

St Stephen's Announcements August 18-24 2022

- **Lori's Place donations** – Please bring the following for donations to the church for “Lori's Place” our Sierra Vista charity that helps people with sexual and domestic abuse. They can use the following items: snacks (nabs, cookies, crackers, applesauce, fruit cups), juice boxes, small blankets, lap quilts, stuffed animals, small toys, dolls, action figures. Place in the box on the Porch for these donations. We will take them at the end of August to Lori's Place. Monetary donations should be labeled “Lori's Place”. Thank you for your help and kindness.
- **First Friday Film Night Sept 2nd at 5pm** – We will be watching the movie “The Shack” in which Mack receives a mysterious letter telling him to meet at the shack where four years ago his abducted daughter's clothes were found. Angry and upset, Mack goes to confront the mysterious sender of the letter and meets God at the Shack. Light supper of soup is offered. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome! Bring a friend!
- **Education for Ministry (EFM) – NOW registering new students for Fall 2022 start.** If you are interested in a truly transformative experience learning seminary education in New Testament, Old Testament, Church History, Theology, Liturgy, Prayer, Ministry, Fellowship, and Pastoral Care, then this program is for you. At least half of St. Stephen's members have completed the program and agree that it is spiritually life changing. (Sponsored by University of the South, Sewanee). See Sherry Simon, Peggy Brown for additional information to get signed up.
- **Living with Loss** – A support group for those processing grief from losing someone you love. Next mtg Friday Aug 19th, 4pm.
- **NEW Singalong sessions!!!** – We had great fun singing songs of summer last time. Next singalong will be Friday Aug 26th at 6pm in the Ed Bldg featuring greatest pop hits of the 1950s and 1960s! Come sing with us!
- **Ladies Social Group meets monthly for lunch or other fun activities.** August 20th the group will meet at 10am at the church parking lot for carpools and then visit Julie Quain Carman's alpaca ranch to see her herd and how she makes yarn from their wool. Lunch will follow at 12pm noon at Country House Restaurant. All are welcome to join in the fun and food.
- **Re-starting our outreach ministry team, “Community Connections”.** Looking for those who would like to be part of the team to identify community needs that our church may be able to help meet. Please add your name to our signup sheet if you are interested in helping out!
- **Now forming a Pastoral Care Team (also known as Eucharistic Visitors)** – volunteers to be trained to take communion to people unable to come to church and visit with them for a bit. If you are interested, please sign up for this ministry.
- **Labor Day Sunday Cookout after church! Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Desserts...** Let us celebrate the closing days of summer together with a time of extended fellowship and let's meet our new friends from the New Testament Christian Church congregation. Do you have a grill you could bring to the church? Sign up in Parish Hall for items to bring.
- **Christian Ed Forum** – Study of the Book of Revelation continues Sat 4 pm. Sunday Adult Forum is reading “How to Read the Bible & Still Be a Christian: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis through Revelation” by John Dominic Crossan. Copies of the book are \$12.00/ea from Rev. Allison.
- **Second Saturday St. Stephen's Supper group will meet Saturday Sept 10th 6:30pm** – Following the 5pm service (about 6:30pm) meet at The Peacock (Vietnamese), 1287 E Fry Blvd. All are welcome, invite your friends.
- **Coming Saturday October 29th:** Halloween Pet Costume Contest and Pet Blessing at New Frontier Animal Medical Center. Dress your dog or cat for Halloween and/or bring them for a pet blessing. 9am til 10am on the lawn. Prizes for most original costume, best pet and owner collaborated costume, and scariest costume.