

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Today Sunday, August 7, 2022

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 14

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

Join us this Sunday,
August 7th,
after the 10:00am service



**ROOT BEER FLOAT
COFFEE HOUR**



SAGES Luncheon
Thursday, August 11th
at 1:00pm
California Pizza
Kitchen

24061 Newhall Ranch Rd, Valencia, CA
91354

Hosted by Mary Beth Knox



The Welcome Table will be on hiatus for the month of August.

It will return in September with a date TBD.

TECH TABLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for additional volunteers to help us run the Tech Table for each service. Tech or audio experience a bonus but not required! Please join us in this important ministry of live-streaming our service for those who cannot attend in person! See Erick Long for more info.



Registration begins this week for the next Efm session at St. Stephen's beginning in September. Time is running out - If you have not yet signed up and you are interested, there is still room for a limited number of participants.

Weekly Efm evening sessions include discussions about the readings from the Bible and textbooks, conversations leading to guided theological reflection, worship and more.

Efm groups explore the Old and New Testaments, the history of Christianity, both positive and negative, and their faith journeys to get a perspective on how we got to where we are today. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Higginbotham at maryjohigg@gmail.com or Kathleen Jensen at jensencurl@gmail.com as soon as possible. If you are a past Efm graduate, this is an entirely new program compared to what you may have experienced, and you're invited to enroll in any year you wish to take.

Education for Ministry (Efm) is a satellite program sponsored by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.



Summer Pick-up Choir

We would love to have you sing again during this summer. There are no separate rehearsals. No vesting. No age restrictions. No musical training or experience needed. You come as you are each Sunday to lend your voice to our 10AM worship service. We will be leading the music for the services through September 11, 2022. You should report to church no later than 9:15 AM each Sunday that you wish to sing. If you want to participate in this joyful group, please email Judy Baity at jmbdmbymb@sbcglobal.net at your earliest convenience.



JOIN ST. STEPHEN'S AT THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S OCT 8th

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 8th, 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>

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

James 1:17

What does enough love look like?

If we look deep enough, it's more than flirtation, it's more than want or need, it's so much more of everything. Love is the pouring out of abundance; abundant grace, abundant life, abundant care and abundant devotion from God. In giving we create abundance and in giving we receive abundance; from God, from our community, from life.

Stewardship, the sharing of our time, talent and treasure, is what we call giving from the gifts we have been given. It's relational and active.

Though the fruits of our labors and investing in our community and in God's creation we call earth, will, and do, often go unnoticed or unrewarded in the present, God's abundant love is pouring on to us for all eternity.

Thank you to all who attended our mid-year update Sunday, July 24th or who have watched/listened to the recording available on our



website. It is important to not only give of our gifts but to share them responsibly, with thanksgiving to God.

What work needs to be done that you can be present for; your own healing, helping your neighbors and family in some way, participating in a larger social justice effort or simply unlocking your resources?

Cathy Gero and the Stewardship Committee



Episcopal Relief & Development

Working Together for Lasting Change

Provide relief and help communities recover from flooding and fires

Deadly flooding and fires in southern and western parts of the US are displacing thousands and creating a financial burden on the most vulnerable. Episcopal Relief & Development is working with church and local partners to provide help where it's needed the most. Your swift response and compassionate gift to the Episcopal Relief & Development Disaster Fund will provide supplies to help communities in Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri, California and other places make a full and sustained recovery. Visit episcopalrelief.org to make a contribution today.

Are you looking for a way to help out our homeless families in Santa Clarita?
Here are some opportunities:

Family Promise 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.

Monday, October 24th at Noon

Join Sheri Flay in a Foursome of golfers

Four golfers, includes golf, cart & range balls, breakfast & post-round dinner, drinks.

\$700.00 total (\$175 each)

If you are interested, contact Sheri Flay ybandsf@sbcglobal.net or (805) 660-7811.

Volunteer at the Golf Tournament

Contact Rachel Rieckhoff, rachel@familypromisescv.org

Volunteer throughout the year!

<https://www.familypromisescv.org/volunteer/>



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Third Annual Golf Tournament
BENEFITING FAMILY PROMISE OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

SAND CANYON COUNTRY CLUB
12:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley
24820 Orchard Village Ra, Ste. A, #391, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Questions: Email Roché Vermaak at rvermaak@familypromisescv.org or by phone at 661-234-8096
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St. Stephen's Prayer List

On-Going Needs: Joanne., Mary Lou

Current Needs: Susan, Byron, Wilson, Bree, Silvio, Liam and parents, Jake, April, Adeline, Kathy, Lucia E., Christine, Victoria, Barbara, Kim, Sister Miriam, Joy, Chrissy, Anthony, Pat, Uriel, Lucia, Pam, Denny, Greg, Alex, Karen, Ruth, Bill, **Bill H.**,

Rest in Peace: Verna Scott, Joan Giordano, Mike Mouton, Tami Pillion, **George Krejci**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstabile@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.



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. As you may have heard, you can now 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, especially right now.

St. Stephen's Week		August 7, 2022 to August 14, 2022	
TODAY'S SERVICES 7:45am & 10:00am			
SUNDAY 8/7			
7:45am	Holy Eucharist		
10:00am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) - VPOD Jen Aston		
11:30am	Root Beer Float Coffee Hour		
MONDAY 8/8			
4:30-6:30pm	Pack 57 / Spurling Hall & CY		
6:45-9:30pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall & CY		
7:00pm	AA / Lounge		
TUESDAY 8/9			
5:15-8:00pm	Pack 57 / Spurling Hall & CY		
6:30pm	Preschool Board meeting via Zoom		
WED. 8/10			
7:00am	Holy Eucharist		
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting		
6:00pm	AA / Lounge		
7:45pm	SAA / Lounge		
THURS. 8/11			
1:00pm	SAGES Luncheon / California Pizza Kitchen		
5:15-6:30pm	Pack 57 / Spurling Hall & CY		
6:30-9:00pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall & CY		
FRIDAY 8/12			
9:00am	AA / Lounge		
7:30pm	AA / Lounge		
SAT. 8/13			
NEXT SUNDAY 8/14			
7:45am	Holy Eucharist		
10:00am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) - VPOD TBD		

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