

**ST. STEPHEN  
ELCA LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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# STEEPLE VIEWS



OCTOBER 2025

## The Serviceberry

During the month of October, 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.

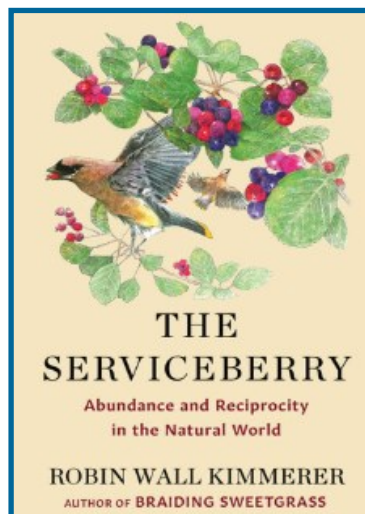
We will be discussing a book during October:

**The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World** by Robin Wall Kimmerer

A limited number of books will be available for free in the narthex. It's an easy read and once you're finished, you are welcome to share the book with other church members. If you wish, a suggested donation of \$10 for the book is appreciated.

- ◆ 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.

You are invited to become a member of the gift economy that shares not only money, but time, energy, art, planting, and acts of care and God's love to others.



### Looking ahead to October:

Oct 2	<b>6pm MML&amp;J</b> (McArthur's)
Oct 5	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am <b>Pathfinders</b> 10:45am Adult SS 10:45am <b>Bentley Baptism</b>
Oct 6	<b>1-6pm SENIOR FOOD BOX</b>
Oct 8	<b>8am-5pm LifeLine</b>
Oct 9	<b>4-6pm Open Table</b>
Oct 11	<b>10am-3pm FALL CRAFT MARKET</b>
Oct 12	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am <b>Pathfinders</b> 10:45am Adult SS
Oct 13	<b>9:00am JOY Breakfast</b>
Oct 14	<b>6:30pm Ladies' Night Out</b>
Oct 16	<b>5:30/6:30pm SSSS</b>
Oct 18	<b>10am LifeGuide 101</b>
Oct 19	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am <b>Pathfinders</b> 10:35am Council Mtg 10:45am Adult SS
Oct 23	<b>11:30am JOY Trip</b>
Oct 26	<b>REFORMATION</b> 9:30am Worship 9:30am <b>3rd Grade Bibles</b> 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am <b>Pathfinders</b> 10:45am Adult SS

# LifeLine Screening - Oct. 8

**LifeLine Screening**  
**Wed, Oct. 8**  
**8am - 5pm**

LifeLine Screening will be at St. Stephen on Wed., October 8 from 8am to 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.



A package of five screenings are offer to identify risk of stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions:

- Carotid artery ultrasound
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound
- EKG
- Ultrasound of lower legs
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

A discounted offer is extended to St. Stephen members.

To schedule an appointment, please email [www.lisa.social/habc](http://www.lisa.social/habc) or call 800-324-9458.

Use code: **HABC001**

## Lydia's Pantry News

The Sheetz logo is a red rectangle with the word "SHEETZ" in white, stylized capital letters.

We are grateful to have partnered with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Direct Pickup program the past two years. We have been chosen to partner with Dollar General and Sheetz (Steels Corner location).

Special thanks to Jim and Janet Erickson who pick up at Dollar General on Mondays.

We are currently in need of volunteer(s) to pick up on Tuesday and/or Thursday each week at Sheetz. Pickups are scheduled at approximately, 8:30am at the store. Items are then brought directly to the church where they are weighed and put away.

Someone can go with you to Sheetz and show you the process.

If you can help on either Tuesday or Thursday, please contact Judy Prinz or the church office.

Thank you!



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

**Thursday, October 2**

**6:00pm**

**McArthur's Brew House**

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

**2721 Front St.**

**Cuyahoga Falls, 44221**

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**



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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 at 6pm**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Food</b>
<b>10/2</b>	<b>McArthur's Brew House</b>	<b>2721 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>11/6</b>	<b>Missing Falls Brewery</b>	<b>540 S. Main St., Suite 112 Akron, OH 44311</b>	<b>V, GF</b>
<b>12/4</b>	<b>Missing Mountain Brewing Company</b>	<b>2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221</b>	<b>V, GF, Vegan</b>
<b>2/5</b>	<b>HiHo Brewing Company</b>	<b>1707 Front Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221</b>	<b>V, GF, Vegan</b>
<b>3/5</b>	<b>Missing Mountain Brewing Company</b>	<b>2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221</b>	<b>V, GF, Vegan</b>
<b>4/2</b>	<b>The Brew Kettle</b>	<b>11 Atterbury Blvd. Hudson, OH 44236</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>5/7</b>	<b>Bell Tower Brewing Company</b>	<b>310 Park Ave. Kent, OH 44240</b>	<b>V, GF, Vegan</b>
<b>6/5</b>	<b>Lock 15 Brewing Company</b>	<b>21 W. North St., Suite TL 1 Akron, OH 44304</b>	<b>V, GF</b>

Locations are subject to change –notice will be sent



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

## October is PASTA BAR Night!

Eggplant Parm, Lasagna, Chicken Fettucine and Spaghetti w/o Meatballs

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,  
October 9 4-6pm.  
Our Table is OPEN.**

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

- ♦ November 13
- ♦ December 11





# Join us

**Crafts • Coffee • Food • Music!**

## **Fall Craft Market**

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

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

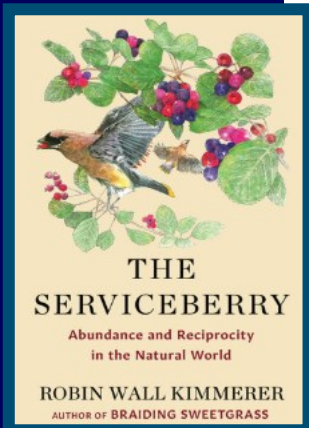
**3725 Kent Road, Stow, OH  
44224**

**Rowdy Beans  
Coffee  
Roasters**

**Entertainment  
provided by  
JD Sanders**

**Concessions  
by St. Stephen  
Youth**

**Come and join the fun!**



## ThursDay Bible Study

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The ThursDay Bible Study is BACK!

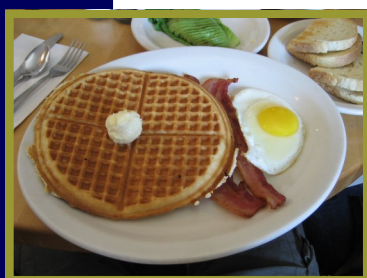
See you starting on Thursday, September 4 as we begin **The Serviceberry, Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World.**

Books will be available to purchase.



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

## J.O.Y. Breakfast



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  
Oct. 13**

## Ladies' Night Out - Oct. 14



**Ladies' Night Out  
Tuesday, Oct., 14  
6:30pm  
Casa Neuva**

Join us for a fun night out on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30pm at Casa Nueva Tacos & Tequila-Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill located at 4525 Kent Rd., Stow. We will meet at the restaurant.

Invite your family and friends to join us for Taco Tuesday. Dive into their street tacos for only \$11.99 for 3 tacos, a side, cilantro/onion & lime. You can upgrade additional toppings.

A full menu of appetizers and entrées is available, as well as margaritas.

Sign-up on the bulletin to attend. If you have any questions, or need a ride, please contact Pam Collins at 330-673-3697.

See you there!



**10 - 11:30am**

**Saturday, October 18**

**Future dates: Nov. 1, 15 & 29**

## NEW: LifeGuide 101

A new support group is scheduled on **Saturday, October 18** from 10:00am - 11:30am in the Lounge led by our new member, Isobel Faltisco, a past Harvest Home Case Manager. The group is meeting only ONCE in October.

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.

## Saints, Sinners, Soups, and Sandwiches



**SAINTS, SINNERS, SOUPS, AND SANDWICHES**

**Thursday, October 16**

**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, October 16 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. Group Trip - Oct. 23

**J.O.Y. Trip**  
**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
**11:30am**  
**Akron Art Museum**

The J.O.Y. Group has another fun trip planned on Thursday, October 23. They will be going to the Akron Art Museum located at 1 South High Street, Akron, 44308.

Plan to meet at the church at 11:30am to carpool or drive on your own and meet at the museum. Gallery admission on Thursdays is free; however, parking in the deck is \$5. They us HONK Mobile Parking. You can create a Mobile HONK Account or you can use your phone to scan the QR code on

parking lot signage with no app for express checkout.

Lunch will follow at a nearby venue to be determined and perhaps some ice cream?

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





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# Choir Retreat





## **Council Minutes**

### **August 24, 2025**

Members present: Larry Kribs, Michelle Rousseau, Mark Stultz, Kevin Strohl and Jane Koch.

Absent: Daniel Holm and Pastor John Corsi.

Larry opened with prayer.

Motion by Mark Stultz, seconded by Kevin Strohl to approve the minutes of the July meeting passed unanimously.

Kevin presented a report on the Financials:

- If the church would bring in any income on facility rentals that exceeded 15% of our annual income, the church would be required to pay taxes on the excess.
- We had a boost in our giving in July, but we are still in a deficit for the year.
- Kevin Dwenger has agreed to do an “informal” audit of the financials for 2025.
- It is time to begin to consider next year’s budget. Would there be any way to cut some of our expenses?
- Kevin will be assisting Bob Dieter with the Stewardship Program. Two letters will go out: one in the first week of September and another in early November. Consecration Sunday will be November 23, 2025.
- A large donation was given to the Music Fund. Kevin will investigate the intent of this donation further.
- Kevin presented a list of Fundraising ideas and ways to possibly diversify our income stream. The Finance team is reviewing this list and will discuss at next month’s meeting.
- There was discussion on the monies in the Youth Designated Fund. Motion by Mark Stultz to create a designated fund specifically for the ELCA Youth Gathering. This motion was tabled until further information can be gathered.

Jane presented and discussed the Job Descriptions of our employees. Motion by Jane Koch, seconded by Michelle Rousseau that the Job Descriptions be accepted as presented passed unanimously.

Larry presented a current bid for snow plowing. There was discussion about stopping the AM salting except on Sundays. Larry will contact the current contractor as to this possibility.

There was discussion concerning the parking lot and its upkeep. The last time that the lot was updated was October 2019. Larry agreed to get quotes for sealing and patching the parking lot from Perrin and Sable – companies that have done work on the lot previously. Suggestion was that one of the monthly giving be designated for the cost of this work.

The tree removal has been tabled at the moment to gain further information and options.

Pastor has begun to plan for the Fall Sundays. September will be themed “Playing Well Together”; October will be based on the book “The Serviceberry”.

The next Council meeting will be on September 28 at the end of the worship service.

Kevin closed in prayer.

## The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World

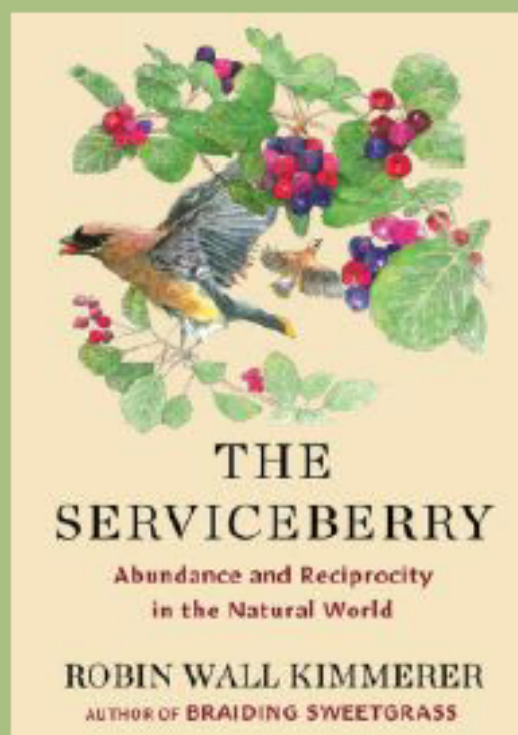


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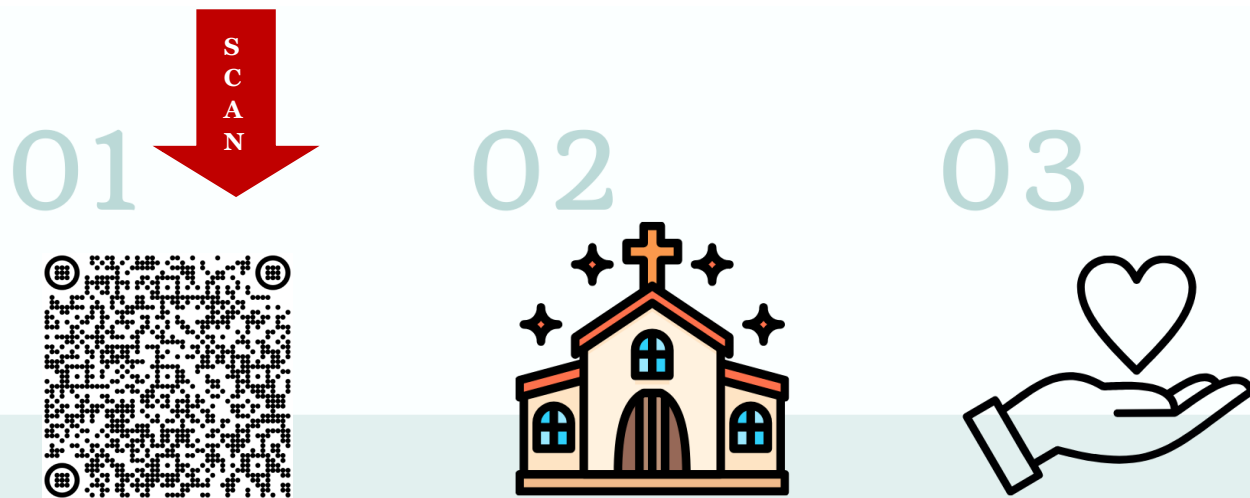
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- Wrestle with the idea of whether the church's wealth is in the belly of its neighbor
- Pray about the abundance of God's kingdom



# 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.





# 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**

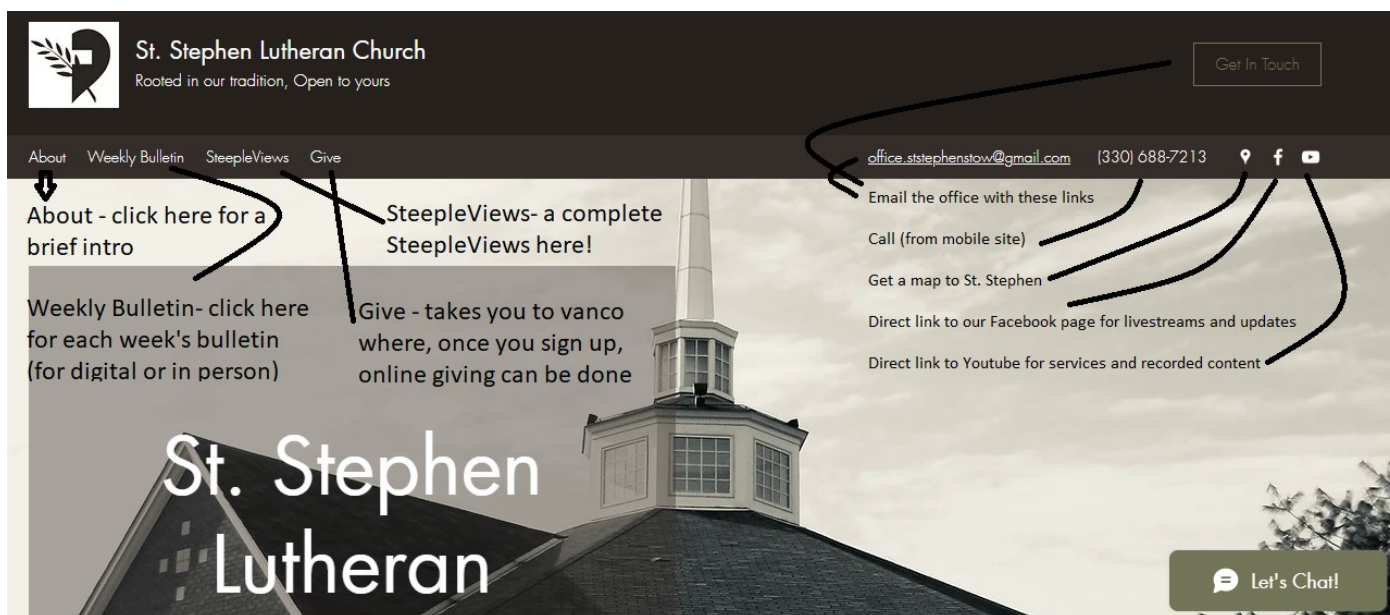
**IT'S EASY!**  
Save your Acme Fresh Market receipts dated August 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 to help us raise money!

**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 p's
- Paws Happy Life
- WIDE AWAKE COFFEE CO.
- PURE HARMONY
- THAT'S SMART!
- Cape Covelle
- over the top

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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.**



**October Be the Change  
Worship  
“Serviceberry” books  
\$300**

## 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.



**REFORMATION SUNDAY - October 26**



# 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.



## 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 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.

**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**



# J.O.Y. Trip to Maize Valley Winery



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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*



# Fall Craft Market - October 11

**Fall Craft Market**  
**Saturday, October 11**  
**10am-3pm**

Join us for our first Fall Craft Market on Saturday, October 11 from 10am to 3pm.

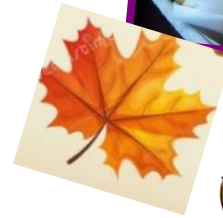
We will have over 20 vendors, showcasing some of St. Stephen's members! JD Sanders will be providing entertainment and

Rowdy Beans Coffee will have a cart in the parking lot serving their delicious coffee.

## **COME FOR LUNCH!**

Our youth will be serving a concession-style lunch with the proceeds going toward their Quake trip in January.

We'll see you there!



# Worship Service Volunteers Needed

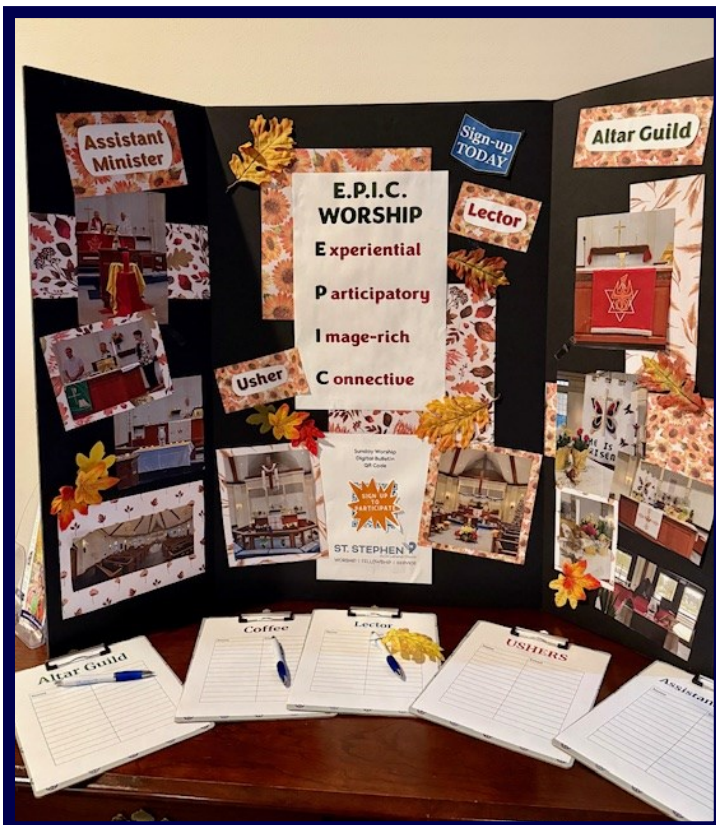
**Please sign-up in the narthex**

If you have any questions, please see Jane Hecht.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with our worship service. There are various ways that you can help.

- ♦ **Assistant Minister** (Pastor John will direct you)
- ♦ **Lector** (The weekly reading is sent to you in advance)
- ♦ **Usher** (Welcome at the beginning of service and help to direct during communion)
- ♦ **Altar Guild** (You will be paired with someone to learn the procedure in getting communion ready for Sunday. Commitment is one month during the year and can be shared.)
- ♦ **Coffee** (Set up coffee on Sunday morning and clean up after.)

All of the duties are scheduled on a rotating basis and can be shared with family and friends.







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 October

### Items needed in the pantry now:

- [Soup](#)
- [Bar Soap](#)
- [Dish Soap](#)
- [Detergent](#)
- [Canned Meat](#)
- [Shampoo](#)

## 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 256 people in September, including 35 NEW families.**



Ice Cream at  
Pav's on  
Saturday,  
August 9







## **The Youth enjoyed the movie (Light of the World” on Sunday, Sept. 7**

Comments on the movie from our crew:

- ◆ George told Sandy, “He’s going to turn the water into wine” at the wedding scene.
- ◆ Also, George remembered that Jesus was betrayed by Judas.
- ◆ Nana, Jason & Maya listed the parables from the movie that they learned in Sunday School.
- ◆ Maya retold the story of Jesus turning water into wine.
- ◆ Ray wondered why the disciple John was portrayed as an 8-year old, not a 16-year old. He was so much younger than the other disciples.
- ◆ Alecia noticed in the movie that Jesus only carried part of the cross, not the whole cross.
- ◆ Mary noticed that the nail holes were in Jesus’ wrist, not hands.

# October



**COMING  
SOON**

**QUAKE**  
YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!!



### Save the Date!

Jr./Sr. High School Lock-in!

**Saturday, October 18**

**DETAILS COMING SOON!**

### Quake Excitement is Starting Now!

Quake in Pittsburg will be **January 23-25**, and **early bird registration ENDS Nov. 13!**

It is a significant savings (\$99) so if you want to book your spot now, drop off a non-refundable deposit of \$50 to hold your spot. Be sure it is clearly marked **QUAKE DEPOSIT**. More details to come as they become available.

**HELP** to raise funds for QUAKE by volunteering to help at the Fall Craft Market. On Saturday, October 11 from 10am-3pm, we will be serving lunch and proceeds will go toward 2026 QUAKE & 2027 Youth Gathering

Questions? See Mrs. Appleby or Mrs. LaMantia.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Oct. 5

9:30am Worship  
10:35 Pathfinders

Saturday, Oct. 11

10am-3pm  
Fall Craft Market

Sunday, Oct. 12

9:30am Worship  
10:35 Pathfinders

Sat., Oct. 18

Jr./Sr. High Lock-in

Sunday, Oct. 19

9:30am Worship  
10:35 Pathfinders

Sunday, Oct. 26

**REFORMATION**  
3rd Grade Bibles  
9:30am Worship

# YOUTH VOLUNTEER



The Youth program will be hosting a concession stand at the St Stephen Fall Craft Market on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and we need your help to make it a success!

We are looking for youth volunteers to help on the day of the Market from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Come for the whole day, or just for an hour or two (whatever your schedule allows).

We are also looking for donations of baked goods to sell. *Please be mindful that we cannot sell cookies or cupcakes* (because we already have a vendor selling those items). Everything else is fair game!

A sign-up sheet will be available on the church bulletin board, and on the door of the High School Sunday School Room. Please call or text Kelly Swindler at 330-524-6914 with any questions.

All proceeds will go towards the 2026 Youth Quake and the 2027 Youth Gathering.



The Third Grade Bible Presentation will be on REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 26 during the 9:30am worship service.



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## October

### Happy Anniversary!

10/5 Fred & Julie Biondo  
10/16 Jim & Corrie Benne  
10/19 Ed & Rhonda Holland  
10/23 Mike & Karen Leffler  
10/24 Lee & Mary McCauley  
10/24 Dave & Cindy Vestfals  
10/25 Tim & Amy Johnson



We welcomed Bishop Barbins on Sunday, Sept. 28

10/3 Mary Appleby  
10/3 Paul DePompei  
10/4 Dawn Horner  
10/6 Kim Goosby  
10/7 Clay Martin  
10/7 Cindy Vestfals  
10/11 Eleanor Lee  
10/11 Tracie McNutt  
10/15 Pam Collins  
10/15 Caroline Karlson  
10/15 Gretchen Riker-Willig  
10/17 Michelle Amato  
10/18 Ginny Dorsey  
10/18 Rhonda Karlson  
10/21 Galvin DePompei  
10/21 Chloe Martin  
10/27 Claire Miller  
10/28 Tyler Harrington  
10/29 Julie Biondo  
10/29 Deb Friedt  
10/30 Debbie Stocker  
10/31 David Lang



# October Volunteers

<b>Date</b>	<b>Asst. Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Usher</b>
	<b>9:30 am Worship</b>		
<b>5</b>	Connie Wilson	Sara Holm	Deb Smetts
<b>12</b>	Deb Smetts	Kevin Dwenger	Jim Karlson
<b>19</b>	Kevin Strohl	Nancy Ewing	Gary Reynolds
<b>26</b>	Brady Pierce	Doug Berkey	Jane Koch

<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Care Team</b>
Anjalee Wagers	Sherry Petrosky

<b>Date</b>	<b>CPOD</b>
<b>5</b>	Mark Stultz
<b>12</b>	Kevin Strohl
<b>19</b>	Daniel Holm
<b>26</b>	Jane koch

<b>Date</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>5</b>	Connie Wilson
<b>12</b>	Gary & Cathy Reynolds
<b>19</b>	Gary & Cathy Reynolds
<b>26</b>	JoAnn Schoonover

# October 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 7pm Bells	2 Bible Study MATTHEW MARK LUKE 8 beers with JOHN 6pm MML& J	3	4 8am MEN in Mission
5 Worship 9:30am 10:30 PATHFINDERS 10:45 Bentley Baptism	6 6:30 Cubs 7pm Scouts	7 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	8 LIFE LINE SCREENING 8-5 LifeLine Bible Baptist 7pm Bells	9 Bible Study OPEN Table 4-6pm	10	11 8am MEN in Mission 10-3 Fall Craft Market
12 Worship 9:30am 10:30 PATHFINDERS	13 9am JOY Breakfast 7pm Scouts	14 Ladies Night Out 6:30 LADIES NIGHT OUT 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	15 7pm Bells	16 Bible Study 5:30/6:30 SAINTS SINNERS & SOUP	17	18 8am MEN in Mission 10am LifeGuide 101
19 Worship 9:30am 10:30 PATHFINDERS	20 7pm Scouts	21 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	22 7pm Bells	23 Bible Study AKRON ART MUSEUM 11am JOY Trip Akron Art	24	25 8am MEN in Mission
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