



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

May 11, 2018

## Breakfast

### Mother's Day Breakfast

As they did last year, the Wednesday Men's Group will be preparing a delicious breakfast for all this Sunday. This will be to honor the mothers. We will serve during the 10 am hour. Please come and join us.

## 9 am In Chapel

This Sunday is the last 9 am service until fall. We will return to the chapel for this week. Simon has arranged the chapel to accommodate the New Song singers and instrumentalists. Join us where New Song got its roots.

## Good Book Club

As we began our readings this week, Paul and Silas (and likely other followers of Jesus) have made their way to Macedonia. They encounter a slave girl whose abilities as a fortune-teller bring in a lot of money for her "owners." She calls to Paul day after day, begging him for freedom, and finally, he relents (it's not clear whether she has worn him down with her persistence or he is truly inspired to set her free in the name of Christ). Paul's actions anger the girl's owners as their money-making scheme comes to an end, and local authorities throw Paul and Silas into prison. We hope you are still reading to complete Acts by Pentecost. Thank you to all who have participated in this study which began the week of Ash Wednesday. It has been a good journey together.

## Thank You

Thanks to the EYF group for their help with the spring weeding and planting in the Memorial Garden. You did a wonderful job and your efforts were much appreciated.

## Pentecost Sunday

May 20

### Two Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Anyone who would like to process in and out carrying a streamer should call the church office immediately. We can make the streamers but we need to know how many. Check out last year!



Remember to wear **RED!**

## Ushers

Last Sunday we saw another role that our ushers perform here at St. Stephen's. Thank you to those who were ministering to our congregation as we had a medical emergency. At each service of the church the ushers help to guide the flow, to receive the offering, to bring forward the elements for communion, and of course to keep a good record of the attendance (and assist with safety and emergency issues). We need additional ushers at each service. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, our head usher, John Cox, will give you some training and get you assigned. Contact the church office with your availability.

## Eucharistic Ministers

The name now given to Chalice Bearers is Eucharistic Ministers. This is such an essential ministry to all of us as we come to receive the cup. It takes someone who is called to provide that ministry. If you have felt the Lord speaking to you about possibly considering this role in service, please speak to the clergy as part of that discernment. We almost have enough to have a training.

## Sermon

This Sunday is Youth Sunday. Eli Mauk-Olson from the Episcopal Youth Fellowship group will be our speaker at all three services. Come out and support our youth.



## Storehouse

Please volunteer to help at the Storehouse this month. The Storehouse is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. till Noon. Saturday is the day for pickup and delivery. Please come out if only for an hour or two. No previous training needed - just show up with willing hands and a kind heart.

## Safeguarding

We have a date! **Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Remember if you work with children in any way or if you have a key to the building you are required to take this Safeguarding God's Children class by the Diocese. Please give your name to the office so you can be assured of your seat.

## Pastoral Care

**JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR**

Jonathan Heischman; Mary Helsley; Jim & Audrey Henry; Mark Henry.



*Please add these names to your prayer list.*