



ST. STEPHEN
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Congregational Communication
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Reverend Joel Petruschke

Our Mission: We respond to Christ's love by feeding those who hunger in body, mind, and spirit.

Date: October 16, 2024

Thursday, October 17
4:30pm – Community Assistance Meal

Saturday, October 19
5:00pm – Dinner with Friends

Sunday, October 20
9:30am – Sunday Church School
11:00am – Worship Service (Hybrid)
1:00pm – Fuse Meeting

Monday, October 21
7:00pm – Congregational Council Meeting
7:00pm – Boy Scouts

Sunday, October 27
9:30am – Sunday Church School
11:00am – Worship Service (Hybrid)
12:30pm – Bible Study & Light Lunch

Monday, October 28
7:00pm – Boy Scouts

• This week we welcome back Pastor Elaine Dent. She has graciously agreed to help us with supply pastoring for 2 weeks per month and for that we are very appreciative. Thank you, Pastor Dent.



Youth Corner

Attention Families! St. Stephen Church, New Kingstown, will be holding their **Fuse Meetings** on the **3rd Sunday of each month, at 1PM**. A lunch meal is always served. Bring a side dish to share! This meeting is for kids of any age, 0-18, and the adult spiritual influencers in their life, in whatever form that is (parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, older siblings, extended family, etc.). You don't need to attend St. Stephen Church to attend Fuse! Anyone is welcome! We will have a meal, do some activities and learn a lesson. So come Fuse with us!

The October Fuse meeting will be held at the Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger WALK. We will be joining the team of St. Mark Keller Street Walkers at the 2024 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger 5K Walk to feed the poor. The walk will take place rain or shine on Sunday afternoon, 1PM, October 20, 2024, at Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg. EVERY dollar donated will benefit these local and global organizations who aid the most vulnerable:

New Hope Ministries
Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels
Church World Service

All walkers are encouraged to donate on-line or they can present checks, payable to CWS/CROP, on the day of the walk. Use the link below to sign up to participate with us.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/st-mark-keller-street-walkers>

Congregation members are encouraged to participate with us!

St. Mark of Mechanicsburg is inviting us to participate!

CAMPFIRE IN OUR BACK YARD The Youth & Family Ministry Committee invites youth in 6th through 12th grades to their first campfire. The event will be held on Friday, November 1st, at 5:30 pm in the field behind St. Mark. Hot dogs and S'mores are on the menu. Then.... **MOVIE UNDER THE STARS- NOVEMBER 1st** After the youth have finished eating, family and friends are invited for an outdoor movie starting at 7:00 pm. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served. Please bring chairs and blankets. Stay tuned for additional details and the name of the movie.

Please email Amy Gimbel with expected number of attendees so they can prepare enough food, amygimbel@embarqmail.com.

We will be participating in trunk-or-treat this year to hand out candy and grilled hotdogs to the trick-or-treaters in New Kingstown on trick-or-treat night, October 31st! Start planning your decorative trunks now! Sign up on the sheet on the Communication Board in the Fellowship Hall, so we can reserve a space for you to park in!

EMS Game Night! Youth in **Grades K-12** are invited the **1st Wednesday of each month** starting **November 6th**, from **6-8pm**, to come play boards games with various local EMS personnel in the Fellowship Hall! Fill out a mixer sheet to get to know a little about them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socialization! All different game levels for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Adult sign in required for non-teens.

Pictures and videos are in!!

Pictures are posted on the **Youth Google Drive** for the **National Youth Gathering**, our annual **Cherry Crest Day**, as well as, our service day at the **Wittle Farm!** Browse the drive and take a look!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17u419t0rghXyaSaLEnujWKp6FZzW7xJT?usp=sharing>

Secret Santa registration is open once again! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8RSNPRT> Don't let this year be the year that you are left out of the Christian Fellowship and giving spirit! Doing good deeds for others in secret, is one of the miracles that God has granted us the ability to perform. The anticipation and excitement will help to bring a smile to both the giver and the recipient this season!

Here's how it works. Sign up. You will be sent the name of someone else that is participating after December 1st. Choose or make a gift for that person (no more than a \$20 value) and wrap it up brightly. Secretly leave the present on their doorstep and leave, or mail it to them, sometime in December. It's that simple!

Registration closes **November 29th!**

Fuse Registration is now open for **Winterfest, January 3-5, 2025!** Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62MJHPW>.

Winterfest will gather youth in **grades 9-12, college students** on winter break, and their congregational advisors for a weekend immersion in Christian community, focused around a central theme this year of: Fingerprints! You are a unique gift from God, marked by God with gifts that make you truly special. As a disciple of Jesus, how are you leaving a mark of Jesus' love, grace, and forgiveness on the world around you?

You can look forward to live music, faith formation conversations and teaching, social activities, games, night life, electives, large group worship, small group studies, and fun at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster County. A quiet room is offered for those who would like to peacefully sit out of the louder activities.

A **\$50 deposit/person** is the cost for this event. Talk to Jenny about special situations requiring scholarships. yfmd@ststephenlc.org Must register by NOVEMBER 30, 2024. Please consider joining us this year!



ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT! We are looking into the possibility of holding a quarterly, community dance for the public, after it was expressed, that residents would like more opportunities to be able to get to know their neighbors and have a safe place to socialize at. Before we go through the work of holding it only to find no one attends though, we would like to gauge community interest in it first.

If you live within close traveling distance to the New Kingstown area, please go online and take our fast 2 question survey to help us determine if this is something the public would like to see us put on or not. Many thanks and blessings! <https://www.s>



Sunday worship begins at 11:00am.

This is hybrid worship, meaning that we worship both in person and online at the same time. If you worship online, please introduce yourself to others online and greet other folks that you aren't familiar with. We also invite those worshipping online to provide their own elements of bread and wine/grape juice in order to participate in communion.

Accessing worship online

You can attend online worship by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/410597064?pwd=b3lEa2hnbmtxU2kvYVhxUGN6ZWdoUT09>

You can also call: 1-929-205-6099. Once connected, just enter the Meeting ID: 410 597 064 and the password: 779080. **Or, you can find the direct link on our church webpage:** www.ststephenlc.org. Scroll halfway down to the link that says, "Join us online." Click the link and you'll be connected to the Zoom session.



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Worship Assistants:

| Date | Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader | Usher Greeter | Cantor | Lector | Assisting Minister | Altar Guild | AV Support | Counters |
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| 10/20/24 | Rev. Elaine Dent | Larry Bouchat | Jadam Smith | Lloyd Sheaffer | Lynne Immell | Maxine Carol | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Roger Immell Lela Ewell |
| 10/27/24 | Lloyd Sheaffer | | Lynne Immell | Pat Gilmore Lee | Jadam Smith | Sue Rogers | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Lela Ewell Cheryl Neidig |
| 11/3/24 | Rev. Elaine Dent | | Jadam Smith | Roger Immell | Lynne Immell | Maxine Carol | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Cheryl Neidig Roger Immell |
| 11/10/24 | Rev. Elaine Dent | | Lynne Immell | Carol Clelland | Jadam Smith | Maxine Carol | Cheryl Neidig Randy Neidig | Roger Immell Lela Ewell |

Prayer Requests:

| Date | Name | Connection | Request |
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Chronic or Long-Term Requests

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| 1/17/24 | Tom Burson | Member | Please continue to pray for Tom and Kathy Burson. Tom is at Country Meadows continuing to recover. |
| 6/9/24 | Roger Myers | Member | Roger is undergoing cancer treatment. |
| 8/5/24 | Pat Gilmore Lee | Member | Please pray for strength, healing and courage for Pat who has received a diagnosis of cancer. If you would like to send her a card, please use the following address: 325 Wesley Dr. Apt. 201 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 |
| 8/26/24 | Roger Immell | Member | Prayers for Roger as doctors work on a permanent diagnosis pending his MRI report. |
| 10/2/24 | Joan Wiest | Member | Joan's stay at Legend assisted living in Mechanicsburg has been extended through October 30. The best way to contact her is via email at: south4k6g@verizon.net |

Temporary Requests

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| 10/7/24 | Jonathan Montgomery | Son of John and Maxine | Jonathan has severely injured his hand in an archery accident. |
| 10/7/24 | Eugene (Butch) Zeiders | Father of Office Admin. Susanne | Butch is now recovering at a rehab facility in Hershey for extensive therapy. |
| 10/12/24 | Sandra Fabian | | Please pray for the family and friends of Sandra. She passed away Saturday evening. |
| 10/14/24 | Paulette Krewson | Member | Paulette has reported that she is getting much better every day. |
| 10/15/24 | Kathy Griffith | Thurs. meals & DWF participant | Please pray for Kathy as she is going through medical tests and awaiting results for possible heart issues. |
| 10/15/24 | James | Close friend of Tom Burson | Tom has asked that we pray for his close friend, James, whose son is struggling with two cancer diagnoses. |
| 10/16/24 | John Montgomery | Member | John was taken to PSH Hampden Center Tuesday night. Please keep John, Maxine, and their family in your prayers. |

