



THE VOICE OF ST. STEPHEN'S

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January 7
Baptism of our Lord
10:45am

January 14
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
10:45 am

January 21
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
10:45 am

January 28
4th Sunday after Epiphany
10:45 am

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Reflections from Pastor Barry

*Let your light so shine before others that they may see
your good works
and give glory to our God who is in heaven.*



Happy New Year! You and I have been together for a whole year. Time does fly! I begin my words this day by thanking all of you for navigating this transition together. You have taught me much over the course of this last year and I do thank you for your wisdom, your patience, and your willingness to journey with me.

2024 will bring more change! This is good news, honest. If we are not changing and learning and growing, we all know the alternative. Your congregational council is working on gathering information about who we are and who we want to be. Watch for a parish survey over the course of Lent, February 14th is already Ash Wednesday! When you are invited to fill out the survey, please do so! The more information we gather, the better. I am with you for this journey, and again, thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you.

As much as change is a part of our lives, there are certainly those things that are constants. Constant is the love of God revealed to us in Jesus the Christ. Here is the light no darkness may overcome. Here is the light we are always invited to share- to allow that light in each of us to shine, that the world- and most importantly our very neighbors- might see that light and join us in giving glory to our God who is in heaven as well as the God who is with us here and now. This season of Epiphany is all about light. Allowing the light of God to show us the way we need to go. And God does speak to us and lead us and love us into being God's faith filled people here at St. Stephen's.

Time does fly. It is all the better when we share that time with folks we love. Where there is the light of Christ, there most certainly is love. I am excited to share the light of Christ with you this coming year.

Let your light shine!

Barry+



January's Celebrations



Birthdays

1-Mary Elizabeth Bozzelli
1-Ryan Siegfried
3-Devon Green
6-Carol Sule
7-Ed Acevedo
11-Andrea Spangenberg
12-Jack Garland
14-Tracey Beam
14-Melissa Phillips
17-Cheryl Hosfeld
25-Janet Spangenberg

Used Eyeglasses Donation



There is a box in the Narthex for used eyeglasses for the Lions Recycle for Sight. Your used eyeglasses can help someone see better.



Altar Flower dedications are a wonderful way to show gratitude for, or honor, loved ones. If you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers, please see the signup sheet in the Narthex



If you get up on Sunday morning and your road is covered in snow or ice and you are wondering if we have Worship Service, please check WFMZ Channel 69 for update. You can also check our facebook page or our web page for an update.

Advent Wreath Workshop

December 3, 2023



Luminaire 2023

December 9, 2023



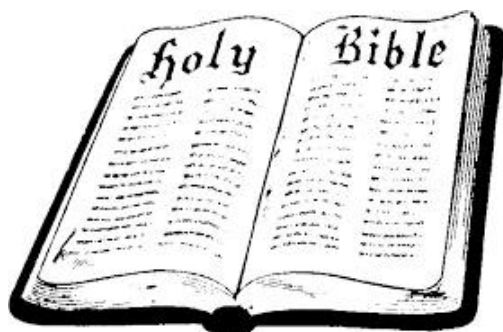
**Thank you to all that
helped!**



Christmas Pageant December 17, 2023



Coming Soon In January
New Bible Studies will be announced.



Coming in February
February 14
Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm

New Years

E A P K D O O R D I M O H W L I N C V V O J J R
 L V B E G N B F L D A A S M T E T K U Y Y O B I
 B E S Y W K E A Q P P N C A V U W X A V U U T D
 G Q Q T J E Y Z U P Q O F O R H J L K X S V M E
 E Y S C L P I F Y D F Y U B G S E Q G P A G S A
 V V F R V Q U U A M G S F R T N X Z G P S L T J
 L L F G W D J I V K R Y T A O C W K U N S T S Q
 Q D I W K S V T S A O T H R S P C O A A S X V P
 X Z I T O A P C N V W C X O E C F E D N F A J Z
 C U U J A N U A R Y T C B K U A H H O T H Z D V
 B D E N O I S E M A K E R S O H M I N P N Z D S
 G U G K B K F H Z A X T T Z X F T E K T J U X W
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 O L K K H P K S I O O U T N R T Z R I S M D K C
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 K D P E E I X J Q O Y R J T B V K Q T J U I V P
 M I D N I G H T N I C T S S A L G R U O H U U W
 M I G U O J F S X U M O P Q J W P J P O X K E I

happy

hats

celebrate

resolutions

noisemakers

ball

kiss

cheers

party

midnight

hourglass

January

toast

fireworks

hope

streamers

countdown

decorations






January 2024

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Worship Service Assistants

Altar Care: Kim Bluder

Worship Service	 ACOLYTES	 USHERS	 LAY READER	 COUNCIL GREETER	 FELLOWSHIP
January 7 10:45 am	Maddie Zuber	Ron & Mary Jo Reed Pat Handlovic	Ron Reed	Suzanne Bachman	Suzanne Bachman
January 14 10:45 am	Leah Raab	Pat Handlovic		Kim Bluder	
January 21 10:45 am	Brody Zuber	Maddie Zuber Isias Simmons	Kim Bluder	Bonnie Gerber	Rose Zuber
January 28 10:45 am	Maddie Zuber	Ron & Mary Jo Reed Brody Zuber		Pat Handlovic	Rev. Ron Sharon Wagner



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