet Pea
- Paws Happy Life
- WIDE AWAKE COFFEE CO.
- PURE HARMONY
- THAT'S SMART!
- Cape Covelle
- over the top

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Email the office with these links

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Get a map to St. Stephen

Direct link to our Facebook page for livestreams and updates

Direct link to Youtube for services and recorded content

Let's Chat!

St. Stephen Lutheran

Annotations:

- About - click here for a brief intro
- SteepleViews - a complete SteepleViews here!
- Weekly Bulletin - click here for each week's bulletin (for digital or in person)
- Give - takes you to vanco where, once you sign up, online giving can be done

<https://www.ststephen-stow.com/>

Look for your weekly bulletin on the site.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY



Have you checked out Pastor John's **PREPARING FOR SUNDAY** email? In case you may have missed it, or meant to open it, but never did, check it out!

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY comes in your email and is also available on YouTube.

Listen and watch this weekly Bible Study and text reference.



**September Be the Change
Service
Thrivent "Rainy Day" Fund
\$1,000**

Join Jubellation Handbells

**Wednesdays
7-8:30 p.m.**

Have you always wanted to play, but didn't know how to start?

The Jubellation Handbell Choir rehearses on **Wednesday** evenings from **7-8:30 p.m.**

The bell choir typically plays once a month during worship.

Please see Jennifer Cupak and talk to her about joining.



Holy Cross Sunday - Sept 14



Live-streamed Worship

www.ststephen-stow.com

If you haven't checked it out yet, give it a try. Go to Facebook on Sunday morning at 9:30am to watch Pastor John live-stream the Service of the Word. You can follow along in your bulletin for the worship and prayers. Bulletins are also available on our website.

The morning worship is available at 9:30am on YouTube. You can subscribe and your St. Stephen videos will be kept together on the site. Both Facebook and YouTube are now available on our website. By clicking in the upper right corner on their icon, you will be taken directly to the site.



2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board.

If you would like to celebrate or recognize an occasion, please sign-up for your preferred date.

On the dates that are noted as holidays on the calendar, the church will supply the flowers. If you wish one of those dates, please contact the church office.

Please include your name and the reason for the remembrance.

You are welcome to bring your own flowers or order from a local florist.



Giving Envelopes



**If you need
Giving Envelopes,
please contact the
church office.**

office.ststephenstow@gmail.com

or call 330-688-7213.

Sept. 7

**Please bring
your finished
items to be
given in
Lydia's
Pantry**

In-Person

St. Stephen Nursery Open



The St. Stephen nursery is open from 9:15am - 10:45am. If you would like to attend worship and have your baby cared for during service, please come to the nursery. The nursery is available for the entire worship service or even a portion of it. We hope this will make it easier for new parents, but as always, children are welcome to remain with their parents during worship, if they wish.

Crochet/Knit Needed Items

The Crochet/Knit Group no longer meets at the church.

However, if you enjoy making hats, scarves, afghans and lap

blankets at home, you can still share your items with people in need.

Items received will be placed in Lydia's Pantry for the taking.



Men in Mission Bible Study



**MEN in
Mission**

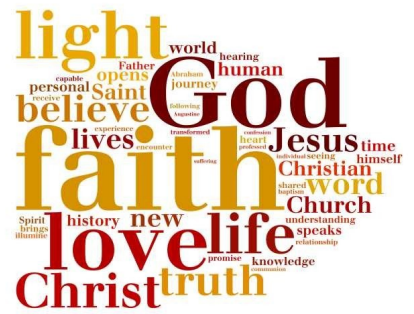
**Saturdays
8:00-9:30 a.m.**

Men in Mission is a faith-based study group for men of all ages that meets every Saturday from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. in-person.

Throughout the year, the path of study is chosen from books of the Bible or Christian-themed literature. The conversations each week are the best part of this group. You can attend any time.

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX TO HELP OUT DURING WORSHIP

Altar Guild ~ Coffee



**The Akron-Canton Foodbank has selected St. Stephen/Lydia's
Pantry to participate in a FREE Senior Food program.
We are looking for help. Contact us if you are interested.**

Tech Assistance Needed
Everything streaming to recording to
playing videos.
Please contact the church office.

Longing to GROW?

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Northwestern
Ohio Synod



Northeastern
Ohio Synod

2025-2026 Course Offerings

**Class dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor.*

Foundations Classes:

Worship Matters

Sep 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16

Christianity in a Lutheran Key

Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, Dec 4

Intro to Old Testament

Dec 11, 18, Jan 8, 15, 22

Intro to New Testament

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar 5

Lutheran Creeds & Confessions

Mar 19, 26, Apr 9, 16, 23

Living as Christians in the World

May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4

Practical Classes:

Pastoral Care

Sep 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16

Church History

Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, Dec 4

Proclamation

Dec 11, 18, Jan 8, 15, 22

Healthy Congregations

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar 5

Cultural Diversity

Mar 19, 26, Apr 9, 16, 23

Christian Ethics

May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4

Open Table Hosted by Men in Mission





The Lydia's Pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm.

If you would like to volunteer, a schedule is on the bulletin board.

If you would like to donate items to the pantry, please check out at the list of needed items.

Monetary donations are always welcome.

Collection for September

Items needed in the pantry now:

- [Soup](#)
- [Bar Soap](#)
- [Dish Soap](#)
- [Detergent](#)
- [Cereal](#)
- [Canned Meat](#)
- [Toilet Paper](#)

Lydia's Pantry

Food Items

Hot Cereal: Oatmeal, Single Packs
Cold Cereal: Boxes, Single Packs
Breakfast/Cereal/ Granola Bars
Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup
Macaroni & Cheese Boxed, Single Cups
Hamburger Helper
Manwich Sauce
Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter & Jelly Grape, Strawberry
Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing Mix
Rice, Egg Noodles
Fruit, Applesauce, Jello, Pudding Cups
Crackers: Peanut Butter, Cheese Packs
Salad Dressing
Juice, Juice Boxes
Single Chip Snack Bags, Microwave Popcorn
Coffee/Filters/Tea Bags/ Hot Chocolate Packs
Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Pasta
Canned Soup
Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, Ham
Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Beans, Tomatoes

Hygiene Items

Soap/Shower Gel, Hand Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
Feminine Products
Diapers & Baby Wipes

Paper & Cleaning Products

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue
Dish Detergent, Clothes Detergent
Liquid Multi-Purpose Cleaner

The pantry served 240 people in August, including 67 NEW families.

Rubber Ducks Game



Come and see the movie **“Light of the World”** with us!!

This movie is the animated story of Jesus as told through the eyes of his beloved young friend, the Apostle John.

When: Sunday, September 7

Where: Regal Hudson Cinema 10
5339 Darrow Road, Hudson, OH 44236

Time: Meet outside at 11:45 am.

The movie begins at NOON.

Cost: Kids are \$10. Adults are \$12.

(Those are the prices I found online. I hope they are right!) You can reserve your seats online.

Questions: Talk to Mary Appleby (cell 330-931-9368)

September

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!!

**First Day of Sunday School
is Sept. 14 at 10:35am**



Parents:

Please give prayerful
consideration to
volunteering for
Pathfinders Sunday
School..

Pre-K - 6th grade

If you have any
questions or want to
learn more, please
contact Mary Appleby.

ELCA Youth Gathering Minneapolis, MN June 28 - July 2, 2027 Informational Meeting

Sunday, September 14th after church in the
Cubbon Room.

This meeting is for those who will be in 8-12
grade at the time of registration (which is the
fall of 2026) AND their parents.

If you think you are even a little bit interested,
please attend this meeting. If a scheduling
conflict prevents you from attending the
meeting, please reach out to Tori Kuzemchak or
Kelly Swindler with any questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Sept. 7

God's Work. Our Hands.

9:30am Worship

**11:45am Movie at
Regal Hudson**

Saturday, Sept. 13

9-11am

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, Sept 14

**Pathfinders Starts
10:35am**

**10:35 Youth
Gathering Mtg**

Sunday, Sept. 21

**9:30am Worship
10:35 Pathfinders**

Sunday, Sept. 28

**9:30am Worship
10:35 Pathfinders**



ELCA Youth Gathering



Informational Meeting

Sunday, September 14th after church in the Cubbon Room.

This meeting is for those who will be in 8-12 grade at the time of registration (which is the fall of 2026) AND their parents.

If you think you are even a little bit interested, please attend this meeting. If a scheduling conflict prevents you from attending the meeting, please reach out to Tori Kuzemchak or Kelly Swindler with any questions.



Yehiel Curry to serve as the fifth presiding bishop of the ELCA

After becoming mission developer, Bishop Curry enrolled in the [Theological Education for Emerging Ministries](#) program at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and received his ordination certification in 2009. In 2012, when Shekinah became an official ELCA congregation, it called Curry to be its pastor. He served in that role until he was elected bishop of the [Metropolitan Chicago Synod](#) in 2019. Bishop Curry was elected to serve a 6-year term in July.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

Happy Anniversary!

9/10	Jim & Tracie McNutt
9/11	Bill & Barbara Schloman
9/13	Tim & Dawn Zinsmeister
9/14	Daniel & Sara Holm
9/16	Mike & Sara Carnahan
9/20	Dave & Kelly Swindler



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9/2	Nancy Binzel
9/2	Nasreen Toro
9/4	Alice Jackson
9/6	Lisa Jajowka
9/6	Lisa Morris
9/7	Lydia Heiser
9/10	Piper Gooxby
9/10	Darlene Teeters
9/13	Barbara Miller
9/14	Jacob Harrington
9/15	Kim Marschik
9/23	Ed Crabtree
9/23	Jane Koch
9/25	Brian Friedt
9/26	Emma Karlson
9/26	George O'Connell
9/29	Roberta DePompei
9/30	Zavier Kuzemchak
9/30	Everett LaMantia

September Volunteers

Date	Asst. Minister	Lector	Usher
	9:30 am Worship		
7	Bob Dieter	Jane Koch	Deb Smetts
14	Dave Lang	Sandee Davis	Jane Koch
21	Doug Berkey	Connie Wilson	Ed Crabtree
28	Fran Dieter	Dave Renninger	Mary & Ray Appleby

Altar Guild	Care Team
Linda Knapp & Jane Hecht	Jane Koch

Date	CPOD
7	Daniel Holm
14	Jane Koch
21	Larry Kribs
28	Michelle Rousseau

Date	Coffee
7	JoAnn Schoonover
14	Gary & Cathy Reynolds
21	Joan Conaway
28	Jane Koch

September 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1  labor day	2 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	3 10a-1pm Vitalent Blood Drive 7pm Bells	4   6pm MML & J Green Valley	5	6  8am MEN in Mission 1pm Jack Palm
7  God's work. Our hands. Worship 9:30am 11:45 Kid's Movie 3:30 Court of Honor	8  9am JOY Breakfast 6:30 Cubs 7pm Scouts	9 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	10 Bible Baptist 7pm Bells	11   4-6pm	12	13  8am MEN in Mission 9-11am Rise Against Hunger 10am LifeGuide 101
14  HOLY CROSS Worship 9:30am  10:30 1pm Carolyn Lutz	15 7pm Scouts	16 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	17 7pm Bells	18  5:30/6:30 SAINTS SINNERS & SOUP	19	20  8am MEN in Mission Baby Shower
21  thrivent Worship 9:30am  10:30 11a-2p Choir Retreat	22 7pm Scouts	23 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	24 7pm Bells	25  	26  11am JOY Trip Maize Valley	27  8am MEN in Mission 10am LifeGuide 101
28  Worship 9:30am  10:30	29 7pm Scouts	30 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border				