

Staying Connected

Transformative Connections to God, Each Other and the World

An update from your Stewardship Committee We've got some exciting news to share!

St. Stephen's takes another step into the digital arena. We now offer giving by text or mobile app from your smart phone.



In less time than it takes to write a check, you can make weekly offerings and respond to special appeals by sending a text message. Vanco's Give+ Text is not meant to replace other donation methods. Rather, it offers another convenient way to fulfill your stewardship commitments. Normal text messaging fees from your cell phone carrier may apply.

Here's some answers to common questions:

How do I know when my donations are processed?

You will receive immediate confirmation via text that your donation was received. After the text donation has been processed, it will appear on your credit card statement.

Are contributions set at a fixed dollar amount?

No. You control what amount you want to give - each time.

Are text donations ever charged to a member's mobile phone bill?

No. Donations are processed using the payment method you specify in your online profile (credit or debit card). Phone carriers handle only the text message, never financial information.

Can I set up a recurring donation by text?

Yes. You can text "Repeat" after you've made a donation to make it recurring. You can also text "Schedule" to set up a recurring donation.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, West St Paul 55118
10-Digit Give+ Text # 844-907-2702

Quick Guide

- 1) Get Started**
You're almost done! Go to [unique web link] to complete your donation.
- 2) Register**
Name Of Cardholder
Card number
MM / YY CVV
Process \$10.00
Privacy & Security
- 3) Give**
You're almost done! Go to [unique web link] to complete your donation.
Thank you for donating \$10.00 to [Church Name]! Text "repeat" to make this recurring or "refund" to cancel this donation.
- 4) Repeat**
Thank you for donating \$10.00 to [Church Name]! Text "repeat" to make this recurring or "refund" to cancel this donation.

Enter your 10-digit Give+ Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

GIVE+
Electronic Giving Options

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Quick Guide pictured on the left shows actual screenshots that you will see on your phone.

Step One:
Key in St Stephen's 10digit Text phone number:
844-907-2702

Step Two:
Enter dollar amount you wish to donate, then press send. The example to the left shows a donation of \$10.

Step Three:
You will receive a registration link. Click link and enter your information. Tap "Process"

Step Four:
After registration is complete You will receive both a text and verification email.

Descriptions of each step are shown below the screen shots on this line.



Want to try out the Mobile App?

Download the Vanco Give+ app (pictured to the left). It will ask you for the church's name or zip code. Easier to find by zip code (55118) you can also use St. Stephen's Lutheran which will give you a listing of several churches. Then follow the prompts to create an account.

If you run into problems, please either text Abra Gillman at abra@ststephenswsp.org or call Kim Richter at 651.324.8103 for troubleshooting help.

An Easter note from Kim Richter—Stewardship Committee Chair

Sacrifice. All I can think about is that word, I think about all it seems we are sacrificing these days, mostly our freedom, but also our connections, our security, our health – both mental and physical. We are all being called right now to sacrifice greatly. To rise above our personal needs to ensure the safety and well-being of the world at large and our own loved ones. It's times like these that we get to find out where our strength is. How to find peace in our lives. And how strong is our faith. We believe there will be a new beginning. And ironically, it's Easter, our blessed beginning of renewal.

While these days seem long and difficult they also bring moments of deep meaning and clarity. We can feel our lives, our world and our hearts changing. At times we are filled with gratitude, and peace, but maybe also fear, anxiety, anger. These are all things that I think Jesus was also feeling before he died on that cross. I'm sure the devil liked his fear and anger and hoped to feed it and inspire more anger, hate, blame and fear. But Jesus loved his father, he loved us and embraced that love, not the fear and anger, to give a gift of love instead.

The entire St Stephen's Lutheran Church community is working hard to ensure our service to others continues in meaningful ways. We are connecting to others to ensure needs are met, working with Neighbors and other non-profits to help them meet needs in our communities. We're trying to find ways to help fill the gap, and continue to fulfill the beautiful mission of our church, to remain connected and keep connecting with others. *How are you staying connected? How can you help be the connection?*

If you wish to use your gifts and treasures to help sustain St Stephen's Lutheran Church and nourish our mission work, please check out the following options. **Vanco Payments** is our vendor for both automatic payments and electronic giving. Which one of the following best fits your needs?

- **Text to give to 844-907-2707.** Put the amount you wish to give in the message field and send the message. Have a credit card at the ready and simply follow the prompts.
- **Give Plus Mobile:** the mobile app you can use anytime to connect with your existing or set up a new online giving account.
- **Mail in your donation/pledge amount.** If you're able, consider increasing your giving to help us support our work here.

Have questions or difficulties? Call Kim Richter @ 651.324.8103 for assistance!

Blessings to All,

Kim



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