

St Stephen's Announcements April 4-10 2024

- **SCAM ALERT!!!** If you received an email that looks like it came from me or any of our leadership asking you to buy gift cards this is ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS A SCAM. Similarly, if the email or text asks you to donate a sum of money to some needed cause, this is also a SCAM. Do not respond to such emails. Delete them immediately. I and the church will not ask you via an email to buy gift cards of any type nor will we ask for money from you via email for some cause. You will hear it from me in person and will know if it is a legitimate cause or need. Anything else is always a scam.
- **Bishop's Appeal (not a scam)** – Bishop Reddall announced this week that an anonymous donor is ready to make a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$10,000.00 for support to several Diocesan ministries. Our Bishop asks that our diocese members give 100 donations of \$100 to meet that challenge of \$10,000.00. That would bring us \$20 thousand dollars to help rural missions, campus ministry, seminarian scholarships, and multilingual congregations. Donations can be sent to: The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, Dept #880330, PO Box 29650, Phoenix, AZ 85038-9650 or made online at www.azdiocese.org/donate.
- **First Friday Film Night** – Friday April 5th at 5:30pm in Ed Building. We will watch “Conversations with God” based on the books by Neale Donald Walsch. The story of a man who begins hearing God speak to him and he starts writing down what he and God discuss about who God is and how God manifests God's self in this world. Soup for dinner before the movie starts.
- **Second Saturday Supper** – Saturday 13 April 6:30pm. We will eat at Golden Dragon Asian Restaurant, across the hwy from the Mall, 2151 S. Highway 92, Suite 112, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Menu link: <https://www.goldendragonsv.com/our-menu> .
- **Sierra Vista Sings Spring Concert is on Friday April 12th and Saturday April 13th at the UMC Church.** Doors Open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and donations will support the Salvation Army in Sierra Vista.
- **Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Arizona holding a “Re-entry Simulation” Workshop** at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church, Green Valley, AZ. Saturday April 13th 10am to 12 noon. Attendees experience a condensed version of what people released from prison go through to restart life outside prison. Refreshments provided. Contact Rena Robbins at foggybud@gmail.com to RSVP.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs** – We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.
- **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 Up:

- **Episcopal 101 classes** to start after Easter, Saturdays April 20th thru June 8th at 10am at the Sierra Vista Library meeting rooms. Learn about the Episcopal Church our beliefs and practices. Invite your curious friends.
- **Rev. Allison and Robin (and Robin's sister Karen) will be movie extra's for “The Chosen” season 5** and will participate in crowd scene filming in Utah on April 22-26 (Rev. Allison will only be on set April 22-23).
- **June 9th – Bishop Reddall visit to St. Stephen's with lunch afterward**
- **July – Lunch and Learn opportunity to hear a speaker from the organization “Veterans for Child Rescue”** explain ways to keep kids safe from child trafficking and how to watch for and report suspected child traffickers. Open to the community.
- **July 4th - Veterans' Park Pet Parade.** Come see pets dressed up for July 4th and help out with offering of Pet Blessings from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. See Rev. Allison to volunteer to be a “Pet Blessor”.