

# ST. STEPHEN SCROLL

*St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community of believers, saved by the grace of God, who are called to:*

- *share his love through words and actions;*
- *welcome others into the family of Christ.*

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

We will begin our Holy Week observances with Palm Sunday on April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you arrive for worship Palm Sunday morning and find the sanctuary empty – don't worry. You will find us in the fellowship hall where we plan to gather for worship. After everyone has received a palm branch and/or ribbon wand, we will share in a brief scripture reading and prayer before processing into the sanctuary while singing "Jesus Loves Me."

In previous years, members of Saint Stephen have made the palm crosses we receive on Palm Sunday. This year the palm crosses you will receive were made by Christians living in seven small villages in Tanzania. The Tanzanian Christians who make these crosses are paid fair wages for their labor – often for the first time in their lives.

All of the net proceeds for the palm crosses are returned to East Africa in the form of grants designed to assist, encourage, empower, and to give hope to those who receive them. Some of the projects supported include agricultural and vocational training programs, the development of safe community water systems, and emergency relief for the victims of civil strife, drought, and other natural disasters. These crosses are changing lives in powerful ways.

Our palm crosses were donated by the Rita and Steven Sarson in memory and honor of their parents. The Sarson family also wishes to invite you to a very special ice cream social during coffee hour on Palm Sunday following our morning worship.

We will continue our Holy Week observances with our Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will remember our Lord's arrest, trial, and crucifixion on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

We will gather to celebrate Jesus' triumphant resurrection from the dead at both 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Easter, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our fellowship committee is hosting what is certain to be a delicious Easter breakfast between the two worship services starting at 9:00 am.

Our senior youth are hosting an Easter egg hunt following our 10:00 am worship Easter morning for the children of Saint Stephen.

I look forward to worshipping our Lord with you.

In Christ –  
*Pastor Kerri*



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Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America.*

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## Easter & Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Meal,	April 13th at 6:15 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship,	April 13th at 7:00 pm
Good Friday Worship,	April 14th at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday,	April 16th at 8 am & 10 am
Easter Breakfast,	April 16th at 9:00 am



(Note: No Sunday school classes on April 2nd or 16th.)

## Palm Sunday



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## Easter Lily Donors

Easter lilies will be placed around the altar on Easter to enhance the worship space. If you wish to honor or remember your loved ones with donations of Easter lilies, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. **They are \$15 per potted plant.** We need to have your requests **no later than Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. You may take the lilies home after the 10am Easter worship service.

## Golden Sneakers Will Have Lunch at Cattleman's Roadhouse

The Golden Sneakers will be having lunch together at Cattleman's Roadhouse **at 2901 S. Hurstbourne Parkway on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at the church at 11:30 am and carpool from there. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we can make reservations. If you have questions, please contact Bill or Meg Thompson, (502) 239-4285.

## Easter Candy Donations & Egg Hunt

The St. Stephen Senior Youth continue to stuff plastic eggs with candy for the annual St. Stephen Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 am worship service on Easter, **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. You can help them with this endeavor by bringing small, individually-wrapped pieces of candy and placing the bags in the senior high school classroom **through April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks for your help! And special thanks to the high school class for hosting this event again!



## Easter Breakfast & Sunday School

There is no Sunday school on April 2nd. This is the beginning of Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) spring break. However, we will have Sunday school on April 9<sup>th</sup>, the end of JCPS spring break, because it is Palm Sunday. We will also not have Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, but instead at 9:00 am on that day in the fellowship hall, you are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast with your fellow Lutherans. Bring your relatives and friends, but please, if you can, sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many to expect.



## First Quarter Special Ministries Collection Results

During our first quarter special ministries collection in February & March, Saint Stephen collected a total of **\$450.94**. 50% of the donations will be sent to Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, and 50% will be kept for other social ministry needs. Thank you for helping us to help others in need!

thank  
you!

## Yard Sale Coming Soon!

**St. Stephen will be having a yard sale from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, and you may bring items for the sale to the church and place them in the courtyard room starting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We heartily thank new member **Dorothy Raso** for agreeing to lead this effort! Please consider helping with the sale. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex with many ways that you can help. The Creative Hands Sew Group will be selling baked items at the sale to raise money for the purchase of their materials and supplies, and the youth group will be selling other food to raise money for their trip to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Join us, and tell your friends about the sale!

### ***“Come, follow me.” – Matthew 4:19***

During Lent we have been thinking together about Jesus' call to us to be his disciples, and we have been considering how each of us might accept his invitation to be a part of his life-giving work. As a way of focusing our attention on Jesus' call to us, we have been reading, reflecting upon, and studying special passages from the Bible each week during worship. These Bible passages are different from the readings we traditionally use from the Revised Common Lectionary. We have two more weeks in this study:

#### **Readings for Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 13:5-6

**Psalm 23**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-36

#### **Lector**

Elizabeth Seifert

#### **Readings for Sunday, April 9, 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Psalm 31:9-16**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66

#### **Lector**

Susan Johnston

### **ELCA World Hunger Campaign**

The ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Response Campaign at St. Stephen continues **through Easter Sunday**. During this campaign, we have been helping hungry people around the world with our donations in pig-shaped coin collection boxes and ELCA World Hunger pew envelopes. We have also been coloring chicks as we donate to ELCA World Hunger's "Buck-a-Chick" program. In addition, please enjoy reading our weekly Sunday bulletin inserts about people who have benefitted from the campaign. Thanks in advance!

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries' Annual

### **Pennies from Heaven Gala**

is on **May 13th, 6:00 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 5503 Bardstown Rd.**

This event is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and support for the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries in their largest fundraiser. Tickets will be available soon, and tables seat 8. Usually, St. Stephen attendees fill one table, but we would like to fill more this year! There are plenty of ways to be a part of the festivities even if you are unable to attend. Theme baskets will be auctioned at this event. A list of theme basket suggestions are found on the table in the narthex. If you would like to create a theme basket, please contact me regarding the theme to ensure it is still available, so that we do not have duplicates. There will be raffle tickets for gift cards and opportunities for sponsorships. Tickets to this event include a wonderful dinner, live and silent auctions, as well as mystery bags and more! Donations are welcome towards the pastor's halo, since we want Pastor Kerri to hold onto it another year! Please contact me if you are interested in attending the gala and/or creating a theme basket! Also, if you want to create a theme basket that is not on the suggested list, let me know beforehand so that I can inform those in charge to update the list. We ask that baskets be valued between \$35-50 in order to receive the best return value. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for the ministries. God Bless, Michelle Sarson, [502-303-0896](tel:502-303-0896)

## April 2017 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	4/2/17	4/9/17	4/16/17	4/23/17	4/30/17
<b>Lector</b>	Elizabeth Seifert	Susan Johnston	See sign up sheet	Ellerie S., Peace K., Emma M.	Cathy Meyer
<b>Ushers</b>	Andy Morris Fred McBride	Rod Firquin Adolphus Kahn	Fred McBride See sign up sheet	Jack McFarland Jacob Curtis	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Morris	Caroline Zimmerman	Jack McFarland	Lilly Morris	Jack McFarland
<b>Communion Table</b>	Charlie Boston Phyllis Boston	B. Zimmerman Sean Morris	See sign up sheet See sign up sheet	Caroline Zimmerman Madeline Allen	Marcia Peterson Sarah Giles
<b>Commun. Deacon</b>	Rod Firquin	Tammy Utley	Rod Firquin	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer
<b>Nursery</b>	Carol Ochs	Connie Miller	See sign up sheet	Elizabeth Seifert	Teta Thompson
<b>Cantor</b>	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride	See sign up sheet	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer
<b>Worship Coord.</b>	Paul Kiser	Rita Sarson	Paul Kiser	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Teta Thompson	Carolyn Graham	See sign up sheet	Liam Z., Ruby Z., Kayleigh K.	Marilyn Mills
<b>Coffee Hr Host(s)</b>	Needed	Sarsons	Easter Breakfast	McFarlands	Needed

### Easter, April 16th 8:00 am Worship Servers:



**Lector**—Needed;  
**Ushers**—Buddy & Lucy Zimmerman;  
**Acolytes**—Caroline Zimmerman/Maddie Allen;  
**Communion Table**—Rita Sarson/Needed;  
**Deacon**—Steven Sarson;  
**Nursery**—Needed;  
**Cantor**—Needed;  
**Worship Coordinator**—Needed;

### Help With Coffee Hours

We are still needing volunteers to provide coffee hour treats for some of the April Sundays. We may need to cancel if no one volunteers for the remaining Sundays. Thank you to all who have served!



### God's Blessings to these April birthdays:

Madelyn Giles 5  
 Aaron Davis 6  
 Connie Miller 8  
 Carol Ochs 10  
 Amanda Thonen 11



Hailey Thompson 12  
 Jon Bunner 14  
 Brenda Emberg 18  
 Lucy Zimmerman 26

### We celebrate with these couples having April anniversaries:

Michael & Tracy Fajardo (13th/1996)  
 Greg & Jessica Allen (16th/1994)  
 Bill & Meg Thompson (19th/1969)  
 Gene & Cindy Sprowl (24th/1971)

### March Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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No flowers during Lent

#### March Sanctuary Candle Donors



**5th** - Rita Sarson & girls in honor of Steven Sarson's birthday  
**12th** - Elaine Peterson in honor of Stephen Summers' birthday  
**19th** - the McFarland family for the glory of the Lord  
**26th** - Connie Clark in honor of Tyler's birthday

\*The cost to provide the sanctuary candle is \$2.00.



# April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30—Weight Watchers
2 <b>No Sunday School, JCPS Break</b> 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Fellowship Committee 5:00—Holy Communion	3 6:00 - 8:00— <b>Creative Hands Sew Group</b>	4 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group 6:30—Worship & Music Committee 6:30—Christian Education Committee	5 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 8:30—Weight Watchers
<b>Church secretary out of the office</b>						
9 <b>Palm Sunday,</b> Ronald McDonald House Collection 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion	10	11	12 11:30— <b>Golden Sneakers Carpool to Cattleman's Roadhouse</b> 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	13 6:15—Light Lenten Meal 7:00— <b>Maundy Thursday Worship Service</b>	14 7:00— <b>Good Friday Worship Service</b>	15 8:30—Weight Watchers
<b>Holy Week</b>						
16 <b>Easter</b> 8:00—Holy Communion 9:00— <b>Easter Breakfast, No Sunday School</b> 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30— <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	17	18 6:00—Finance Committee	19 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	20	21 6:00 - 8:00—Girl Scout Troop 8	22 8:30—Weight Watchers 
23 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion	24	25 4:30— <b>Ronald McDonald House Visit</b>	26 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29 8:00 - 2:00— <b>St. Stephen Yard Sale</b> 8:30—Weight
30 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion	<b>Upcoming Events:</b> May 13—FCHUM Gala May 21st—Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Confirmation					



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*Worship Services:*  
*Education Hr (during school yr) 9:00 AM*  
*Sunday 10:00 AM*  
*Sunday 5:00 PM*

Due date for next month's newsletter articles is always the 17th of the month before.  
 Send to: [secretary.ststephen@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ststephen@gmail.com)

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<b>May 2017 Servants of the Church</b>					
<b>Sunday - 10 a.m.</b>	<b>5/7/17</b>	<b>5/14/17</b>	<b>5/21/17</b>	<b>5/28/17</b>	<b>6/4/17</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Reagan Morris	Chuck Ullom	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Tammy Utley
<b>Ushers</b>	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Marcus Utley Barry Mills	Pat Markley Jim Clark	Glenn Eisenbrey Carolyn Graham	Bill Wise Vivian Wise
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lucy Zimmerman	Ella Markley	Maddie Allen	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert
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<b>Coffee Hr Host(s)</b>	Ellen Ullom	Take Mom to lunch instead!	Confirmation Parents	See you in the fall!	See you in the fall!

