



THE VOICE OF ST. STEPHEN'S

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April 7
2nd Sunday of Easter
 10:45 am
 April 14
3rd Sunday of Easter
 10:45 am
 April 21
4th Sunday of Easter
 10:45 am
 April 28
5th Sunday of Easter
 10:45 am

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Reflections from Pastor Barry



Dear Friends at St. Stephen's,

If April showers bring May flowers- well we are in for a gorgeous May! The old adage has me wondering what actions bring results?

First let me say many thanks to all who helped make our Easter celebration a glorious one. It was wonderful to see so many of you out for the Easter breakfast and our morning worship. Some new faces and some faces we have not seen for a while. I have to ask: What will keep the momentum going? What will keep us needing to be together as the body of Christ? What will give us the faith and strength to continue to grow?

I know that Christianity is not about church attendance- although isn't it wonderful to have the voices gathered together and singing out? Christianity is about the making of disciples, the being of disciples. That was what the first disciples had to figure out after the tomb was empty. What did the resurrection mean for their daily lives? What did it mean to be the body of Christ in the world. I hope that every Sunday we gather we are asking these questions and looking for the answers.

Sometimes, one has to go back to the beginning to find those answers or at least to get back on the journey to which we have been called. This Easter Season we do not hear from the Hebrew Scriptures- the Old Testament, but rather from the Acts of the Apostles- Luke's account of the first Christians. I will be offering a look at the Book of Acts on Thursday mornings at 9:30 starting on April 18 and running on April 25 and May 2 and then again on May 16, 23 and the 30th all at 9:30 in my office. Join me if you are able one of the times or all of the times. The first Christians certainly have something to say to us today. Maybe starting at the beginning is a good place to start anew?

However you celebrate the power of resurrection in your lives, I hope that St. Stephen's will continue to be a part of those celebrations. Please join us as you are able. This Pastor would so very much like to get us over that 100 number in worship- I so like to hear you singing! And this is the season to sing- sing Alleluia! Christ is risen! God is Christ Jesus has conquered even death! God forgives us and calls us on the Way of discipleship into real life. Christ my friends is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessed Eastertide,

Barry+



April Celebrations



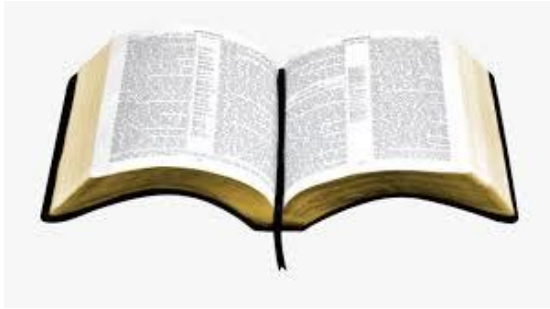
Birthdays

- 2-Jenna Hoysan
- 3-Lynette Meister
- 6-Donna Copenhaver
- 7-Donna Talaber
- 9-Michelle Keen
- 10-Travis Beahm
- 12-Maueen Radke
- 13-Kathy Bielinski
- 14-Anyla Hanley
- 14-Janelle Perry
- 15-Brenda Lambert
- 15-Tom Lambert
- 16-Mary Huff
- 19-Michael Hosfeld
- 21-Jennifer Zarzecki
- 22- Marian Kordopatis
- 24-Carla Perry
- 30-Frank Sckley

Anniversaries

- 1-Eugene & Francine Heft
- 21-Dwayne & Jamie Gaumer

Bible Study



Thursday Mornings from 9:30 to 10:30
am in the Pastor's Office

April 18, April 25, May 2, May 16, May 23 and
May 30.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!

St Stephen's Retreat

Bear Creek Camp, Wilkes Barre, PA

May 10, 11 and 12, 2024



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The week of July 8, 2024

More information will available soon.

**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)

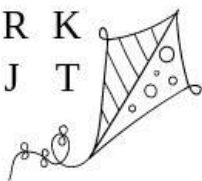
Q & A with Team Chaplain after the game and fireworks!

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

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BUMBLEBEE
BUNNY
BUTTERFLY
CATERPILLAR
CHICK

DUCKLING
EASTER
EGGS
FLOWERS
GRASS

GREEN
GROW
LAMB
NEST
ROBIN

ROSES
SEEDS
SHOWERS
SUNSHINE
TULIP
WORMS



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April 2024

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Worship Service Assistants

Altar Care: Jeanine Siegfried

Worship Service					
April 7 10:45 am	Leah Raab	Ron & Mary Jo Reed, Sharon Wagner	Ron Reed	Ron & Mary Jo Reed	Hoysan Family
April 14 10:45 am		Bonnie Gerber, Pam Frantz	Ed Acevedo	Pam Frantz	Pam Frantz—Brooke
April 21 10:45 am	Brody Zuber	Maddie Zuber	Todd Siegfried		Rose Zuber
April 28 10:45 am	Maddie Zuber	Ron & Mary Jo Reed	Bonnie Gerber	Ron & Mary Jo Reed	Lisa & Kayla Levick and Pat Handlovic



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Linda Reese

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