

*ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS*

Sunday, September 17, 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 19

**WELCOME!**

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

**COMMUNION**

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

*LOOKING FORWARD*



A colorful poster for a 'MINISTRY FAIR'. The title 'MINISTRY FAIR' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue shadow. Below it, 'After both services' and 'SEPTEMBER 17, 2023' are written. The poster also mentions 'Fun & Games!' and 'Snacks!'. At the bottom, it says 'Learn about St. Stephen's many ministries and opportunities for involvement! Explore ways to share your time and talent.' The background features a blue sky with clouds, colorful bunting, and green hills.

**THE WELCOME TABLE**

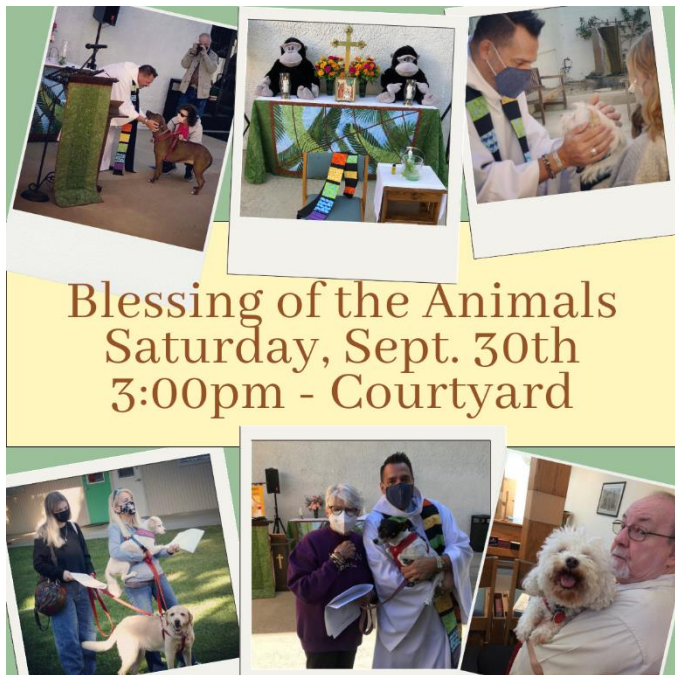
A Christian spiritual gathering  
for the LGBTQ+ community & our allies.



Come join us for The Welcome Table on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7PM in Spurling Hall. The Welcome Table is an experience crafted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Gather with us as we eat, pray, discuss, share communion, celebrate diversity and explore our faith in community as our true, authentic selves. Come as you are, this place is for you. Dinner is potluck style. You can sign up for your contribution here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7csfe5>



A black poster for 'Movie Night'. At the top, it says 'Join us for Movie Night' in white. Below that, a yellow clapperboard graphic is shown with a white star on the left and right. Text on the clapperboard reads 'Refreshments Provided \$5.00 suggested donation'. Below the clapperboard, it says 'We will be showing the 1993 Tim Burton movie that has a lot to do with Halloween'. At the bottom, it says 'Friday, September 22 at 7:00pm Spurling Hall'.



## Blessing of the Animals Saturday, Sept. 30th 3:00pm - Courtyard

Puerto Vallarta, Family Pack of 4 Disneyland Tickets, Vitamix, Vera Bradley Bags, Oil Painting of your Dog. Get ready to bid!! Need more info, please contact the Gala Auction Committee Chairs Peggy Stabile [pstable@pegasus2.net](mailto:pstable@pegasus2.net) or Bonnie Warburton [blwarburton@hotmail.com](mailto:blwarburton@hotmail.com).



JOIN ST. STEPHEN'S AT  
THE  
WALK TO END  
ALZHEIMER'S ON OCT 7<sup>th</sup>  
Each year thousands of

people participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's here in Santa Clarita, to help raise funds towards creating a world without Alzheimer's and all other forms of dementia. This disease has affected so many families, including those within our parish. Our church community is supporting the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association via our very own St. Stephen's team. The Walk is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, and we invite all to join us.

You may learn more about the Walk and can donate and/or join our team via this link:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/ststephens>

### St. Stephen's 60th Gala Celebration Updates

We are only a few weeks away, **time to purchase your Gala tickets**. Single tickets, tables and sponsorships available. Scan the QR code above or click the graphic above.

Still have some options to volunteer for the gala ... set up, tear down, sell tickets, etc. If interested, email Erick [longerick@gmail.com](mailto:longerick@gmail.com).

The Gala Auction Committee would like to thank everyone who donated baskets, auction items and storage space. We are ramping up for an amazing evening of live auction, silent auction, chance and spin wheel with amazing items like a **Week Stay in**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

## St. Stephen's Diamond Jubilee

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS  
WITH DINNER, MUSIC, AND DRINKS  
LIVE, SILENT AND CHANCE AUCTIONS

OCTOBER

SATURDAY | 14 | AT 5PM  
2023

SINGLE TICKET: \$45  
GOLD, DIAMOND, & PLATINUM SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

PLEASE RSVP AT [WWW.ST-STEPHENS.ORG](http://WWW.ST-STEPHENS.ORG)

24901 ORCHARD VILLAGE RD.  
SANTA CLARITA, CA

Join us for a gala celebration and fundraiser as we honor all that has come before and pave the way into the future.

SINGLE TICKET  
\$45.00

DIAMOND SPONSOR  
\$2500

PLATINUM SPONSOR  
\$1000

GOLD SPONSOR  
\$500

Please RSVP to 661-259-7307



**Lay Ministry: How Can We Help?** How can Bloy House, the Episcopal School of Theology for the Diocese of Los Angeles transform the lay ministry experience in this church and throughout the diocese?

We met together last fall to begin this conversation, and we'll continue it on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. For those that came to the first workshop, we'll have a chance for feedback and to see what progress has been made. For those that were not able to attend the first workshop, we welcome you to the discussion, as we consider new topics. We'll be joined by an experienced lay minister from our diocese who will share challenges and ideas on lay ministry in general — how to begin/end a ministry, how to lead small group and formation ministries, turning conversations about justice into outreach ministries in the community, avoiding burnout, and becoming involved at the diocesan level, and any other questions that come up in the discussion.

Facilitated by: Linda Allport,  
Dean, Bloy House

Special Guests: D.J. Gomer, St. John's R.S.M.

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 30th, 9 am - noon (check in 8:45) Place: Spurling Hall, St. Stephens

Lunch will be provided. Register using the qr code..



### GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here [st-stephens.org/giving](http://st-stephens.org/giving). You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.



If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at [office@st-stephens.org](mailto:office@st-stephens.org) no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.

## St. Stephen's Prayer List

**On-Going Needs:** Joanne, Mary Lou,

**Current Needs:** Susan, Byron, Wilson, Bree, Sister Miriam, Linda, Bob, Rob, Joy, Ty, Sandy, Diane, Ines, Doug, Macy, Billy, Mary, Katherine, Peter, Roque, Craig, Rebecca and the Sayer family, Stacey, Vickie, Rebecca, Peter, Ann Marie, Sue, Tim, Laura, Tim, Freddy, Pricilla, Blasanca, Dorrie, Devon, Lorraine, Patricia, Pat, Dorothy, Colin, Taylor, Elise, Bishop Michael Curry, Beth, Janet, Theresa, **Kristen, Ana, Malcolm**

**Rest in Peace:** Eric Taylor, Caroline Swaisgood, Tex Moore, Jack Montella, Jack Mulcahy, Eddie Jeske, Zachary Johnson, **Linda Spencer-Walters**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at [pstable@pegasus2.net](mailto:pstable@pegasus2.net) or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru Peggy or the office to be on the list again.

St. Stephen's Week	September 17, 2023 to September 24, 2023
<b>TODAY'S SERVICES 7:45am &amp; 10:30am</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 9/17</b>	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Ministry Fair / Spurling Hall
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) — VPOD Jen Aston
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	Ministry Fair / Spurling Hall
12:15pm	YESS/Pathfinders / Lounge
<b>MONDAY 9/18</b>	
4:30pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall
6:30pm	Gala Chair Meeting / Room 8
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
<b>TUESDAY 9/19</b>	
5:30pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall
6:00pm	Finance Committee meeting via Zoom
<b>WED. 9/20</b>	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:45am	Breakfast / Lily's Cafe
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom
7:00pm	The Welcome Table / Spurling Hall
<b>THURS. 9/21</b>	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy & Zoom
6:00pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal / Church
<b>FRIDAY 9/22</b>	
7:00pm	Movie Night / Spurling Hall / The Nightmare Before Christmas
<b>SAT. 9/23</b>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 9/24</b>	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) — VPOD Kathleen Jensen
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:15pm	YESS/Pathfinders / Lounge