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## The More You Know...

Just a reminder of your options:

### Worship Bulletins:

- ♦ There are full bulletins, one-page bulletins, and a QR code for access to the digital version of the bulletin.
- ♦ The digital version is sent out weekly ahead of worship - please update your email with us, if you would like to receive it.
- ♦ Hard copies are available via the USPS - again, please notify us if you'd like to be included in this, and update your address with the office.



### Communion:

- ♦ Generally, Communion is joined by kneeling at the altar rail. Communion at St. Stephen is open: this means as long as one is baptized and believes that Jesus is truly present, they may join us.
- ♦ If you - or someone with you - would like to receive a blessing in lieu of the sacrament, simply fold or close hands.
- ♦ There is a gluten- free option - please notify the pastor.
- ♦ There is a non-alcoholic option - simply use the apple juice in the center of the trays.
- ♦ There is communion available if you need to remain in your seat.

### Looking ahead to May:

May 1	6pm MML&J
May 4	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:45am Adult Sunday
May 6	6:30pm Ladies Night Out
May 7	6:30pm Youth Meeting
May 8	4-6pm Open Table
May 11	Mother's Day 9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:35am Adult Sunday
May 12	9:00am JOY Breakfast
May 17	9a-12n SYNOD ASSEMBLY
May 18	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:35am Adult Sunday
May 20	10am JOY Trip to Don Drumm
May 18	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Adult Sunday 10:45am Congregational
May 24	12-3pm LaMantia
May 25	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Adult Sunday
May 26	MEMORIAL DAY
May 30	8-5p Lifeline Screening

# Ladies Night Out

## Ladies' Night Out - May 6

**Tuesday, May 6  
6:30pm**

Join us for fun night with St. Stephen friends on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30pm to have dinner at Sammie's Bar & Grill.

Sign-up on the bulletin board or call Pam Collins to let her know if you need a ride.

Sammie's is located at 498 South Ave., Tallmadge.



## Carl Ohnmeiss

Carl Ohnmeiss, 89, passed away at home on April 13, 2025. He was the husband of Sharon for 58 years and father of daughters Amy, Laura and Fred.

Pastor Corsi conducted a service at St. Stephen with many friends and family present on Friday, April 18. A reception remembering Carl followed.

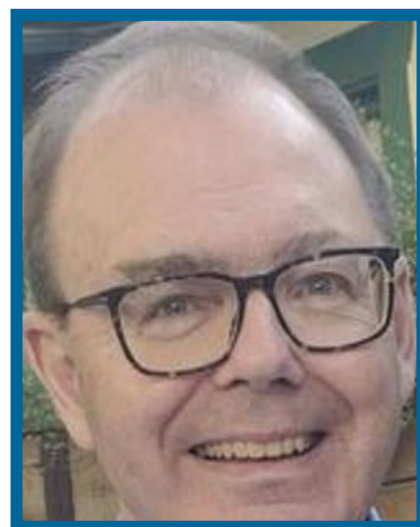


*A Loss  
in the* Church  
Family



## Jon Paul

Jon Paul, 69, passed away on April 8, 2025. He was the husband of Janet and father of Daniel, Michael and Rod Villanueva and Brazilian Foreign Exchange Student, Andre Moraes and grandfather of eight grandchildren. Calling hours were held at Redmon Funeral Home on April 25 and service was held on Saturday, April 26 with a luncheon following at St. Stephen.



## NEO Synod Assembly - May 17

### **NEO Synod Assembly Saturday, May 17**

The annual NEO Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. This year's assembly will be held online. St. Stephen

will be hosting a WATCH PARTY welcoming other congregations to join members of the synod. Visitors are also welcome to watch the livestream to watch the decision-making process.

If you would like to participate as a voting lay member or visit the discussion, please contact Pastor John or the church office. The fee for voting members will be covered by the church.



## Congregational Meeting - May 18

### **Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 18**

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18 immediately after the worship service at 10:45am

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibility of installing solar panels at the church to save money on future electric bills. This will be an informational meeting.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## Handbell Choir Director Needed

- ♦ Requirements: Has previous paying and directing experience
- ♦ Resume: Submit to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3725 Kent Road, Stow, Ohio 44224 by May 31, 2025. Interviews will be held during June 2025.
- ♦ Job Description: Available upon request by calling 330-688-7213.

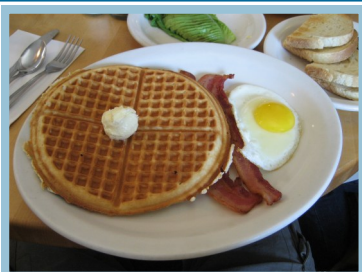
# Easter Dinner Box Distribution



Thanks!

A hand-drawn smiley face with a hand reaching up towards the word "Thanks!". The smiley face has a simple circular body with a smiling mouth and two dots for eyes. A hand with five fingers is drawn reaching up from the bottom right towards the word "Thanks!".

## J.O.Y. Breakfast - May 12



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

**See you on  
May 12**



# Adult Easter Egg Hunt





# Maundy Thursday





# Easter Sunday



# J.O.Y. Trip to Don Drumm - May 20

**J.O.Y. Trip**  
**Tuesday, May 20**  
**10:00am**

Join the J.O.Y. Group to enjoy some shopping at Don Drumm Studios and Gallery on Tuesday, May 20. Plan to meet in the church parking lot at 10:00am. to carpool. Don Drumm is located at 437 Crouse St., Akron.

Lunch will follow at Akron Family Restaurant, 254 W. Market St.

Sign-up on the bulletin board, if you would like to attend.

Be sure to check out the yard art! What a great way to bring in the good weather. There's something for everyone!



## Easter Breakfast

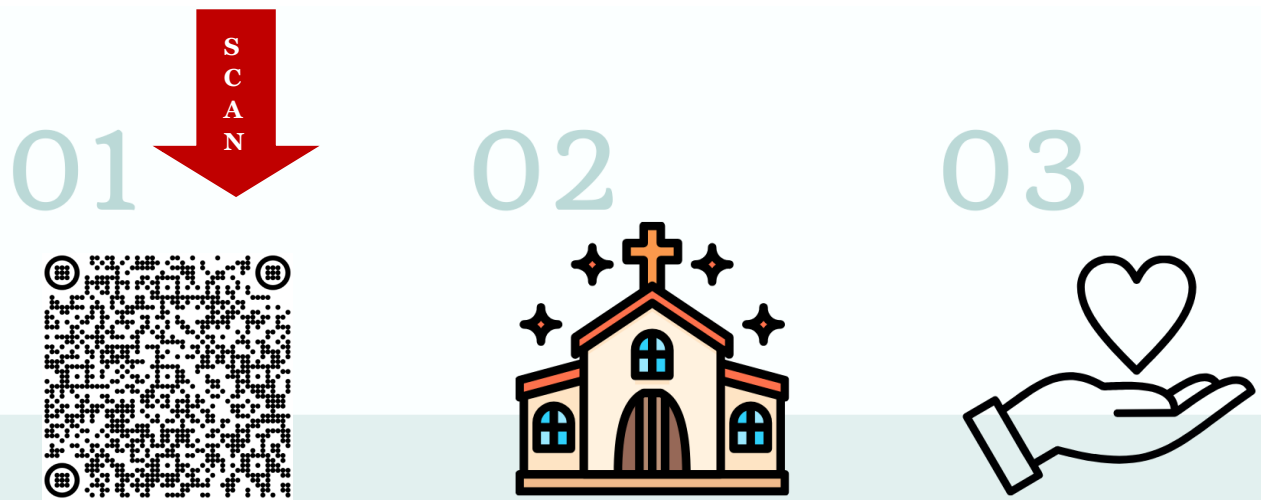


Thank you,  
Deb & Doug Berkey  
for a lovely start to  
our Easter Sunday!





# 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.



### **Mission Statement:**

RAHAB Ministries provides Christ-centered transformational services to those directly affected by sex trafficking.

For more information about any of our programs, which serve Northeast Ohio, please [contact us](#).

### **Outreach**

RAHAB Ministries started with one woman who went into the streets of Akron to meet women who were being trafficked, offering kindness, prayers, and any possible assistance. Today, more than twenty years later, RAHAB carries on this work by sending teams of trained staff and volunteers into the streets and strip clubs of Stark, Summit, and Cuyahoga Counties to build relationships, offer support, and share the love of Jesus with women in these spaces. The women we encounter often ask for prayer from the female volunteers who interact with them, while men on the teams wait, pray, and guide our teams. RAHAB volunteers go out on a weekly or monthly basis to build consistent relationships and bring light into dark places.

We are deeply grateful to the following individuals and organizations who have generously sponsored one of RAHAB's Outreach Teams in 2025 to ensure this important work is carried out!

- Jail Ministries
- Drop-In Homes
- Adult Mentoring
- Minor Mentoring
- The Willows—Youth Case Management
- Education and Training

#### Get Involved:

- ◆ Give
- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Pray
- ◆ In-Kind Donations
- ◆ Monthly Newsletter





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

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.

A SignupGenius page is available or sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to volunteer for future dinners.

**JOIN US on  
Thursday,  
May 8 4-6pm.  
Our Table is OPEN.**

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

- ♦ June 12
- ♦ July 10

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

**Thursday, May 1 6:00pm**  
**NEW TIME!**

**Bell Tower Brewing Co.**

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

**310 Park Ave.**  
**Kent, Ohio 44240**

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



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

**THURSDAY, MAY 1 at 6pm**

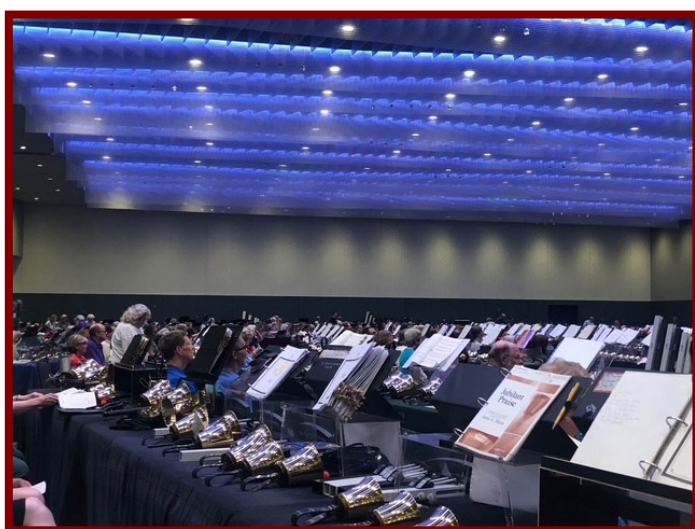
Date	Location	Address	Food
5/1	Bell Tower Brewing Company	310 Park Ave. Kent, OH 44240	V, GF, Vegan
6/5	Lock 15 Brewing Company	21 W. North St., Suite TL 1 Akron, OH 44304	V, GF

**Please note the NEW START TIME  
for Matthew, Mark, Luke & (beers with) John.**



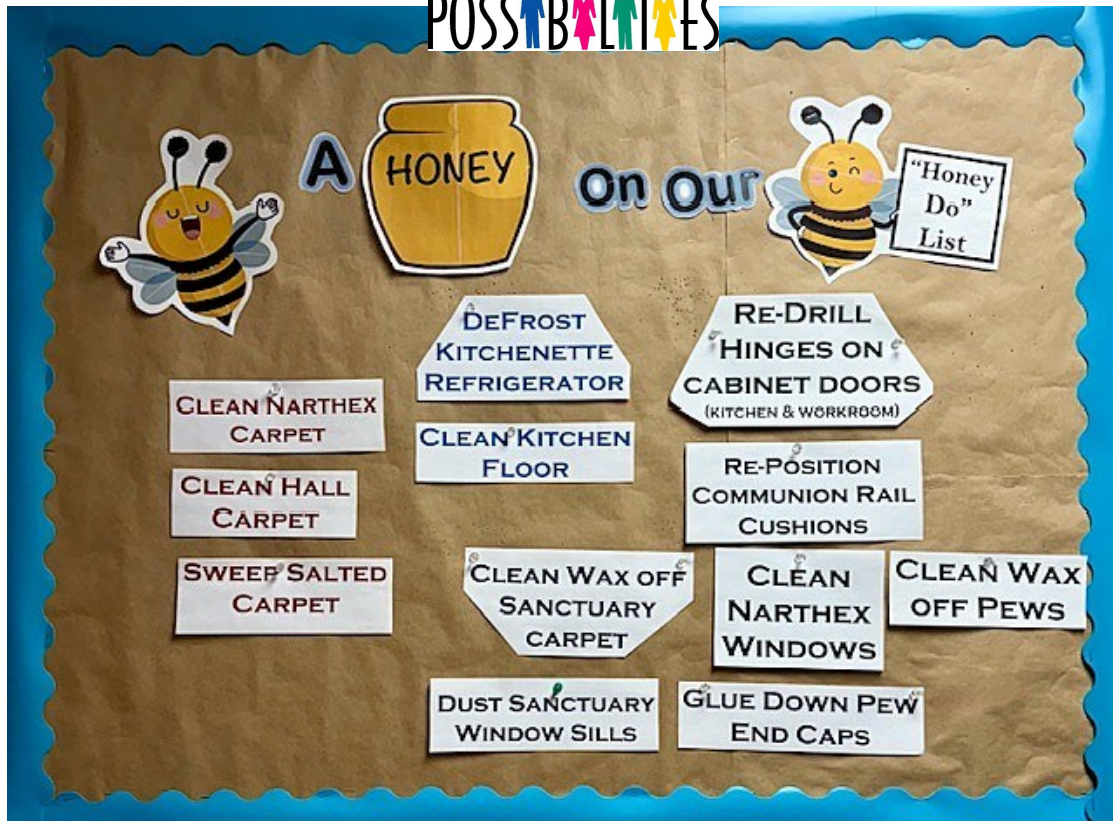


# Area 5 Handbell Festival - Columbus, Ohio






# NEW VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES



## Check Out Our Website



**St. Stephen Lutheran Church**  
Rooted in our tradition, Open to yours

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About Weekly Bulletin SteepleViews Give

office.ststephenstow@gmail.com (330) 688-7213

[Email the office with these links](#)  
[Call \(from mobile site\)](#)  
[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](#)

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

**St. Stephen Lutheran**

Let's Chat!

<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.**



**May Be the Change**  
**Service**  
**RAHAB Ministries**  
**\$500**

## Lifeline Screening - May 30 8:00am-5:30pm

**Special screening package for \$159 for our members includes:**

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- **FREE** Hypertension Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **888-814-0466**  
and use code: **HSCA001**

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**  
The Power of Prevention



# Live-streamed Worship

[www.ststephen-stow.com](http://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.



## Zoom Bible Study with Vicar Brian

St. Stephen has begun to work together with Rejoice Lutheran in Hudson. Vicar Brian Suntken offers a Zoom study for the people of Rejoice and would like to make it available to any St. Stephen members who would like to participate.

**Each Thursday at 7:00pm**

**Meeting ID: 322 240 0299      Passcode: COSJ2020**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NlB1WEcoNnhEUCsocDM3OW9Bdz09>

## 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 Connie Wilson and talk to her about joining.

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

## 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.

**In-Person**



# Lydia's Pantry

Acts 16: 12-15



The Lydia's Pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm. (Wednesdays have been discontinued.)

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 May

### Items needed in the pantry now:

- [Canned Tuna & chicken](#)
- [Baked beans](#)
- [Spaghetti noodles](#)
- [Spaghetti Sauce](#)
- [Manwich](#)
- [Knorr sides](#)
- [Toothpaste](#)
- [Dish soap](#)

## 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**

**The pantry served 291 people in April including 33 NEW families.**

# May

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



### Pathfinders Sunday School

Parents:

Please give prayerful  
consideration to

Pre-K - 6th grade

If you have any  
questions or want to  
learn more, please



### First Communion Class

**Sunday, June 1 at 10:35am**

**Class with Pr. John**

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY**

**June 8**

**9:30am**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 4

**10:35am  
PATHFINDERS**

May 11

**10:35am  
PATHFINDERS**

May 18

**LAST DAY OF  
PATHFINDERS**

**10:35am  
PATHFINDERS**

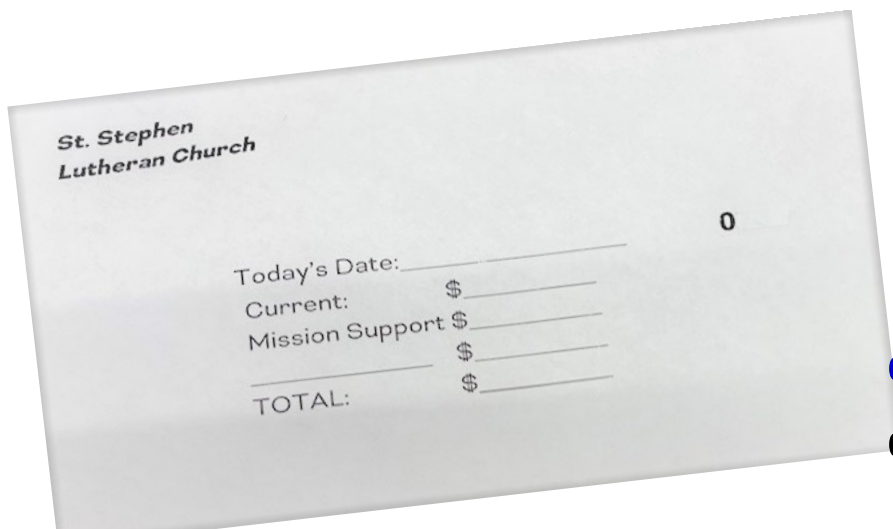




# Kid's Easter Egg Hunt



# Giving Envelopes



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

[office.ststephenstow@gmail.com](mailto:office.ststephenstow@gmail.com)

or call 330-688-7213.

## St. Stephen Nursery

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.



## 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*

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## May

### Happy Anniversary!

5/1 Chuck & Joan Conaway  
5/3 Gary & Carita Parker  
5/5 Ray & Kim Goosby  
5/12 Tom & Joan Marttala  
5/12 Keith & Joan Pearson  
5/17 Gary & Barbara Miller  
5/20 Kevin & Jennifer Dwenger  
5/20 John & Lindsey Malin  
5/24 Larry & Audrey Tucker  
5/28 Eric & Deb Friedt  
5/30 Jim & Marianne Karlson  
5/31 John & Valerie Huddleston

5/1 Tori Kuzemchak  
5/2 Nancy Camburn  
5/9 Joan Conaway  
5/9 Mike LaMantia  
5/11 Doug Henderson  
5/12 Kate Corsi  
5/12 Jennifer Dwenger  
5/12 Jim Erickson  
5/13 Janet Bergstron  
5/14 Maxwell Hoffman  
5/14 Scott Schlea  
5/15 Christopher Eiloo  
5/16 Pam Choler  
5/19 Maddie Vestfals  
5/23 Dave Renninger  
5/24 Ted Jarmol  
5/25 Swetha Kanakavalli  
5/25 Lisa Lamtman  
5/26 Janet Paul  
5/28 Tim Zinsmeister  
5/31 Annalise LaMantia

# May Volunteers

Date	Asst. Minister	Lector	Usher
	<b>9:30 am Worship</b>		
4	Larry Kribs	Chris Collins	Jim Karlson
11	Nancy Binzel	Abby Preston	Deb Smetts
18	Bob Dieter	Sandee Davis	Brian Clark
25	Dave Lang	Connie Wilson	Ed Crabtree

Altar Guild	Care Team
Anjalee Wagers	Audrey Tucker

Date	CPOD
4	Daniel Holm
11	Jane Koch
18	Larry Kribs
25	Michelle Rousseau

Date	Coffee
4	Seth Kohut
11	Joan Conaway
18	Gary Reynolds
25	JoAnn Schoonover



# May 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				<b>1</b> Bible Study   <b>6pm MML &amp; J</b> 7pm Zoom/Vic. Brian	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  8am MEN in Mission
<b>4</b> Worship 9:30am  <b>Rahab here</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 Cubs 7pm Scouts	<b>6</b> <i>Ladies</i> Night Out <b>6:30 Sammie's</b> 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	<b>7</b> 7pm Bells	<b>8</b> Bible Study   <b>4-6pm</b> 7pm Zoom/Vic. Brian	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  8am MEN in Mission
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<b>25</b> Worship 9:30am	<b>26</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> REMEMBER AND HONOR	<b>27</b> 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	<b>28</b> 7pm Bells	<b>29</b> Bible Study  7pm Zoom/Vic. Brian	<b>30</b> <b>8-5 LifeLine Screening</b> <b>Dickerson setup</b>	<b>31</b>  8am MEN in Mission <b>12-4 Dickerson Party</b>