

St Stephen's Announcements June 27-July 3 2024

- **Pet Blessing at Veteran's Park July 4th 7am** – We will gather at 7am -ish near one of the ramadas to bless the pets that come to be part of the annual Pet Promenade (8am). If you would like to enter your pet in the promenade, please register online at: <https://www.sierravistaaz.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/6372/17> . If you would like to be a pet-blessor, please let Rev. Allison know and arrive at the park around 7am.
- **1st Friday Film Night** – Join us July 5th at 5:30pm in the Ed Bldg to watch the video “Everything is Spiritual 2008) with Rob Bell explaining some of the intricacies of Scripture and Science bound together spiritually. A funny and captivating video that brings to life interesting points about our beginnings and God's place in the whole creation. 1 hour 10 mins. Salad Dinner, bring your own beverage. Invite a friend.
- **July 7th Birthday Cake Sunday** – Come celebrate our July birthdays with cake, candles, wishes, and song.
- **Wed July 17 – NEW! Starting an hour of artistic meditation 11am to 12 pm on 3rd Wednesdays of the month.** Bring your art supplies to do Rock painting, coloring, mandalas, zen tangles, drawing, writing poetry, whatever you want to do for about an hour. First 15 mins will be silent or listening to soft music. Next 45 mins will be open to sharing thoughts (or not) as you are inspired.
- **Saturday 27th July – Lunch and Learn opportunity to hear a speaker from the organization “Veterans for Child Rescue”** explains ways to keep kids safe from child trafficking and how to watch for and report suspected child traffickers. Open to the community. Salad lunch provided.
- **2nd Saturday Supper** – Dinner out July 13th 6:30 pm we will gather at Pit Stop Gourmet Burger Restaurant, 4907 Hwy 92 , Sierra Vista, AZ, United States, Arizona. We will have a time of fellowship and feasting. Invite your friends to join us. Menu available at this link: <https://www.menupix.com/menudirectory/menu.php?id=32276521>
- **School Supplies for Next School year** – We will begin collecting school supplies in July for the start of the next school year and we intend for our collection to benefit kids in the more rural parts of Cochise County who may not have as much help getting prepared as those in our bigger towns.
- **Personal Hygiene Items** – As you vacation and travel, if you stay in hotels where they provide soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc... please bring those items home with you to donate to personal hygiene kits that we will provide to Good Neighbor Alliance for the homeless residents to use. Likewise, if you see a good sale on those travel size items in the store, feel free to pick some up to donate for the same purpose.
- **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** – Remember to check the table in the Parish Hall and the fridge drawer for goodies to take with you.
- **Koffee Kitty** asks for your donations to help with fellowship snacks and beverages. Please put a little something in the kitty.

Coming Up:

- **September 8 – Rev. Canon Anita Braden will be visiting St. Stephen's and will preach/celebrate.** Rev. Anita is the Canon to the Ordinary for our Diocese (she oversees all the clergy in the diocese). She is a dynamite preacher. More info soon.
- **October 5-6 at Veteran's Park** – Arts in the Park weekend. St. Stephen's will have an information table and will need people willing to sign up for 3 hour shifts both Saturday and Sunday to answer questions and hand out blessing cards.
- **Sunday October 13 4pm** – Worship service for National Coming Out Day (Oct 11th). A service for our community LGBTQ+ people to proudly claim their personhood and know that they are loved and accepted for who they are by God. Joint service with Sierra Lutheran Evangelical Church, Unitarian Universalist Church, and possibly others. LGBTQ, their allies, and anyone wishing to join in the celebration invited. Refreshments to follow.
- **Diocesan Convention – Oct 19-20 in Phoenix.** Churches around the diocese send delegates, clergy, and anyone interested in participating in the annual Diocesan Convention gather together for two days of fellowship, worship, learning, and sharing. More info soon.
- **Sunday October 21st – SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE PARK OUTDOORS WITH PICNIC/COOKOUT TO FOLLOW.** We have been invited to join together with our friends from Sierra Lutheran Evangelical Church for Sunday morning worship outside at Veteran's Park and then share in a time of fellowship and food afterwards. Our last parish picnic at the park was 2019 so this will be an opportunity for fun and friend-making with our ELCA Lutherans. No Sunday worship at church on this day. More info to follow.