

# *St. Stephen's Lutheran Church*



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*Celebrating 60  
Years of Ministry  
July / Aug. 2014*

## **SUMMER WORSHIP**

**ONE SERVICE 9:30 am through Aug. 31**

**Mary - Martha / Ruth -Rebecca Women's Circle**

## **Annual Salad Luncheon**

**Rescheduled for July 10 at Noon**

1225 Whispering Pines Dr., Scotts Valley

The circle will hold its annual end of the year potluck salad luncheon at the home of Margaret Schraft. Come, relax in her beautiful back yard garden and enjoy the food and fellowship. Drinks and dessert are provided.

There will be a car pool at the church at 11:30 as parking is limited. We will be on hiatus until Sept. 11 when we resume our meetings . Please join us. **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!**

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***Rev. James P. Lapp, Pastor***

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Church Council: Pres. — David Balogh V. P. — Joel Hurttgam  
Secretary - Robbin Heppe Treasurer— Ron Buswell  
Jeanette Dawson, Judy Russell and  
Rebecca Wickham

Directors of Music: Suzanne Duval & Gary Roberts

Pre-School Director: Kathy Berens Associate Musician: Jesse McMillin

Custodian: John Hopping

Children's Minister: Dusty Gipson

Church Administrator: Leslie Lapp

Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30am—2:30pm

Pastor's Office Hours—Wed. & Thurs. 10:00 am –1:00 pm

Pastor's Cell Phone: 325-9095 (Call Pastor between 9 am and 5 pm, M-Thurs.  
or anytime for emergencies. Please only give to church members)

**MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ,  
nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love,  
and invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

**VISION STATEMENT** (proposed by council March 2014)

To become an energetic, multigenerational, multicultural, mission  
community that offers play, hope, joy, service and life  
as disciples of Jesus Christ

## **A Report from the Council President David Balogh**

Greetings in Christ,

It has been six months since our congregational meeting in January and I feel that you should know what has happened since then.

We have received from Mid-Peninsula Housing Corp. the \$1.2 million for the long-term lease of our land for low income housing. The Finance Committee will soon recommend how to invest the funds until we have plans in place to use it. As you probably know, the church council has limited authority on spending, so our job will be to plan ways to implement the suggestions you gave us last year at three meetings hosted by Mark Linder. The council will present plans on projects at the next Congregation Meeting in January 2015 for a vote by all on how to proceed.

There are some things that the council feels strongly about at this time. First and foremost we think that these funds should not take the place of regular offering giving by the congregation. We feel that we should be able to balance our operating budget by our offerings and that this new money should be used for projects which are above and beyond regular giving.

If that is also the feeling of the congregation, I feel that you should all know our current financial condition.

Several years ago, we voted to take on a new Mission: that of starting a Christian Pre School housed here at St. Stephens. The school is now breaking even and a bit more in the black. To establish the school, we have fallen way short of being able to balance our budget. Currently we will be \$82,000 dollars short over the last three-year period. This shortfall was caused by loss of rental income (about \$1800/month), paid by the private preschool, which our has replaced, and by infusions of funds (over \$16,000) to get our preschool up and running over these years. Even without the need for continued financial support for the preschool, the lack of rental income will continue to place our budget out of balance in the future unless our giving increases.

Since our preschool is a stated mission of our congregation, some of you have said that it is not appropriate to ask for rent or utility payments. Your church council agrees. It then comes down to this: we need to balance our budget by increasing our giving by about \$21,000/year (rental funds replacement only) or use the Mid Pen funds for this purpose. I hope that everyone will share this concern and help increase giving to fund this new mission of our church and keep our budget balanced.

## Summer Happenings

### Chapel with the Pre-Schoolers

Wednesdays at 10:15 am

### Knitting Group

Thursdays at 6:45pm

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Fridays at 7:00 pm

### Alanon

Sundays at 3:30 pm

### Parkinson's Support Group

July 2 & Aug. 6 at 12:30

### Finance Committee

July 11 at 9:00 am

### Worship & Music Committee

August 12 @ 7:00 pm

### MMRR Women's Luncheon

July 10 at noon @ Schraft's

### Church Council

July 21 & Aug. 18 at 7:00 pm

### Property Work Day

July 19 & Aug. 16, 9:00—12

### Habitat for Humanity Lunches

July 22 & Aug. 26 @ 10:30

### Rwanda Presentation Rachel

Lapp

Aug. 24 @ 9:30 worship

### 20th Anniv. Celebration of Pr.

Jim's Ordination Aug. 24 Brunch

July Benevolence

= Homeless Service Center

## Council Highlights

1. Devotions and prayer centered on scripture verses that reminded us that our work can be difficult, but that we are not discouraged as we remain faithful to God's call.
2. Lisa Johnson read a letter of resignation from the church council encouraging the council on its path and to keep open to the various perspectives that exist in any congregation. Lisa was personally thanked by several council members and prayed for in a prayer circle led by Pastor Jim. She served in many capacities and gave many hours of service to her beloved church in her leadership role on the council. A new interim council member will be appointed at the July 21 meeting to be elected to complete Lisa's term (one more year) at the next annual meeting in January 2015. Nominations can be made to any church council member, but especially our President, David Balogh at 476-5912 or "dabalogh@cabrillo.edu".
3. Pastor Jim reported on the congregational response to Rachel Lapp's letter of support for her mission trip to Rwanda with the Sierra Pacific Synod's "Girl's Faith Encounter". \$2200 has been given which meets her goal. Rachel will give a presentation on her trip at the August 24 worship service.
4. Council will pray about a facility use request from Victory Outreach, a church looking for a place to hold worship services. A rep. will attend the July meeting. It will be a temporary arrangement Sunday afternoons and Wed. evenings if approved



## July Birthdays

7-1 Lisa Pawalkat  
 7-1 Irene Serna  
 7-2 Vi Olly  
 7-3 Margaret Elkins  
 7-6 Scott Poetzingler  
 7-7 Chelsea Larson  
 7-9 Sandi Crouser  
 7-10 Kyle Lapp  
 7-11 Shirley Fuqua  
 7-12 Arijia Buswell  
 7-15 Nancy Houser  
 7-17 Don Ray  
 7-18 Gary Meeker  
 7-19 Darvin Awe  
 7-20 Michael Lyons, Jr  
 7-21 Cheryl Barte  
 7-22 Kevin Meek  
 7-23 Martha Balogh  
 7-24 Sherilyn Jager  
 7-24 Ingrid Lanoue  
 7-24 Julia Poetzingler  
 7-25 Terry Adams  
 7-27 Mark Linder  
 7-29 Kylie Ronning  
 7-29 Beckett Ruble  
 7-30 Scott Lorenz  
 7-31 Barbie Grow

## August Birthdays

8-1 Noah Lorenz  
 8-2 Roy Hoch  
 8-3 Robert Gipson  
 8-3 Renie Leaman  
 8-9 Lydia Abler  
 8-10 Daniel Grow  
 8-14 Orville  
 Lindquist  
 8-14 Renee Rice  
 8-15 Ruth Cruddas  
 8-15 Susan  
 Oldfield  
 8-17 Brad Cramer  
 8-18 Derek  
 Poetzingler  
 8-19 Evelien  
 Millang  
 8-27 Leslie Lapp  
 8-27 Delores Price  
 8-28 Rachel Lapp  
 8-30 Emma  
 Gipson



## July Anniversaries

7-1 Robert & Dusty Gipson  
 7-3 Tom Eagle  
 & Barbara Bautz  
 7-10 Zack & Kristen Silva  
 7-12 Frank & Evelien Millang  
 7-17 Orville & Edna Lindquist  
 7-18 Manny & Patricia Travers  
 7-28 Charles & Sandra Eldridge  
 7-30 Jim Hanson  
 & Kathy Griffith

## August Anniversaries

8-3 Steve & Theresa  
 Loback - Campbell  
 8-6 Mark Linder  
 & Mary Dean  
 8-15 Ross & Barbara Johnston  
 8-18 Vern & Linda Lillehaugen  
 8-28 Dan & Barbie Grow  
 8-30 Scott Ruble  
 & Leslie Radford



## Sunday School News

Summer is here and we are ready for some Children's Church fun! This summer we will be working on a large art project, middle school and elementary school students together. Our summer theme verse is:

*"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."  
- Ecclesiastes 4:12 NIV*

We will be tackling a string art installation. We have met together and the students made some decisions about materials and colors. I expect this project to take most of the summer. We know that summer is a busy time so students can work on this whenever they are at Children's Church. The more students that participate the more dynamic this project will be. I hope to see all of our students throughout the summer months.

During July and August I plan to be at Children's Church most Sundays but will have a few out of town obligations that will prevent me from being there. I will reach out to families to find a volunteer to work on the art project with our students. If no one is available on a given Sunday then I will prepare a bag of supplies and lesson for our students to use while in church with their families. It will be on the back table in the Narthex if necessary.

Please let me know if you would like to help with our summer project

Sincerely, Dusty Gipson 831-338-3787  
dustygipson@yahoo.com

Save the dates: High School Retreat October 10 -12  
Jr. High Retreat November 14-16



## **St. Stephen's Child Development Center**

Our preschool has reached two important milestones as we ended our traditional school year. First, Community Care Licensing gave us an unannounced annual inspection. We are proud to share that we had no violations and passed the inspection. This was our first inspection since I became director therefore it is a great relief to have that event completed for the next few years. Annual inspections for non-violation schools are approximately every three years.

Our second milestone was realized at the SSCDC second annual Preschool Graduation Chapel. The event included a traditional Chapel service lead by Pastor Jim, individual narratives of student accomplishments presented by Kathy Berens, a Children's Bible gift to each graduate donated by Dusty Gipson, and the "I'll Be friends With You" sign language song presented by the students. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Our students baked banana bread to serve to their guests. Several families attended including some who did not have a graduate but just wanted to support the group. It was a lovely day. Congratulations to Kelton, Anthony, Ricky, and Ryan.

Our teachers have fun activities planned for the summer program. We kick off with Camping Week in June. Our students have planted their summer garden complete with corn, pumpkins, squash, green beans, sugar snap peas, lemon cucumber, carrots, and watermelon. Hopefully we will prevail over the gophers with installation of gopher wire! It should be a fun fall harvest complete with our scarecrow in the center of the action. Please take the time to see how our garden is growing.

Thank you to our scholarship donors, snack and supply donors, and our School Board for your time and talents to make our 2013/2014 a successful school year ministry!! You are all appreciated.

Blessings, Kathy Berens 462-4453

## **Worship & Music Committee — June 10**

1. Devotions by Connie-- John 14:23-29 for Pentecost. “Peace I give to you”, do not be troubled; live life in the presence of God. Jim to do in Aug. Suzanne was recorder; Connie will do in Aug.

### **2. Goals for 2014 reviewed.**

**a. Hymn sing-** Quarterly hymn sing. Dates selected for hymn sing are 6/29, 8/31 and 11/23 so on 6/15 and 22, 8/17 and 24, 11/9 and 16, need for congregation to submit requests. Bonnie will be doing the service 6/29 as Jim will be at the youth gathering. Suzanne will also be gone.

**Outcome-**Bonnie and Barbara will meet 6/24 to review the hymn suggestions and create the bulletin. Connie will assist during the service. Bonnie will work with Gary regarding service details.

**b. Congregational survey--** survey of 4-5 open ended questions . Jim—draft of survey to be reviewed Comm. (2-3) to review surveys and report back – written summary to be reviewed and shared with council and congregation. Reviewed questions and Suzanne suggested question asking what members would be willing to offer with worship.

**c. Review time and talent** sheets for revision of worship assistant lists --\_ Barb completed spread sheet and distributed along with copies of the assister lists. Group reviewed and deleted those no longer attending. Only 20+ time and talent sheets submitted by members. **Out-**

**come-** July 1, Candace, Connie and Barb will meet to review time and talent sheets and update lists and divide lists so they can call members.

**d. Reconciliation Recommendation Report\_** Lisa J had summarized the document to reduce redundancy and shared it with Council in April. Barb contacted David regarding any changes and was referred to Lisa J for e-copy. Lisa did not have e-copy. Jim stated he has a copy and will share it. **Outcome-** Jim to send Barb the e-copy of the document Lisa J reviewed and Council accepted; will be forwarded to WM comm.

**e. Healing stations—**will do on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Connie will work on getting volunteers for these days. Need 4 members to assist while Jim does the healing station.

Dates-- June 15, July 20, Aug 15, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16,, Nov 21, Dec 18

June 15—also “Blessing of the Graduates”. Outcome-- Members will be asked to assist.

**3. One service for the summer--** Memorial Day to Labor Day. F/U with Bonnie— did not have time to review attendance sheets and giving, to see if it makes a difference going from two services to one. Would be great to have this data. Bonnie stated that there’s a different culture of attendance based on community/geography—from her experience working in different churches after retirement. **Outcome-** Bonnie still planning to do project during the summer.

Closed with Group sing of “God of Music, Guide our Song”.

Submitted on behalf of the W/M Committee,

Barbara Rice, Chair

Committee- Pastor Bonnie Bell, Connie Creel, Suzanne Duval, Pastor Jim Lapp,  
Candace Anderson, Ruth Mitchell, Gary Roberts, Kirk McMilin

## **Benevolence Offerings**

**July—Homeless Service Center** Every day we are reminded of how much people can accomplish with a little support and a chance to be connected with the services they need. Larry found that support here at the HSC, “My time at HSC helped re-focus my energy...I am thankful every day for the beauty of the ocean, my job, and the help that got me out of a situation so that I don’t have to be that ‘homeless guy’ anymore.” Thanks to our amazing donors and supporters, we are able to help more people get back on their feet and share their success stories. Your donations provide emergency and transitional services to hundreds of children and thousands of adults every year through our programs: Rebele Family Shelter, Paul Lee Loft & Winter Shelter, Page Smith Community House, Daytime Essential Services Ctr, 180/180 Initiative, and the Recuperative Care Ctr.

**August — California Lutheran University** The ELCA social statement on ed. calls us to remember our roots: “From the time of the Reformation, the Lutheran church has been a teaching and learning church...With his teaching on vocation, Luther understood the Christian life to be one of service to God and neighbor in one’s every day places of responsibility; education equipped Christians for this vocation. He taught that education served the common good of Church and society: In a move unusual for his day, he taught that schools for all – those who were wealthy, those who were poor, boys & girls...”

For 50 years we have been committed to this idea of educating young people for lives of leadership and service in the world. By sending your people to CLU and supporting it with offerings and prayers, our congregations have continued in the rich tradition of a Lutheran understanding of education.

**And**

**Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary** Late May is graduation time. This year, 42 graduates will receive diplomas. In a situation that might happen rarely, there will be at least one person who receives every single of the degree options we offer! So there are people getting purely academic degrees, those who are finishing studying all four years for their Master of Divinity, Diaconal candidates, persons who have received their Master’s degree from other seminaries and came here for their “Lutheran year”, international students staying for a year, TEEM students who have finished their four-year program and are ready to be ordained, and even more! Even though this is a smaller seminary, it is full-service!

June: ELCA World Hunger - \$ 250.00 was given (as of 6/22)

## To the Saints at St. Stephen's,

*Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean revel in him! Make it clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up at any minute!"*

- Philippians 4: 4 & 5, The Message

Let's make this Bible verse a reality for all who participate or visit St. Stephen's. We can do this by joining together in hosting an event our ale-drinking namesake, Martin Luther, would most certainly approve!

### St. Stephen's Oktoberfest 2014

### "Santa Cruz Style"

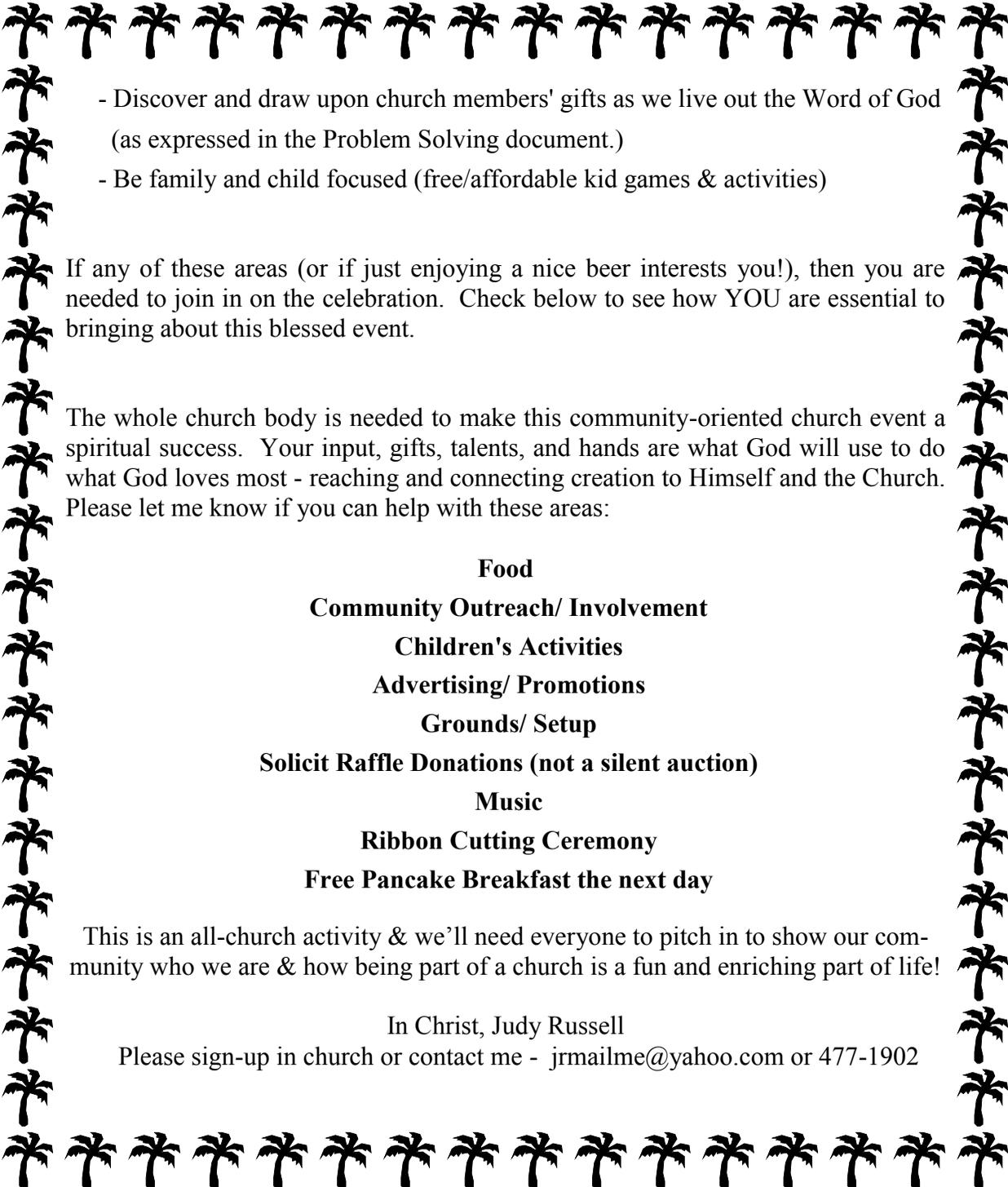
### Saturday, September 27th



We will re-introduce our faith community to the neighborhood. This is our chance to welcome and gather multiple generations in fun, festivities, and fellowship. Get your thinking caps, creative capes, and dancing socks on. Forget the lederhosen. This is Santa Cruz where anything goes!

St. Stephen's Oktoberfest also provides an opportunity for us to put into action long-held values and clearly defined ministry desires brought about by last year's reconciliation process:

- Host an event that stimulates involvement of the community (as expressed in the Problem Solving document)
- Fellowship amongst church members (a new take on the Church picnic!)

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- Discover and draw upon church members' gifts as we live out the Word of God (as expressed in the Problem Solving document.)
  - Be family and child focused (free/affordable kid games & activities)

If any of these areas (or if just enjoying a nice beer interests you!), then you are needed to join in on the celebration. Check below to see how YOU are essential to bringing about this blessed event.

The whole church body is needed to make this community-oriented church event a spiritual success. Your input, gifts, talents, and hands are what God will use to do what God loves most - reaching and connecting creation to Himself and the Church. Please let me know if you can help with these areas:

- Food**
- Community Outreach/ Involvement**
- Children's Activities**
- Advertising/ Promotions**
- Grounds/ Setup**
- Solicit Raffle Donations (not a silent auction)**
- Music**
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
- Free Pancake Breakfast the next day**

This is an all-church activity & we'll need everyone to pitch in to show our community who we are & how being part of a church is a fun and enriching part of life!

In Christ, Judy Russell  
Please sign-up in church or contact me - [jmailme@yahoo.com](mailto:jmailme@yahoo.com) or 477-1902



**STEWARDS OF THE MONTH**  
**JEAN PETERSEN**

Jean has faithfully served our congregation in many ways over many years. She has served on the Church Council, the Finance Committee, as an Offering Counter, and as a Reader of the scriptures for our worship services. More recently, Jean has served as a regular office volunteer for about 5 years, preparing our worship bulletins. helping with other administrative tasks and subbing for Leslie when needed. Thank you, Jean, your service has been invaluable! Your presence is already missed as you provided your cheerful, trusted and reliable gifts to keep our ministry running smoothly. We thank God for your humble and faithful witness.

**DON SMAWLEY**

Don has been given the new moniker of "Food Stylist", because those of us who have received his gifts of providing food for our church functions understand that he has a very special flair for what he does. We have all deliciously benefited from Don's providence over the years, and this past month is no exception. Thanks for organizing the food for both the Wine Tasting fundraiser at Bargetto's for our Sister Parish in El Salvador, and for Bonnie Bell's birthday celebration & ELCA 'End Malaria Campaign" fundraiser. You have greatly enriched the life of our congregation for so many years. It is a powerful reminder of the importance God has placed on our table fellowship.

**JOEL HURTTGAM**

Joel serves as our Property chair on the church council and is often one of the only ones who shows up to a Property Work Day. This month he tackled a particularly relevant problem with the kitchen sink and spent several hours replacing the faucet which not only helped us save water in this drought, but also meant that Bonnie's Birthday Bash could be a huge success!

## **Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly 2014**

Kent and I would like to thank you for allowing us to be the delegates from St. Stephen's to the Assembly, held in Burlingame May 30 to June 1. It is always a moving experience to work with people from around the Synod on the budget, Bible Study, and hear reports from the council, the Bishop, and a representative from the ELCA. Kent will offer his thoughts in the September newsletter.

Bishop Mark Holmerud was re-elected Bishop for another six-year term. Ms. Elaine Whitney, a member of St. Francis in San Francisco, was elected V.P. Several new members were elected to Synod Council. Highlights can be found at [spselca.org](http://spselca.org).

The theme was "committed to being re-formed." Makes one think of the Reformation, doesn't it? Along with the ELCA theme "Always Being Made New" we are reminded that the church is not stagnant, that change is necessary, and can be refreshing. Right – easy to say, not as easy to live.

I (Chris) have been touched by the ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's writing on "we are the church – together". On the ELCA website, she writes "The blessing of ELCA congregations and synods working together is that we are able to draw upon a wealth of leaders, resources, networks, support, ideas, experiences, diverse perspectives and diverse communities for doing God's work in the world."

The financial support and designated giving report of our synod from Feb. 1, 2013 to Jan. 31, 2014 impressed me. Mission Support is what goes to the Synod, who then sends a percentage (SPS is sending 55%) to the ELCA. This is how the national church does "God's work in the world"; working together we can do so much more, both on the Synod and National level. Designated funds are for specific ministries. The grand total of Mission Support, from all of the congregations in our synod, was \$1,804,100. The grand total of designated funds was \$53,102.

These are impressive numbers. My sadness is that St. Stephen's did not give any Mission Support, and \$546 to designated funds (our monthly benevolence, such as Mt. Cross, Live Oak Resource Center, COPA, Habitat, etc). I know that our church councils (past and present) have been struggling for years to make Mission Support a line item, but income has not been adequate to meet monthly expenses. I believe that the council is using the information from the reconciliation process to come up with a solution. I want to urge all of you to think about this, and give input to the council. Perhaps we need a congregational meeting to discuss this, and do some brainstorming. Perhaps the first step is education on what ministries Mission Support supports. We all probably need education on 'God's Economics' - a reminder that God will provide for not only our families, but our congregation. I urge our council to be a role model for our families. How do we commit to being reformed?

Enough preaching. I do hope that you will support our church council as they bring us ideas on improving our stewardship.

May God's blessing be on us through this process ~ Chris Madsen



Nikki and I want to thank everyone at St. Stephen's for your visits, phone calls, flowers, cards and memorial gifts when our beloved Julius died. We especially thank Pastor Jim whose immediate presence at the house was so comforting and for his emotional and spiritual support for us the following week. We feel surrounded by love from our church family.

Julius' experiences of rebuilding Japan after World War II and fighting in the Korean War led him in later years to become a strong advocate of peace, marching in anti-war demonstrations in early 2003 in hopes of preventing the invasion of Iraq. Julius enjoyed meeting people and putting a smile on their faces. He was a very smart and funny man. He celebrated life and was thankful for each new day. We will treasure many wonderful memories of this very special man. ~ Connie and Nikki Creel

## **Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Ordination of The Rev. James Lapp August 24 after worship**

We will have a brunch (bring something to share if you wish) and cake along with our coffee after the service. Note that our retired Pastors have been ordained for:

61 years: The Rev. Roy Hoch

55 years: The Rev. Glenn Johnson

55 years: The Rev. Herb Schmidt

30 years: The Rev. Bonnie Bell

25 years: The Rev. Hans Hoch (Roy's son)

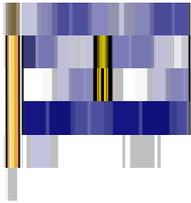
We are truly blessed to have such Pastoral talent within our congregation!

## **Property Work Days**

**July 19 & August 16**

**9 am to noon**

Let's get together to make our church shine! 'Tis the season for gardening, and sprucing up. Bring your sun hat gloves, and weeding tools. Other projects include: sanding, painting, electric work, and roof tile repair.



## El Salvador Sister Parish News

First item: THANK YOU for your support of the winetasting at Bargettos. The net proceeds were \$3, 415.68. All I can say is WOW. However, I do think the best part was the participation from the seven member churches of Santa Cruz al Salvador. How fun to be part of such an ecumenical organization. We welcome the latest 'member church': St. Andrew Presbyterian of Aptos.

This year we celebrate 20 years since the first delegation from Light of Life Lutheran went to El Salvador. If you haven't heard the story, let me relate it. Larry & Kathleen Morkert and myself (Chris Madsen) were part of the Social Concerns Committee at Light of Life. Larry and Kathleen had been part of a Salvadoran & German congregation in S.F. before moving to S.C. county, and each had made several trips to El Salvador before the Peace Accords were signed in 1992. Because of their involvement, we decided to form a relationship with El Salvador. I thought that meant praying for peace in El Salvador and supporting the Lutheran church and the Bp. Medardo Gomez. Imagine my surprise when they came up with the idea "El Salvador in '94." Huh? Actually traveling to El Salvador? Yep. In November '94 we got on a plane, arranged by SHARE, an organization dedicated to helping the Salvadorans learn to live in peace instead of war. Kent went along also - he didn't want me having an adventure that he wasn't part of! In 1998 a group from St. Stephen's joined us. The rest is history, and can be found on the website [santacruzalsalvador.org](http://santacruzalsalvador.org).

Thank you to Lisa Johnson for starting to arrange some activities to celebrate 20 years with some more formal celebrations this fall. There have been lots of changes in the ciudadela of Guillermo Ungo in those 20 years: housing, electricity, water, the growth of the school - just to name a few. (Ciudadela = a group of communities working together). We formed the non-profit Santa Cruz al Salvador in 2001. The board is now looking at another community to support- El Pilar. This community is not as developed as the ciudadela, and received support from Trinity Presbyterian for building wells several years ago. We will keep you informed of our involvement with this new community.

**2014, 2015 Delegations:** the tentative delegation dates have been announced as Nov. 21-29, 2014 and Jan. 1-10, 2015. There has been a good response for the January delegation, with not many showing interest for November. We want to limit the delegation size to no more than 20. If you have been thinking about going in January, please pay your deposit of \$100 made payable to 'Santa Cruz al Salvador' by August 31. Contact her sooner if you are interested in going in November, or we will need to cancel that delegation.

Around Rally Day we will ask those of you with Prayer Partners to re-commit to "your child". Again, we thank you for your support. Peace and Blessings to you all -

The board of Santa Cruz al Salvador represented by St. Stephen's members.

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Coffee Hour

Children's Church

**Worship Service**

# **ST. STEPHEN'S SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



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