

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 currently not available per our Safety Committee. We will revisit this possibility in the coming month. Thank you for your patience!

Online Live streamed on St. Stephen's Face Book

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)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Mark your calendar for **THIS** Sunday, January 31, 11 AM

We will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting** using Zoom online conferencing software. You can use your computer, or phone. Your participation is vital—we need your support, vote, and would love to see you even if it's via the internet.

For those of you not familiar with Zoom it is a video conferencing software that is free to use, and allows you to hear and see the meeting, and even participate, without leaving home. Most laptop computers and tablets have a camera and microphone built in so you can be seen and heard if you choose. You can download the software at <https://zoom.us/>. Please take the time to download the Zoom app at least 15-30 minutes before the meeting in case you run into any difficulties. There is no need to purchase any version of Zoom, just accept the free download. If you do not have access to a computer and the internet, you will be able to dial in and hear the audio through your phone, but no video.

A few minutes before 11 a.m. on January 31 either go to the Zoom website and download the app or access the app previously downloaded. Click on "Join a Meeting". You will be asked for a meeting ID# and password. They are **Zoom Meeting ID number: 380-950-620 Password: 55118.** **If you chose to join the meeting via phone** dial in using either **312-626-6799** The meeting ID# and password are the same as for computer access. They are **Zoom Meeting ID number: 380-950-620 Password: 55118**

Now the fun part—you can find a **copy of our Annual Report** posted on **our website** (www.ststephenswsp.org) **under the Resources tab, Annual Reports** (<https://www.ststephenswsp.org/annualreports.cfm>) once there **click on the year 2020.** Those of you that we do not have a current email address for—watch your mailbox we will get you a copy first part of next week.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone online Sunday the 31st!

Communion Reminders

Communion during the 9:30 a.m. broadcasted Worship Service

You are invited to share communion at home, during the service, alone or with those around you. If you would like communion we invite you to prepare by having wine or juice and bread ready. (We will have little communion kits available in the office to help but any wine, juice and bread will work.)

Communion by Appointment—COVID protocols will be followed

We have set aside dates and times for individuals or their households to make an appointment to receive prayer and communion with Pastor John. Reservations are required! To make a reservation, please use our SignUpGenius schedule at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ADA822AAF66-holy>. Or contact the church office at 651-457-6541 we will assist you to schedule an appointment.



The dates and times available for Communion by Appointment (sessions are scheduled every 20 minutes)

Thursday, February 4 11-Noon • Thursday, February 18 5-6pm

Faith Families

This coming week we will be learning about Moses—God's Chosen Leader

Read Exodus 3:1—4:17 Have you ever felt like Moses? Tell about a time you felt doubtful, scared, or unsure of yourself. Who helped you?

Pray "help others" prayers this week, focusing on the needs of people around the world. Write each country or need on a stone or paper heart and place it in a jar as a reminder.

Make your own "burning bush" using art supplies you have at home. One option is to paint leaves and press the painted side onto paper to make a print.

Additional activities can be found on the "Family Fun" page in the Early Childhood and Primary Leaflets.



SERMON CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR TIM

In my sermon on the 24th I talked about how there is so much change going on these days in our world, our nation and the Church. I encouraged us all to take a step back and think about that "big picture," and then to reflect on what God might be calling us to do in response. I ended with an invitation to join me for a conversation so we can do that together. That conversation will be right after worship on **Sunday February 7th** during the regular Fellowship time. You can find the room on the web here: <https://bit.ly/SSLC-FH>, or go to 916-4811-8852 in your Zoom app. I hope to see you there! Pastor Tim

Men's Renewal Group Non-Breakfast Breakfast

FRIDAY February 5 8-9am—HYBRID

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

**JOIN US ON ZOOM FROM HOME OR
BRING YOUR LAPTOP TO THE SANCTUARY**

Contemplative Prayer and Study Continues via Zoom 2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Feb. 10 & 24)

St. Stephen's Zoom Room 7-8 pm - All are welcome.
Zoom Meeting ID: 380-950-620 Password: 55118

We have returned to the basics of Contemplative Prayer, using the book "**Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening**" by **Cynthia Bourgeault**. This is a prayer practice that will renew your life.

Please read through Chapters 5 & 6 for discussion on February 10.



Lake Wapogasset
LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP, INC.

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.



TOOL KIT
for congregational leaders

Online Connection Card Reminder—

The online connection card is another avenue for folks to connect with pastors, staff or church office.

Designed to be an aide while watching Worship or The Well online via Facebook the card can be found at <http://bit.ly/SSLC-CCard>.



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