



THE VOICE OF ST. STEPHEN'S

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<p>March 3 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> 10:45am</p> <p>March 10 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> 10:45 am</p> <p>March 17 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> 10:45 am</p> <p>March 24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10:45 am</p> <p>March 28/ March 29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:00 pm <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 pm</p> <p>March 31 Easter 10:45 am</p>	<p>INSIDE THIS ISSUE</p> <p>Reflections from Pastor Barry.....2-3</p> <p>March Celebrations.....4</p> <p>Daylight Savings.....5</p> <p>Maundy Thursday.....6</p> <p>Good Friday/Easter7</p> <p>Easter Breakfast.....8</p> <p>Iron Pigs.....9</p> <p>Word Search.....10</p> <p>Worship Assistants.....11</p> <p>Church Council & Committee.....12</p>
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Reflections from Pastor Barry

Lent 2024

Dear Friends at St. Stephen's,



Things have changed once again. Do you feel it?

The liturgy has changed with the arrival of this season of Lent. We are slowly making our way through the various settings in our hymnal. Thank you for your willingness to explore the liturgies that make us Lutheran.

The St. Stephen's Players have returned, offering us dramatic interpretations of our first readings for these five Sundays in Lent. Each of those readings represent a covenant, a promise that God has made with us. The first week, God promises to Noah and us all to never again destroy the earth. On the second Sunday, God promises to Abraham and Sarah that they shall have a son and from that son and all their descendants the peoples of the earth will be blessed. Watch for the remaining covenants of these next weeks.

We are blessed with good leadership in our Adult formation. These five weeks of Lent, you are invited to join me as we look at the 7 days of Holy Week. The Gospel of Mark is succinct in his telling of the sacred story. It is in the Gospel of Mark, that we have the deliberate telling of the days of the last week- Holy Week- in the life of Jesus. Please join us downstairs at 9:30 am. Bible study has also resumed in the Pastor's study on Thursdays at 9:30 am and we are looking at The Last Week through the eyes of Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Reading the book is not required. There is some overlap between Sunday morning and Thursday morning but also new material in each session.

Holy Week arrives at St. Stephen's, March 24, with Palm Sunday as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. You are invited to journey with Jesus all week. There will be in your eblast for that week additional information for daily devotions for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm we will gather for worship and the washing of feet. Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm we will hear the Passion according to Mark. There will be a devotion for home use for Saturday in Holy Week as we prepare for our celebration of Easter on March 31st.

Lent is the season when we sing and pray and move to the words: Return to the Lord your God, for our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Return my friends to us at St. Stephen's and share together in this Lenten journey that we might discover anew the power of Easter life and resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

May you be renewed in your Lenten journey,

Shalom,
Barry+



March Celebrations



Birthdays

- 4-Jeanine Siegfried
- 6-Lydia Siegfried Hughes
- 9-Norma Benedek
- 12-Loretta Dewalt
- 18-Mildred Mathews
- 21-Nancy Hawk
- 21-Sarah Ohmacht
- 23-Ray Bauder Jr
- 23-Don Schleicher
- 27-Dennis Haring
- 29-Kristine O' Brien
- 31-Amanda Kovalchick

Anniversaries

- 16-Frank & Marilyn Eckley
- 17-Craig & Joann Spangenberg
- 27-Geralkd & Julianna Seyfried

March 10 Daylight Saving Time



Maundy Thursday
March 28
7PM



Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the canonical gospels. It is the fifth day of Holy Week, preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday.

Good Friday
March 29
7PM



Easter Sunday
March 31
10:45 AM



Easter Breakfast

A banner for an Easter breakfast featuring the text "Easter Breakfast" in a red, cursive font. Below the text is a photograph of several tulips in shades of yellow and pink.

Sunday, March 31, 9:00 am
Easter Breakfast

All-you-can-eat Eggs-N-Ham, Pancakes, Sausage, Hash
Browns, Breads, Beverages

\$5 Adults
Kids 12 & under Free
Must purchase Tickets in Advance

Tickets will go on sale in Narthex
March 10, 17 and March 24

**Come Join us for Faith Night at the
Lehigh Valley Ironpigs
Friday, June 7, 2024 at 7:05 PM**



Tickets - \$12/per person (includes \$2 Ballpark Credit)

Q & A with Team Chaplain after the game and fireworks!

Please RSVP and make check payable to Jeanine Siegfried.
You can drop off the check at the church office or give directly to Jeanine .



EASTER WORDSEARCH

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

ANGEL
BIBLE
CHRIST
CHURCH
CROSS

FAITH
GLORY
GOD
GOSPEL
HEAVEN

HOLY
JESUS
LAMB
MIRACLE
PALM

PASSION
PRAYER
RISEN
SAVIOR
WORSHIP

Homemade








March 2024

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Worship Service Assistants

Altar Care: Michelle Hoysan

Worship Service					
March 3 10:45 am	Maddie Zuber	Ron & Marry Jo Reed	Ron Reed	Herb Shelberger	Bev Carson Roseann Palsi
March 10 10:45 am		Maddie Zuber	Todd Siegfried	Jeannie Siegfried	Todd & Jeannie Siegfried
March 17 10:45 am	Brody Zuber	Maddie Zuber	Jeanine Siegfried	Craig Spangenger	Sandy Beahm
March 24 Palm Sunday	Maddie Zuber	Brody Zuber		Suzanne Backman	
March 28 Maundy Thurs. 7:00 pm			Evan Reese		
March 29 Good Friday 7:00 Pm					
March 31 Easter 10:45 am	Brody Zuber	Ron & Mary Jo Reed	Jeanine Siegfried	Klm Bluder	Easter Breakfast



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