

## St Stephen's Announcements 25 Jan - 31 Jan 2024

- **26-27 January – New Vestry Retreat** for all vestry members in Parish Hall. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm to 8pm. Saturday 8am to 2pm.
- **Friday Film Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:40pm at Cinemark Movie Theater at the Sierra Vista Mall** – The Chosen, Season 4 Episodes 1-3. Join us for this captivating series about Jesus and his followers. Tickets online or at the mall. Scholarship to buy all 8 episodes-worth of tickets is available from Rev. Allison Cornell, contact her if you are interested in receiving the \$30 ticket assistance.
- **Installation service Saturday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the ELCA Church, Sierra Lutheran, of new pastor Kurt Fangmeier.** All are welcome. Potluck to follow.
- **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE SUPPER – Tuesday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6pm in the Parish Hall.** Join us for a last gluttonous meal full of carbs, caffeine, and sugars before Lent begins.
- **ASH WED SERVICES – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am and 6pm.** Come start your Lenten Season with a solemn service of rededication to improve our listening and following Christ's teaching in our lives.
- **Rev. Allison attending the Diocesan Priest Retreat Feb 5-7 at Chapel Rock.**
- **10 February – Second Saturday Supper: 6:30pm meet at New R&R Pizza on Fry Blvd if it is open by then.** If not open, meet at Chili's.
- **23 February – 6pm Professional Pianist John Nilsen in concert** at St. Stephen's in the Church. Free will offering and wine/sparkling soda/hors d'oeuvres reception to follow. Please take flyers with you and share with your friends and ask them to come hear this amazing pianist.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs** – We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.
- **Koffee Kitty is asking for donations:** If you enjoy our coffee hour and snacks, we ask that you drop a little money in the koffee kitty to allow us to keep us well stocked with goodies.
- **FREE FOR ANYONE** – Table and fridge drawer. There is a table in the Parish Hall that is for items that you may have from home that you are not going to eat/use that you want to offer or take. The fridge drawer has veggies and fruits from time to time. The table has non-refrigerated items.
- **Coming Soon: Training for Eucharistic Ministers to serve at the altar during worship.** We would like to add a few helpers to our Eucharistic Ministers team and ask you to see Deacon Dottie for a training class coming in March. If you also want to help with home communion and taking communion to others who are unable to join us for worship, please let Deacon Dottie know.
- **Annual Meeting Reports available on the church website at [www.ststephensaz.org](http://www.ststephensaz.org)** under "ministry reports" and look for 2023 year.

### Coming Up:

- Episcopal 101 classes to start after Easter Saturdays April 20<sup>th</sup> thru June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Parish Hall w/coffee and snacks. Learn about the Episcopal Church our beliefs and practices. These will prepare anyone who desires to be baptized, confirmed, or received:
  - Baptism for those who have not been baptized at any age,
  - Confirmation for those who were baptized as children but who are now wanting to make an adult confirmation/affirmation of your faith in Christ.
  - Reception into the Episcopal Church for those from other denominations and who were already baptized and confirmed in a different denomination.