



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

November 20, 2020

Sunday Readings:

Psalm 100

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday, we will have two services of **Morning Prayer**.

Our livestream is at 9 a.m. on our [YouTube Channel](#). Call 865-498-6483 to listen to the service!

Our in-person worship will be at **10:30 a.m., outside** in our Grove.

The in-person service will be canceled if the forecast shows a 60% or greater chance of rain during our worship time. **If the service is canceled we will notify the parish by 3 p.m. Saturday** via email, social media, and a message on our phone system. You may tune in to the livestream at **9 a.m.** in lieu of the in-person service. No notification will be sent if the service is on as planned.

SUNDAY SOCIAL TIME

We are hosting virtual social hours in the morning and evening on Zoom! Stop by and say hello!

[Morning Coffee Hour](#) will be at **10 a.m.** between our livestream and in-person worship services, for a brief bit of fellowship.

NOTE: Updated meeting credentials!
Morning Meeting ID:
848 0379 6165

Password: 609987

[Evening Social Hour](#) will be at **5 p.m.**, and will be available for about an hour.

Evening Meeting ID: 816 4332 4827
Password: 999944



PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Erik & Julie Weatherford
Thomas Weaver
Julie Webber
Vicky White

Please include these people in your prayers.

NEW MINISTRY IN DECEMBER

Next month we will begin a new parish-wide ministry, entitled **CARE** – which stands for **Connecting And REconnecting** – whose goal is to ensure that *each person at St. Stephen's knows they are remembered and valued*. CARE will complement the wonderful pastoral calling ministries already being performed by the Eucharistic Visitors, the Daughters of the King, and other individual parishioners.



CARE will involve a team of several dozen trained parishioners, each of whom have committed to contacting a number of parish families and individuals each month, simply to “check in.” CARE calls will complement Bailey’s ministry by helping identify situations where more parish help, such as clergy visits, meals, or simply prayers might be welcome. CARE phone conversations will also help identify opportunities to celebrate joyous occasions, that can be publicized parish-wide. CARE calls might also just be times to talk, and get to know some of our fellow parishioners a little better.

The CARE ministry will be formally launched on **December 13, 2020**, at the Sunday services. More information will be coming soon, both in E-News and in a letter to each parish family in early December. Until then, if you have questions, feel free to contact the CARE coordinators, Liz and Steve Herbes: 865.228.2537 (Liz); 865.250.9123 (Steve); email liznsteveherbes@yahoo.com.

We’re excited about this new opportunity to connect and re-connect with each other, as members of St. Stephen’s parish family.

CHILDREN’S ADVENT FAIR

We’re planning an **Outdoor Advent Fair** for our **parish children and their families** immediately following our outdoor Sunday service on **Sunday, December 6, 2020**, scheduled on that day (rather than November 29th) to accommodate most families. We’ll have light refreshments as well as stations for making Advent wreaths, Christingles, Advent calendars, and more! Stay tuned for updates and for last-minute adjustments due to weather and health protocols.



FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The November/December 2020/January 2021 issue of Forward Day by Day is now available! We have both pocket size and large-print versions. Copies will be available in the Hospitality area. Or, let us know if you would like to receive one in the mail, and we’ll send it to you! This is a tiny but mighty devotional!

2020 PLEDGE REMINDERS

The end of the year is approaching. Please remember to complete any remaining pledged giving. **The last day for your contributions to be counted towards 2020 is December 30, 2020.** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, 2020 and Thursday, December 31, 2020 to Monday, January 4, 2021. Thank you!

EYF

There will not be EYF this week. Happy Thanksgiving! I am grateful for each of you!!!
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