

Staying Connected

Always Connected to God, Each Other and the World

Current Worship Opportunities during COVID-19 Pandemic

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM Worship Options

In person in Sanctuary – This option is no longer available per our Safety Committee. We will revisit this possibility in the coming month. Thank you for your patience!

Online St. Stephen's Face Book premieres at 9:30am (*this Sunday will be pre-recorded*)

From your car in either parking lot. Broadcasted via 87.9 FM / Communion brought to car

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM Online "The Well" St. Stephen's Face Book

WEEKDAYS Varying times Channel 16—Comcast (Sunday 9:30 am Service Recorded)

Let's Talk

Thursday, January 21 (NOTE: DATE CHANGE from January 14)
7-8p.m. St. Stephen's Zoom Room

Join us for a 3 session discussion about Jerusalem and its place in Islam, Judaism and Christianity. In looking at Jerusalem we will explore the major differences and historic tensions that exist between our faiths. We will be using material created by St Mary's Center for Peace and Reconciliation entitled "Declare Peace Jerusalem".

If you would like to be sent the material please contact Pastor John (john@ststephenswsp.org).

Let's Talk is a relationally based meeting between Christians and Muslims seeking mutual understanding. All are welcome!

Meeting ID: 380-950-620. Password: 55118



925th Anniversary of
Call for Crusades
an Opportunity
for Peace —



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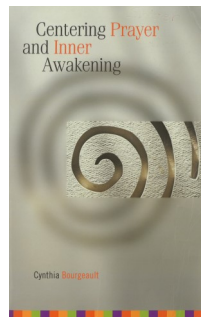
Contemplative Prayer and Study Continues via Zoom 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the Month

January 27 (read through page 41)

St. Stephen's Zoom Room 7-8 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 380-950-620 Password: 55118

On January 13th we returned to the basics, introducing the practice of Contemplative Prayer. **We are using the book "Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening" by Cynthia Bourgeault.** Please read through page 41 for discussion on January 27th. All are welcome.



Men's Renewal Group Non-Breakfast Breakfast

Every other Friday

Upcoming dates: Jan 22, Feb. 5

8-9am via Zoom

Meeting ID: 380-950-620

Password: 55118

All Men are Welcome!



MEETING REMINDERS

Executive Committee—Monday, January 18 | 5:30PM via Zoom

Church Council—Wednesday, January 20 | 7:15PM via ZOOM

Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 31 | Watch for more details

Committee Chairs & Staff, did you submit your annual report yet?

There's still time. Please email to jan@ststephenswsp.org no later than 1/17.

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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, January 18
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Faith Families - It's Family Worship Night Wed January 20!

Wednesday, January 20 | 6:00PM via Zoom



These nights are created for the family to come together and learn and grow in your faith. There is a specific topic and time for live worship, pastor message, songs and even time for breakout into each grade level with the faith formation leaders! Come for an evening of sharing and growing in faith together! **This evening is for the kids and their parents!** The ZOOM link will be sent via email for joining in family Worship!

The topic of the evening will be from the book of Matthew 22:37-40. ("Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself') There will be communion during the service.

LOVE IN A NOTE



This year our Faith Formation students' service project for January 27th will be "LOVE IN A NOTE" rather than "LOVE IN A ZIPLOC BAG".

Join our youth by taking time this week and next to reach out to someone in your **neighborhood, church, or friends, your own family members** and **send them a note of encouragement or thank you!**

This could be a **handwritten note, card or picture. Be creative.** (Due to COVID "Love in a Note" is replacing our usual project "Ziploc Bags of Love" as our way to share and be God's love and light in the world!)

Who can you let God's light shine to?

6TH GRADERS AND UP-SAVE THE DATE!

February 20th at 6pm there will be a zoom activity. Ali will send out a link in February. This is for Grades 6 and up, It will be online games and such. It may be easier to use a computer for this zoom! If you have any questions please check in with Ali.

HIGH SCHOOLERS:

There is a high school group that meets Wednesday nights at 7pm! The zoom info for that is: 894 3514 0057 password is 55118



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WAPO 2021

YOUTH-SAVE THE DATE!

St Stephen's has reserved 20 spaces for the week of **June 20-25, 2021 at WAPO for the Youth** and **4 spaces for July 18-20, 2021 at WAPO for Seeds.**

Registration opens February 1 and continues through February 28.

After that time our reserved spots are opened up to the general population. So please register during February so we can all be together!

Please register on the WAPO website <https://lakewapo.org/>

If you have questions please contact Ali (ali@ststephenswsp.org)



The Saint Paul Area Synod 2021 Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders Saturday, February 27 - 9:00-11:45am | Online via Zoom

All persons in leadership in our faith community are welcome to attend ... Council and committee members, staff, dedicated volunteers, or anyone who's interested in what makes our church tick. This year, we'll gather on Zoom for a morning of learning and networking. Dr. Michael Osterholm will provide his assessment of where we're at with the pandemic and what the future might hold for churches. After his keynote, we'll break off into separate workshops. There's no cost to attend; registration opens next week, January 11.

Watch for more information as it becomes available. Note: Conference assemblies will be held on Saturday, February 13 for voting members. If you would like to represent St Stephen's please contact the church office.



TOOL KIT for congregational leaders



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