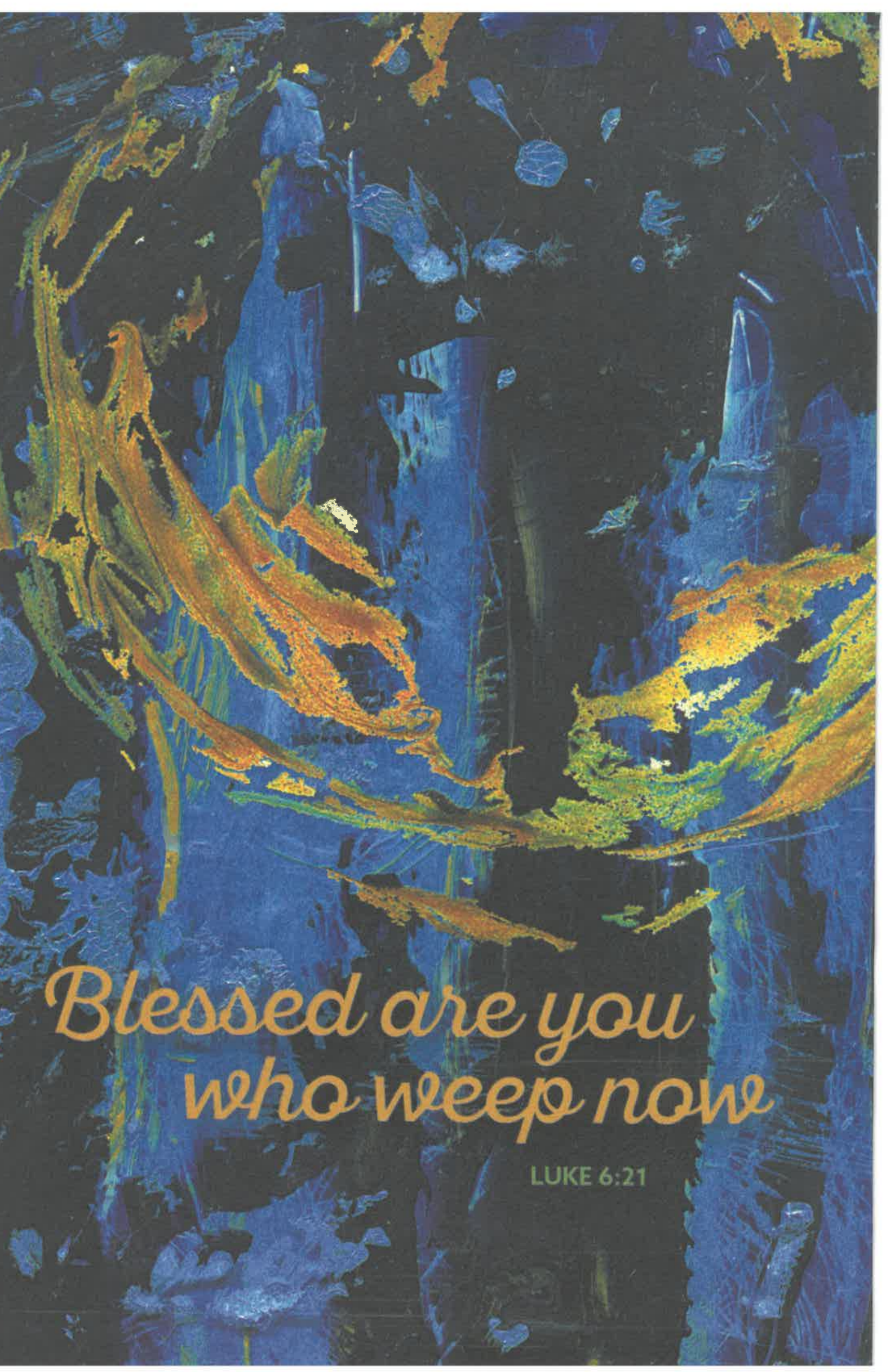


An abstract painting featuring bold, expressive brushstrokes in shades of blue, orange, and yellow against a dark, textured background. The composition is dynamic, with various textures and colors blending together to create a sense of movement and depth.

*Blessed are you
who weep now*

LUKE 6:21

All Saints n Sunday

Nov. 2, 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 “Rejoice in God’s Saints”

The Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

**C: You have shown us the ways of your heart,
Yet we stray from your path.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
And do not embrace the freedom
Of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth
We reject your abundance,
Trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
Restore what we have broken,
Renew our hearts,
And bring us to new life.
Amen.**

P: Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,
+ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“For All the Saints” Red #422 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,....
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;...
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(hymn continued)

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;...
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates...of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

Blue #31



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*Prayer of the Day

The Word of God

First Reading Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Celebrate pg. 1
R: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

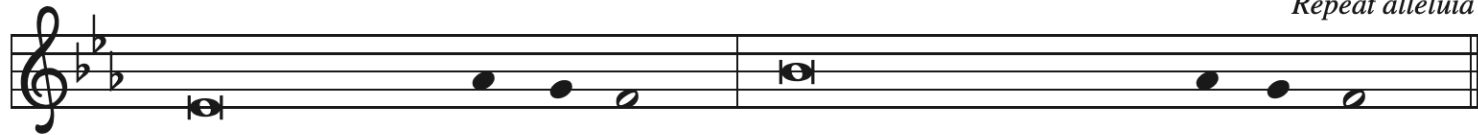
Psalm Psalm 149 Choir with congregation response
Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading Ephesians 1:11-23 Celebrate pg. 3
R: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation Blue #33



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

*Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. Luke the 6th 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)

God Stories

Message

Rev. James P. Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

"Death Be Never Last" Blue #10030

We walk in light of countless faces
Bright as beams of rising sun,
certain as the morning chases
Night in endless ages' run.

REFRAIN

Turning eyes now to their shining mem'ry,
To their faithful past,
Saints be now the truth divining;
Death be now but never last.

When sorrow's heavy hand has weighted
loss against the greater gain,
Pinning down that grief sore fatted
Laden on the deed of pain, REFRAIN

When joy returns with laughter singing
Thans to God for life's sweet song,
Let us follow after bringing
thanks to God for those now gone. REFRAIN

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.

Choir “Blessed are They”

Offering Prayer

P: Lord of the harvest,

We return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

To bless all who are suffering and in need,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

**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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

(Please be seated)

Communion Gathering Song



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

“Shall We Gather at the River” Red #423

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing
by the throne of God?

REFRAIN

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God*

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *REFRAIN*

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

REFRAIN

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

REFRAIN

The Sending

*Prayer after Communion

P: O God,
Through this meal you have strengthened us
And appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
With all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen**

*Blessing

P: The God of righteousness,
Who gives justice to the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry,
Who sets the prisoners free,
+ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*Closing Hymn

“Oh When the Saints Go Marching In” Blue #950

Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

Oh when the Lord in glory comes,
Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Lord in glory comes.

Oh when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the new world is revealed.

Oh when they gather round the throne,
Oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When they gather round the throne.

And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
On that hallelujah day.

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace, Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music

“In Our Joy of Thanksgiving”
Richard Strutt 1848~1927

The Altar Flowers are given
By Tina Gates
Celebrating granddaughter
Clementine Rose Gustofson 1st B-day



Serving Today

Reader: Elke Spires

Coffee Host: Candace & Bill Anderson

Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham

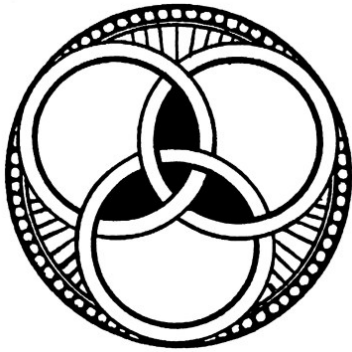
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SHORT TERM Family of Bobbie Erickson, Kevin, Marc Northcott, Cheryl & David Craig, Beth, Liz, Joan Wilson Family, Sam, Florence, Tom Williams, Charlotte & family, Tim Oldfield, Kathy M., Nancy, Jennifer Linkeon, Corrine & Daniel, Connie Garcia &

Family, Family of Elizabeth Schilling, Tina & family, Ana, Kathybelle Barlow, Family & friends of Rev. Jim Carr, Grey, Levi, Lisa J., Unemployed, Nick, James, Mary D., Galahad, Debbie, Sam, Nate Barker, Robbin, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Dustin, Father Jack Davis, Sandi Csik, Adolfo, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Gary & Marjie Toops, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Isaac & Marissa, 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), Miller, April, Aaron Johnson, Shelby, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Mike, Susan Anderson, Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris & John B., 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.



Trinity Tuesday

One Hour ~ One Question ~ One Beverage

Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30pm

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO OUR 1 year ANNIVERSARY OF T3

Join us for informal faith conversations in a welcoming, relaxed setting. On the first Tuesday of each month, we gather to explore one thoughtful question together - from deep theological mysteries to everyday questions about how faith intersects with life.

What to expect:

- One focused discussion topic per month
- All perspectives welcome -
doubters, seekers, and believers alike
- Variety of beverages available (no need to drink beer!)
- Comfortable, judgment-free environment

Whether you're wrestling with big theological questions or simply curious about how others see the church's role in today's world, Trinity Tuesday is a place for honest conversation and genuine community.

When: First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM

Where: Discretion Brewery, 2703 41st Ave. Ste A

Questions? Contact Kathy Allen, 831-430-6359



Bill, Connie, Doug, Janet,
Jeanette, John, Judi,
Karina, Patrick, Robert,
Shelly, Sheila & Tina

Our St. Stephen's Community is so good at lending a hand when needed. From property care to our Oktoberfest:

- ~ Shed clean out & dump runs
- ~ Plant care
- ~ Repair and paint our trellis
- ~ Brighten up our fellowship area with fresh bench paint
- ~ Thrivent Action Team lead
- ~ Grocery Shopper
- ~ Decorations & Crafts
- ~ Jump house provider
- ~ Set up & Clean up crew
- ~ C o o k s

All of YOU who brought food beer

AND

Participated in our German Hootenanny

Snippets from ***Strategic Recommendations*** for the ELCA

"Welcome brings peace. If you are welcome and you belong in a space, you tend to feel at peace there. And if you feel marginalized in a space, you're not going to feel peace there. Really, at it's core, hospitality is about peace".

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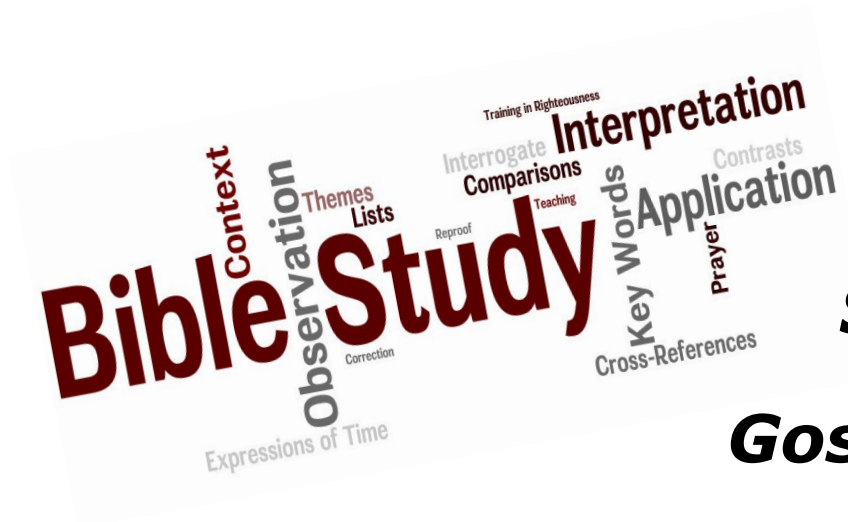
"We are not being warm just so people will come and join us. We are working to establish in our ministry the culture that we want to be curious about people because God is curious about people."

~ ~ ~

"We need to accompany folks. We need to receive, as well as give. It's reciprocal—and all about relationships. That's what God does with us."

Our Preschool is enrolling
NOW. Ages 2-4
Full & Part Time openings.
Tell your friends!
Contact Kathy 462-4453





NEW

Six Week Study

Gospel of Matthew

Join us as we explore the tenderness and tensions in the teachings of Jesus through *Matthew: "The Gospel of Promised Blessings"* by Dr. Matthew Skinner. The six-week Bible study November 5—December 17. We'll meet each Wednesday, except for Thanksgiving Eve, November 26. [See a short promo video for this study here](#) on Youtube!

You can [order the book for \\$10 on Kindle, ~\\$12.50 for paperback](#), or \$14 through Christa if you'd like her to order one for you. Scholarships are available!

If you don't have time to read between sessions or need to skip a week, that's perfectly fine. Come for the scripture and conversation whenever you can. Friends are always welcome. Submit any inquiries to [Christa Garcia](#) at christawynekengarcia@gmail.com

On ZOOM
with our Seminarian Christa

Check email on Tues. for link

WEDNESDAYS

7:30 – 8:30 pm

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

“American Agitators”

Documentary screening and discussion
with free dinner.

Wednesday,
November 5th
4:30–7:00 pm
Samper Hall @
Cabrillo

- Learn about the history of community organizing in our region
- Meet past and present community organizers
- learn about current opportunities to get involved.



Register here



New Ways of Giving

Our *Virtual Offering Plate* has been enhanced. Donations can be made by: credit card, debit card, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle.

- 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:

November Benevolence Offering -
Santa Cruz al Salvador—Sister Parish

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| Nov. 3 | CDC Board 11:15 am |
| Nov. 3 | Knitter's Guild 4:00 pm Fireside rm. |
| Nov. 4 | Scouts 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 4 | Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm - Discretion Brew 41st |
| Nov. 5 | Preschool Chapel 10:15 |
| Nov. 5 | "American Agitators" documentary screening & discussion with free dinner 4:30 pm Cabrillo |
| Nov. 5 | Bible Study Weds. 7:30 pm |
| Nov. 6 | Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm Fireside |
| Nov. 6 & 20 | Women's Café Group 6:00 pm Thursdays
Dinner and devotions (Bring your "hopes") |
| Nov. 7 | A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall |
| Nov. 8 | Embroider's Guild 10—4 Fireside room |
| Nov. 13 | MMRR Circle 10:30 am |
| Nov. 23 | Stewardship Sunday, Children's Turkey Trot & Thanksgiving Potluck |

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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