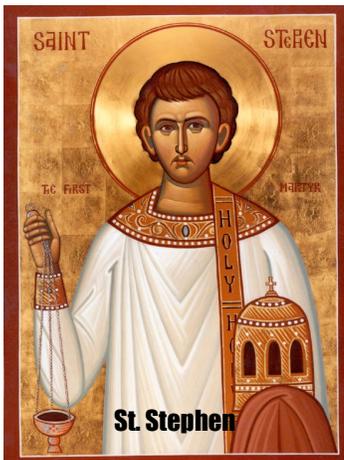


Sunday Worship:

- * **9:00 a.m.**
Praise Worship and Faith Formation
- * **10:15 a.m.**
Traditional Blend Worship Service

Thursday Worship:

- * **7:00 p.m.**
Praise and Prayer Worship



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Hoping for the Best, Ready for the Worst

As we begin Summer, we are reminded that we are in hurricane season. It is important to be prepared as much as we can. Looking into some resources to get ready we came across a checklist for congregations from the Gulf Coast Synod and we think might help. Here it is...



- * Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind. Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- * If necessary, determine an escape route from your home and designate places to meet. (Note: these should be measured in tens of miles, rather than hundreds of miles.) Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- * Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- * **Call the church** and make sure that they have all your information.
- * Create a disaster supply kit
- * Proper identification
- * Immunization records
- * Medications
- * Moisture wipes
- * Flashlight/Batteries
- * Radio – Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- * Telephones
- * Full charged cell phone with extra battery
- * A traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- * Cash (with small bills)
- * Extra keys
- * Tools – keep a set with you during the storm
- * Vehicle fuel tank (kept filled)
- * Pet care items
- * Stock up on non-perishable emergency supplies
- * Juices
- * Snack foods
- * Foods for infants or the elderly
- * Cooking tools
- * Non-electric can opener
- * Fuel
- * Paper plates and plastic utensils
- * First-aid kit
- * Medicines
- * Prescriptions
- * Toiletries
- * Hygiene items



Our Fellowship rental going well. As part of our stewardship effort, we are

renting our Fellowship Hall for outside private events.

So far this year we have not had any issues renting our Hall, there is a written agreement and having Teddy, our Sexton, as Security Officer makes a world of a difference.

Next rental events are scheduled are for June 4, June 19, and July 3.

FATHER'S DAY Controversy and Commercialization



neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating

Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts."

However, we at St. Stephen want to wish a **Happy Father's Day** to those in our congregation, knowing that it is also a controversial celebration.

According to History Channel...

"During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, "that both parents should be loved and respected together."

Paradoxically, however, the Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men, promoting goods such as

Redeemer Lutheran Church Celebrates 50 Yrs.

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Lauderdale turns fifty on June 6, 2016 - fifty years of providing ministry and service to the community. Many lives have been touched and even through years of interaction and interrelation. Various celebrations are planned to mark this very important milestone.

- June 18th at 7pm. the worship group "Chozen" will be performing in concert.
- June 24th at 7pm. youth extravaganza. For more info call coordinator Dwight Henry at 561-445-2642 or email redeemerlutheranfl@att.net
- June 26th at 4pm. Main Event, Bishop's assistant, Jamie Dubon will be preach and preside at the service.

Meaningful 1st Anniversary Celebration.

I want to thank each one you who participated in one way or another in the dinner celebration of the 1st year of my installation as your pastor.

People responded graciously resulting in a great turn out. The food was delicious and the fellowship was absolutely wonderful. I am looking forward to many years of partnership in ministry. - Pr. Pedro

June 2016

Events and Happenings...

Saturday, June 10 & 11 - Synod Assembly



The ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly will be from June 10 to June 12 at Daytona Beach. St. Stephen Lutheran Church as every year will be represented.

Thursday, June 23 - Family & Friends Night



We will try a new way of doing our Faith Formation. Beginning June 23 at 5:30 p.m. we will have soup & salad plus fellowship, followed by different faith learning opportunities for all ages. At 7:00 p.m. we will close our evening with a Praise and Prayer time, all in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

Saturday, June 18 - Kathi Schutt's Memorial Service

Join us as we remember Kathi before the Lord at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 28 - Council Meeting

All Council members, this is a reminder of our regular monthly meeting to be held at the Choir Room on June 28, 7:00 p.m.

From Pat...



Grace to you all, I hope all are doing well since by the time you get this some of our snowbirds will be gone and we will have fewer people in our

congregation, we also lost some of our people who help to serve such as Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, etc., We need to find others who are willing to help during this season that are still around.

I hope for those who are reading this newsletter, they will think about how they can help in areas of the church that need you.

We all have some talent and I know there are those out there that are nervous about stepping

up, but also I know that once you do this you will feel like all of us, that it is so rewarding to know you are not just helping the church you are helping God with spreading your actions to others, saying I am doing this for God not for me but in recognition of his love for us all.

Once you do this it gets easier and therefore the same ones will not have an overload on their plate. The more we have to accommodate this the less tired some of us will be. I know there are those out there that just need to know they are capable of this, but are afraid of coming forth, please think and pray about this and see one of the members who are there to get you started.

For those of you who are elderly, and not able to help I know at one time you did help and we say Thank You, and now you can sit back and hear God's Word and think what a Blessing it was to be able to help at one time.

I hope you all enjoy this newsletter that is put together, by our Administrative Assistant Aidee, and she does an excellent job in the office. Pastor also helps her and he is a blessing to our church, so just a reminder when you see them just say thank you and let them know how appreciative you are of their good works in God's Name. God Bless our Choir and Cesar our Director of Music for their time and voices for our enjoyment to the music.

I thank all of you who are helping at this time and welcome those who are new to our congregation, keep coming and see what we have to offer and how friendly we are to all.

As one of my Pastors said, until next time **KEEP SMILING EVERY CHANCE YOU GET.**

Yours in Christ,
Pat Belanger

Looking Ahead...

What's Going on during Summer

- Synod Assembly June 10-12

- 9:00 a.m. Liturgical Worship June 19 and on.

The 9:00 am service will also be a regular liturgical service during the Summer, since our Faith Formation will be on Thursdays. **The 10:15 a.m. will remain the same.**

- Family and Friends Night June 23

We will begin a Faith Formation experience every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

- Vacation Bible School July 14-17

On Thursday and Friday we will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday there will be a presentation at the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.

- Back to School Festival August 13.

We hope to have a blessing of the backpacks, games, food, Ice Cream, music and more!

- Line Dancing. TBA

If you have interest in helping with any of these and/or more please contact the church office.

Condolences †



Our sister Kathi Schutt was called to the Church Triumphant on Sunday May 8, 2016.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach on **Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m.** Your prayers for her husband Don and the rest of the family are very much appreciated.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Pompano Beach, FL.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.



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Volunteer Assistants in June

| 10:15 AM | June 5 | June 12 | June 19 | June 26 |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| ASSISTING MINISTER | Carol Jacobson | Aura Suarez | Sera Butz | Pat Belanger |
| ACOLYTE | Alyssa Booth | Taryn Booth | Katie Paff | Maddie Kibler |
| LECTOR | Tom Peterson | Kevin Otterson | Natalie Prego | Sera Butz |
| USHERS (Need 4 to Serve) | Suzanne Loggins Scott Kelley Dylan Kelley Sherry Fox Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli | Lynda Smith Zachary Smith Carissa Esposito Lisa Castaneda Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli | Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Tom Peterson Diane Paff Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli | Darin Kibler Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Floyd MacDonald Head Usher – Rosie Fennelli |
| GREETERS – (Need 2 to serve) | Caroline Smith Barbara Kaptain | Natalie Prego Rose Jones | Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle | Jeanne Pettit Edith Reichenbach |
| SOUND | Katie Paff | Eric Castaneda | Larry Jones | Dennis Magarrell |
| PROJECTION | Sera Butz | Larry Jones | Aura Suarez | Sera Butz |

June 2016

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