

## Sunday Worship:

- \* **9:00 a.m.**
  - \* **10:15 a.m.**
- (Both liturgical worship services)

## Thursday:

- \* **5:30 p.m.**
- Family and Friends Night



**St. Stephen**

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# Summer With a Mission



**W**e are in the middle of our Summer and people travel back and forth on vacation, and when they're not traveling, parents look for opportunities for their children to do something productive, meaningful and fun with their time.

At St. Stephen we are

taking this time to experiment. As a matter of fact, in an attempt to activate the Nurturing Team (which has to do with faith

formation), several members, Sherry Fox, Aura Suarez, Brook Tierney, Sera Butz, Karin Hecker, Diane Adler and a representative of Precious Moments Preschool have met several times on June and July.

The main objective is to improve, modify and/or develop a Faith For-

mation strategy. This led them to start a **Family and Friends Night** on Thursdays during the Summer, the development of a **Vacation Bible School "Splash in God's Word"** on July 14-17, and a **Back to School event** on August 13.

So far the Family & Friends Night events are going great and we're connecting with new parents.

We don't know what this will lead us into, but we hope we may have a good faith formation program for the Fall.

In the meantime, please come to any of those events and, spread the word around!

**Come explore the Bible stories at St. Stephen Lutheran Church**

**Vacation Bible School:**

**"SPLASH IN GOD'S WORD"**

**July 14-17, 2016**

**5:30 p.m.**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**



# Re-Creating Ourselves During Summer



book under air conditioning. That is being good stewards of our time.

However, we don't give a vacation to our spiritual life. It is in those times of relaxing that we can meditated on how good the Lord has been to us. We pray for the well being of our selves, our family and friends, our community and our nation. In these troublesome times of bad news of shootings, displays of racism, homophobia, and political trash talk is when we need to pray longer, intentional and wisely.

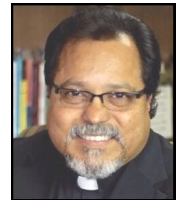
Also, as we "re-create" our spiritual life we must think that maybe our financial life should reflect our spiritual health. Think about it, a \$50 bill at the shopping mall looks so small, but in the offering plate, wow, it looks so big! Why is that? It's a matter of priorities.

Our church is also "re-creating" itself, and it needs more than ever our increase in giving, not to pay

ills, but to have ministry happen because we have how to pay our bill. People's lives are changing in this place and that is what the kingdom of God is all about. Jesus said, "I have come so that you may have life and life abundantly."

I thank those of you who have increased your giving even beyond your estimate of giving this year, I appreciate those of you that are considering giving more, and I would like to encourage those of you who are giving the least you can, to think instead, what could be the most I can give in my offering to God without jeopardizing my budget.

Remember, stewardship is a spiritual practice and I measure of our own spiritual life and dependency on God's providence.



- Pastor Pedro Suarez

Summer is a time to reflect of the word "recreation." Ultimately it has to do how we "re-create" our energies. I hear from some retired friends that they feel as busy if not busier now than when they had a full time employment.

We do well in taking time to have a cookout, go to the beach, just to lie down by the pool, or reading a good

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## Events and Happenings

### Thursday, July 14, 15 & 16 - Vacation Bible School



Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) starts this July 14 (5:30-8:00pm), July 15 (5:30-8:00pm), July 16 (9am-3pm) and ends with a presentation on the 10:15 a.m. worship service on July 17.

This VBS is entitled *Splash in God's Word* based on the Summer materials from Spark. We are excited and looking forward to this fun event. We will have games, snacks and easy craft ideas to make Bible learning fun.

This event has been designed for children between 4-12 years old but if you have an older one they are welcome as helpers. **Pass it On!**

### Saturday, July 23 - Line Dancing

The socializing team is working to make this an exciting community event.

Join us at the Fellowship Hall from 4 - 6 pm.

We will have an opportunity for YOU to come and show your moves and then learn some!



### Tuesday, July 26 - Council Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be on July 26 at 7:00 pm in the Choir room.

# Family & Friends Night had a great start!

**O**n June 23 we celebrated our first Family & Friends Night at the Fellowship Hall with about 50 people.

Families ate together, the children made crafts, like cards which I then took to homebound church members like Marie Koach. We sang, listened to a Bible story and prayed together.

Would you come with a new family to this fun event?



## Looking Ahead...

**- Back to School Festival**  
August 13.



We are planning to have a Back to School Event on Saturday August 13 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with blessing of the backpacks, games, food, ice cream, music and more!

This is a great chance for parents to come with their children and have family fun.

**- Elvis Gospel Concert**  
August 27

Yes, you read right! The socializing team is planning to have an Elvis Gospel Concert on August 27, 7 p.m. at our church.

It's an opportunity for people to come, see about our church, and enjoy the traditional gospel hymns and songs in the interpretation of Elvis by Barry Porter.

A free will offering will be collected.

Come and invite others!





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### Volunteer Assistants in July

<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>July 31</b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Carol Jacobson	Aura Suarez	Sera Butz	Pat Belanger	Aura Suarez
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler	Katie Paff	Sera Butz	Pat Belanger
<b>LECTOR</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Aura Suarez	Tom Peterson	Aura Suarez	Sera Butz
<b>USHERS (Need 4 to Serve)</b>	Suzanne Loggins Scott Kelley Dylan Kelley Lisa Castaneda	Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Carissa Esposito Zachary Smith	Zachary Smith Lynda Smith Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle	Floyd MacDonald Sherry Fox Natalie Prego	Floyd MacDonald Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Sherry Fox
<b>Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS – (Need 2 to serve)</b>	Caroline Smith Barbara Kaptain	Natalie Prego Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Ruth Wagle Caroline Smith
<b>SOUND</b>	Larry Jones	Katie Paff	Denis Magarrell	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarell
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Eric Castaneda	Sera Butz	Aura Suarez	Aura Suarez	Eric Castaneda

## July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9 am & 10:15 am Worship	4	5	6 8:30 am Quilting 3 pm Preschool Chapel	7 5:30 p.m. Family & Friends Night	8	9
10 9 am & 10:15 am Worship	11	12	13 8:30 am Quilting 3 pm Preschool Chapel	14 5:30 - 8:00 pm <b>VBS</b>	15 5:30 - 8:00 pm <b>VBS</b>	16 9:00am - 3:00pm <b>VBS</b>
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