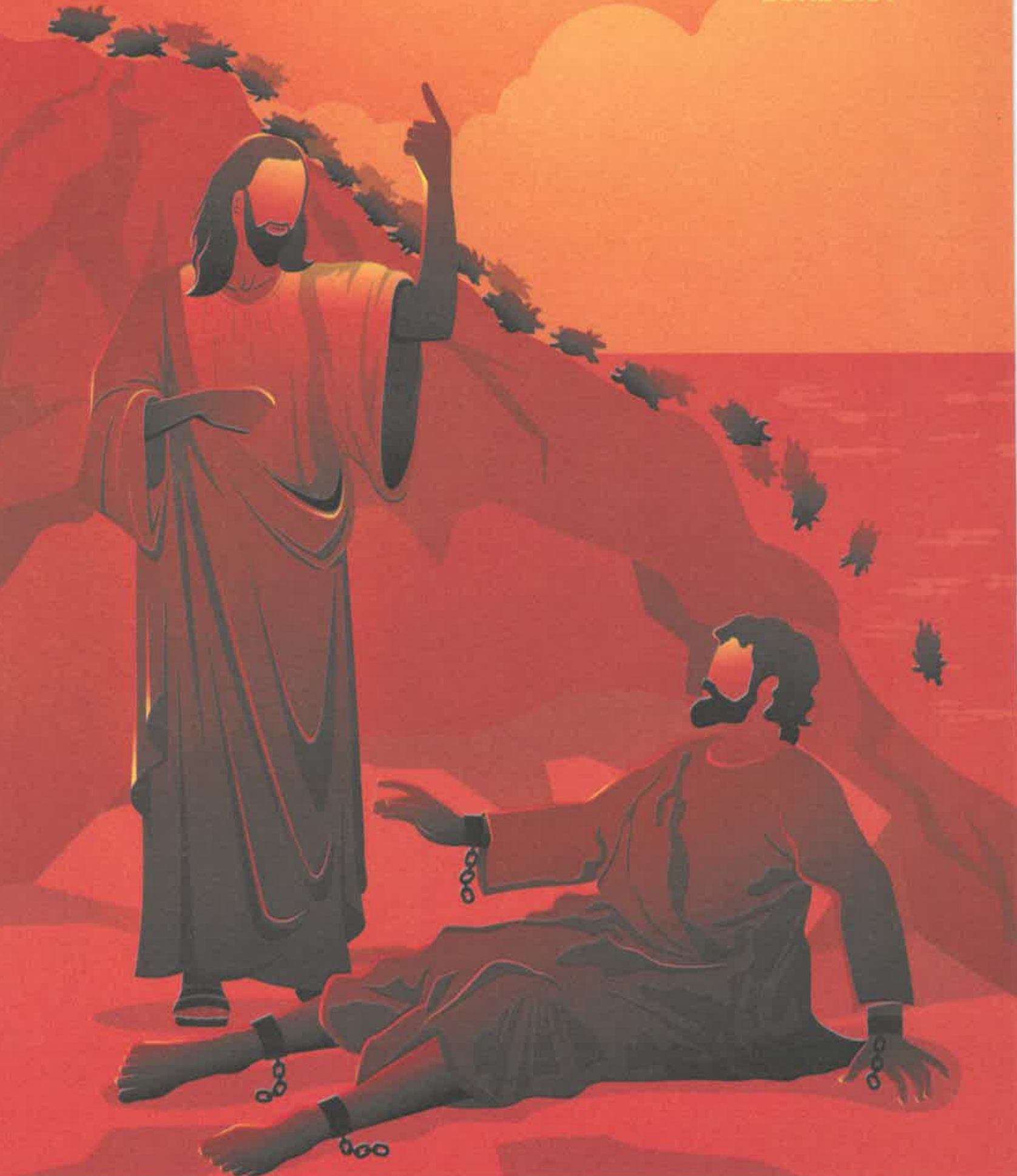


# DECLARE HOW MUCH GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU

LUKE 8:39



# 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

Please fill out the “Worship Slip” and place it in the offering plate.

( \* ) Asterisk means, “Please stand as you are able.”

Music     ”We Praise You, O God”

## **The Gathering**

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**C: In the name of Almighty God our Creator  
And of Jesus Christ + , God’s Holy Child,  
And of the Holy Spirit, God’s Advocate.  
Amen**

**P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Merciful God,  
You free us to love others,  
But we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
But we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
And generosity,  
But we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
And show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

**P: You belong to Christ Jesus  
And you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of + Christ,  
And through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
C: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*"All Are Welcome"*      Red #641

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

REFRAIN

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

(hymn continued)

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:        REFRAIN

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:        REFRAIN

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:        REFRAIN

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:        REFRAIN

\*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**C: And also with you**

\*Kyrie & Hymn of Praise    “Spirit, Open”    Blue #1043

REFRAIN

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that’s kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.

REFRAIN

2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

REFRAIN

3. May I weep with those who weep;  
Share the joy of friend and neighbor.  
As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labor.

REFRAIN

\*Prayer of the Day

## **The Word of God**

First Reading                      Isaiah 65:1-9                      Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm                      Psalm 8 (read responsively)                      Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading      Galatians 3:23-29      Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

**ALLELUIA**



\*Gospel Reading      Luke 8:26-39      Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Luke, the 8th Chapter

**C: Glory to you. O God.**

*(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**      (Please be seated)

Message

Rev. Susan Birkelo

\*Hymn of the Day

“Let Us Go Now To The Banquet”

Red #523

***REFRAIN (sing Spanish only)***

***Va-mos to-dos al ban-que-te,***  
*(Let us go now to the banquet,)*

***A la me-sa de la crea-cion;***

*(To the feast of the universe.)*

***Ca-da cual con su ta-bu-re-te***

*(The table's set and a place is waiting;)*

***Tie-ne un pues-to y u-na mi-sion.***

*(Come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.)*

**I will rise in the early morning;  
The community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
With my friends and my family. REFRAIN**

**God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
Where the harvest will not be hoarded  
So that no one will lack for food. REFRAIN**

**May we build such a place among us  
Where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
And to share ev'rything we have. REFRAIN**

The Prayers of the Church

Celebrate, Page 4

## **The Communion Meal**

\* Passing of the Peace

**P:** May the peace of God be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some  
of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Music “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

### Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,  
In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
And the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at you table with these gifts of the earth  
And our labor,  
That we may work for the good of all;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**C: Amen**

### \*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
**C: We lift them up to God**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our JOY...

### \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today, our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**



Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
Now and forever.  
Amen

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come for all is ready!

(Please be seated)

### Communion Gathering Song

*"As the Wind" Blue #943*

As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing pow'r to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the . . . spring,  
as a kite on a . . . String, so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the . . . feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

*REFRAIN*

One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew,  
Servant or free,  
Woman or man,  
No more.                      REFRAIN

Many the gifts,  
Many the works,  
One in the Lord  
Of all.                      REFRAIN

Grain for the fields,  
Scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one  
For all.                      REFRAIN

## **The Sending**

\*Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God,  
You gathered us to your table  
And we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
To love our neighbors as ourselves  
And proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen**

\*Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you;  
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
And the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

\*Closing Hymn      “Will You Come and Follow Me”  
(The Summons) Red #798

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

\*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music "O Living Breath of God"

**Serving Today**

Reader: Mark Linder

Coffee Host: Rebecca Wickham

Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager

Full & Part Time openings

Ages 2-4

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Tell your friends!





## Prayer Concerns

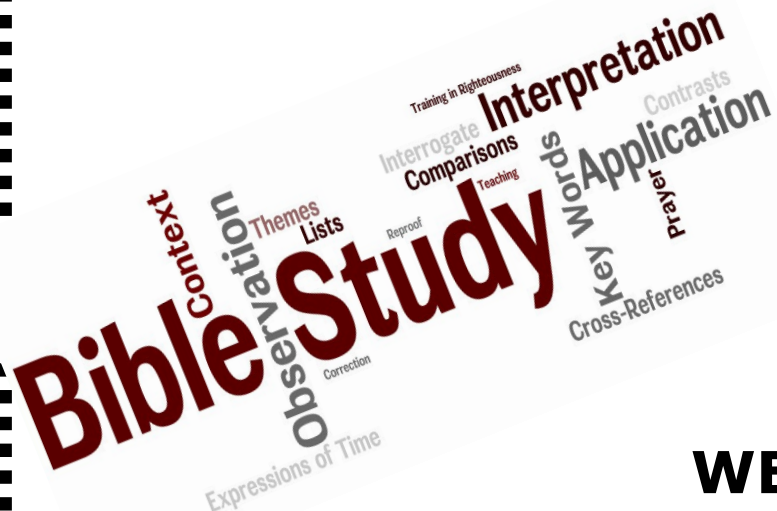
SHORT TERM: Family of Patrick McCalmont, Kathybelle Barlow, Aundru & family, Mt. Cross Summer Staff, Family of Ed Valencia, the family of Tex Ronning, Those in need of patience & resilience, Those who need help forgiving & letting go, Carla Brown, Kevin & Cindy, Dawn, Gerry Daves, Tim Oldfield, James S. Chad Fields, Chelsea & Logan Preston, Grey, Ruth Stiles, Riley, Mary Saccullo, Ana Cardenas, Rose, Levi, Lisa J., John B., Linda, Unemployed, Isaac & Marissa, Gloria, Marta's parents, Gary & Louse Matz, Nick, James, Mary D., Tom, Galahad, Debbie, Sam, Nate Barker, Robbin, Francisco, Michael, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Sierra, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Alvarado family, Dustin, Father Jack Davis, Sandi Csik, Sam, Adolfo, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Nancy, Jane, Barbara Allen, Gary & Marjie Toops, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager.

LONG TERM: Those suffering with Mental Illness, James Sheehan, Biergiel—Colclough family, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Joel Hurtgamm, Dawit and family (Ethiopia), April McCalmont, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Will, Aaron Johnson, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Mike, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, People of Palestine/Israel, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, S.S. Senior Housing, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

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Sign up to offer Altar Flowers



On ZOOM  
with Pr. Jim

Check email on  
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**WEDNESDAYS**  
7:30 – 8:30 pm

*As we grow in our faith, we grow in community.*

## New Ways of Giving

Our *Virtual Offering Plate* has been enhanced. We are now able to receive donations made by: credit card, debit card, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle.

There are three choices:

- 1) **Vanco**, our regular electronic giving provider;
- 2) **PayPal / Venmo / Zelle** for single one-time gifts;
- 3) **PayPal** with the possibility of recurring donations and an option to cover the fees.

All are available at  
<https://ststephenslutheran.org>  
 Or by scanning this QR code.



# Upcoming Events:

June Benevolence Offering - Society for Prevention of Suicide

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| June 23 | CDC Board 11:15 am   |
| June 24 | Scouts 6:00 pm   |
| June 25 | Preschool Chapel 10:15   |
| June 25 | Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm  |
| June 26 | NL Collating 2:00 — helpers needed   |
| June 26 | Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside rm   |
| June 27 | A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall   |
| June 29 | Summer Kick off BBQ — 11:30 am <a href="#">Sign up now</a><br>Come for some fun in the sun<br>Bring a favorite side or dessert |
| July 1  | Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm<br>Pub Theology Discretion Brew 41st Ave.  |
| July 17 | Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays<br>Dinner and devotions   |
| July 20 | Special Congregational Meeting 11 am<br>Preschool enrollment crisis & Spanish Speaking Ministry                                |

SAVE THE DATE July 26 at noon Paul Cunningham Memorial  
Scotts Valley Community Center

**Pastor's Office Hours Wed & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00**

## Our 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, invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

### Reconciling in Christ

*"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.  
We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of  
race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity,  
gender expression, or relationship status.  
We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or  
mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic  
circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.  
Our unity is in Christ."*

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