



The Messenger

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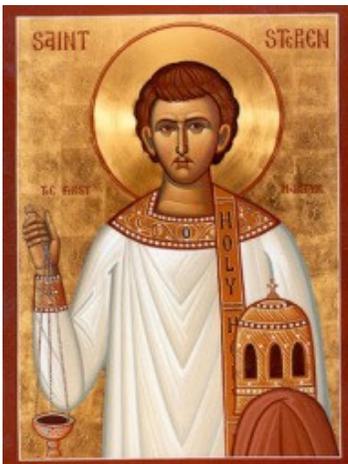
November 2015

Sunday Worship:

- * **9:00 a.m.** Praise and Faith Formation
- * **10:15 a.m.** Traditional Blend Service
- * **12: 30 p.m.** Latino Worship/ Misa en español

Thursday Worship:

- * **7:00 p.m.** Prayer and Praise Worship, Mid-week Recharge



Orthodox Icon of Saint Stephen

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From Pastor Pedro's Desk...

The St. Stephen Messenger is back! We are pleased that finally we can share information with you in this newsletter. Effective communication is essential within any community of faith, especially in redevelopment. This is a work in progress and we appreciate your contributions.

I feel so grateful for being among you for these past 6 months. God has blessed us in our journey together. We've tried a few things, some didn't work but most are very positive. Some of these are:

- The relationship with Precious Moments Preschool has lead to having a chapel time with the little ones every week.



Some of Precious Moments Children during chapel time

- A new Latino worship began in September and we are receiving new families which are learning about Lutheranism.

- On Thursdays we have added a Praise and Prayer worship that is serving as a mid-week recharge. It has served to introduce new grooves in the ELW hymnal, and it has deepened us in prayer.

- St. Stephen has been chosen to be the recipient of the Mission 100 grant this year, to help us repair the roof over the education wing.

- A part time office support staff was added, and we hired a cleaning service.

- The webpage and the Facebook page were improved and constantly are being updated.

- Numerous issues

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Food For the Poor Sunday's coming up



On Sunday, November 22 we will have an emphasis on Food For the Poor.

Our goal is to collect \$600 during Advent this year to donate a cow, yes! you read right, a cow to help people in a underdeveloped country.

Reverend Holly Ostlund, a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Flor-

ida, in representation of Food For the Poor will be bringing us the sermon that Sunday to inspire us in our effort. Rev. Ostlund will be sharing her personal witness about Food For the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.



Meet Aidee

Please meet Aidee Koach, our friendly and bilingual

Administrative Assistant who serves in the church office, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am—12:30 pm.

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with the property have been resolved always trying to save money with the help of great volunteers. - We have helped several families in need and some are now worshipping with us.

These are some of the few things I want to share with you, knowing we didn't have a means to communicate them to you before during this year. Redevelopment is not a speed race it is endurance, like a

marathon. However, there are measurable objectives along the way. It is important that we share these in the St. Stephen family. A strategic planning retreat is coming up to develop some of these.

My wife and I are very happy to be among you, accepted and loved. Thank you!

In Christ, Pr. Pedro



Events and Happenings

NovemberStewardship Month

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints' Day

"Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses", we honor and give thanks those who have gone before us in the faith, especially those who have joined the Church triumphant in the past year.



(Reminder: Daylight Savings Times ends.)

Saturday, November 7 - First Saturday Breakfast Bunch

Join us in the Fellowship Hall, each first Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. November 7—special guest to be announced. December 5—Father Kevin will be with us.



Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King



On this last Sunday after Pentecost, we lift up the ministry of "Food for the Poor", remembering the words of Jesus that when we feed "the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you do to me."

Tuesday, November 24 - Council Meeting



Like every month, the congregational council will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall to discuss matters of the organization of our church. Please pray for these elected officials as they always have to vote on important decisions for the well being of St. Stephen.

Wednesday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Eve



Please join us as we gather in the Fellowship hall for a simple supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by at time of Prayer and Thanksgiving at 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

The Church Year begins anew. We light the first candle on the Advent wreath, anticipating the birth of him who is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

The color is blue—a sign hope and promise in the midst of a troubled world. Prepare! Repent! Return! Rejoice!



The choir's reaction to Pastor's sermons

St. Stephen Choir Rehearsals

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"

Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (following the Prayer and Praise Worship) in the choir room off the narthex.

"Pack the Pantry"

On-going this Fall, we continue to collect non-perishable food items and/or cash contributions in support Broward Outreach Centers. BOC serves meals to the homeless and offers food to other hungry men, women and children in the community. More information is available in the Narthex.



Congratulations on your Weddings

Our blessings and congratulations to Marti and Lynda Stevenson-Smith, who were married at St. Stephen on October 24.



Living in Thankfulness and Generosity

Many people when they hear the word "stewardship" they think about money when in reality it is a "spiritual" matter. Sharing money is just the result of something going on within ourselves.

To talk about Christian stewardship is to reflect on how we are living lives of thankfulness and generosity.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (I Thessalonians 5:18). It is when

we become aware that someone did something on our behalf that we feel an urge to give thanks, to reciprocate the favor, to be nice to that person. Well, what about with God whom has given us everything and who owns everything?

As my wife and I settle in our new home here in Florida part of doing so is receiving our belongings in trucks ...yes there were two trucks! How could we accumulate so much? There is way more than we need. By sharing with relatives, friends and acquaintances we rejoice. We

can't help but thank God for giving us so much.

Now most of those things we might not need anymore, but what about when we share what we still need? Ah! That is called being generous. You see, generosity is not just about quantity but a matter of the heart.

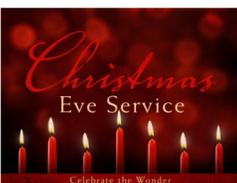
As we come to this time of the year when we reflect about our stewardship of time, talents and money, and how we will give to the work of God through the church, may we do so in thankfulness and generosity.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Service

Service times and information about gifts of poinsettias will be announced in the next newsletter.



Annual Fashion Show

Saturday, January 23, 2016

- Annual Fashion Show at Galuppi's.

For more information contact Rosie Fennelli and/or Carol Jacobson.

We will have more contributors to this Newsletter!

Volunteer?



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NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ● ALL SAINTS ● Daylight Saving Time en ● Worship 9:00 ● Worship 10:15 ● Misa en español 12:30p	2 ● Pr. Pedro's day off	3	4 ● Preschool Chapel 3:00p ● Worshipping Team 6:30p	5 ● Praise and Prayer 6:00p ● Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	6	7 ● Breakfast Bunch 9:00
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22 ● CHRIST THE KING ● Food for the Poor ● Worship 9:00 ● Worship 10:15 ● Misa en español 12:30p	23 ● Pr. Pedro's day off	24 ● Council Meeting 7:00p	25 ● Preschool Chapel 3:00p ● Thanksgiving Souj 6:00p	26 ● Thanksgiving Day	27	28
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