



# The Messenger

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October 2016

## Sunday Schedule:

- \* **9:00 a.m.**
- \* **10:15 a.m.**  
(Both liturgical worship services)
- \* **11:15 a.m.** Sunday School
- \* **12:00 p.m.** Misa en Español (Latino worship on an experimental stage.)

## Thursday:

**7:00 p.m.**  
Choir Practice



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## What is a Church Associate Membership, and is it for you?



Some of you might still be up north as you receive this newsletter or read it in our webpage. We sincerely hope that during these months you may be enjoying family, relatives, friends and your home church family. Perhaps your case is that little by little you are spending more time down here in Florida and wish to partake of more initiatives in the life and ministry of St. Stephen.

No matter where we are, it is a joy to have a faith community where to serve, give, and receive love. Like many, you may be torn into not wanting to break ties with either of the congregations you consider your church. The good news is that you don't have to. You have a couple of options as you

may consider an associate membership.

According to our Constitution, *Associate Members "are persons holding membership in other Lutheran [Christian] congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation" (\*C8.02.). Such members may participate in all aspects of the congregation's life except voting, and are not eligible for elected offices.*

Well, some of the options then are, either you keep your official membership up north but become an Associate Member at St. Stephen. Or if you think you might be spending more time here, you could do the other way around and become an official

member here and keep an associate membership up north. You decide where you will be contributing more of your skills, time and treasure.

St. Stephen is noticing a spiritual growth shown by the faithful increasing of the stewardship of its members and regular visitors, and in new people coming and staying with us. That is a great feeling!

Would you consider been an official or an associate member of St. Stephen? If so, or if you need more information, please don't hesitate in talking to me.

In Christ's love,

Pr. Pedro



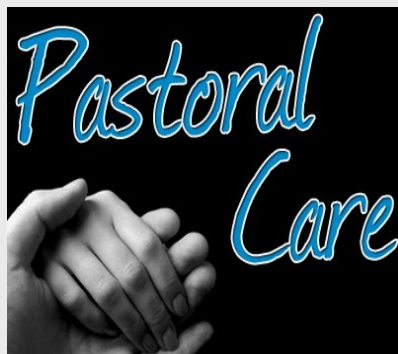
## The ELCA Elected a New Vice-President

**C**ongratulations to Bill Horne, St. Paul's, Clearwater, for his election as Vice President of the ELCA by the 2016 Church-wide Assembly this past week. The position of vice president is the highest a layperson can hold in the ELCA. Our congratulations also go to Cheryl Stuart, St Stephen, Tallahassee who was runner up in the field of candidates!



### IF YOU NEED ...

**P**erhaps you get ill and have missed worship, then please let someone contact our church office so that we know. We would be more than happy to visit you if you wish. Either Pastor Pedro or someone trained in the caring team would go as soon as possible. Holy Communion is available for those special circumstances. With so many snowbirds in our congregation it is easy to lose track. Perhaps you would like to be part of a caring team, if so let us know as well!



## A Note From the Threads of Love Quilters

**I**t's been a busy summer!! We've been getting a lot of quilts ready to be donated to different organizations around the area. Last week, we donated 20 quilts to the Veterans of West Palm Beach. As the "fall/winter" months approach, we are looking forward to seeing our "snowbird" quilter friends again.

We meet every Wednesday between the hours of 8:30-11:30 at St. Stephen's Fellowship Hall. Questions/Donations, please call the Church Office.

*Kathy Leone- Leader*



## Events and Happenings...

### Sunday, September 11 - Sunday School

On September 11, 2016, we began our Sunday School at 11:15 am. There's still a sign-up sheet at the Narthex or you can also call the office to register your child. Please if you know a friend who needs to participate, let them know and spread the word around!



### Sunday, September 25 - Memorial Service for Cynthia Langbauer

Some of you didn't know her, some did. Cynthia was a very active member of St. Stephen. She used to sing in the choir, and her voice was amazing. She lived a long beautiful life.

On September 12, 2016 at the age of 97, Cynthia was called to go to her heavenly home with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A memorial service was held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church at 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 25.

Our sincere condolences for her daughter Juliet Crawford and her son Kenneth Langbauer.



## Baptisms at St. Stephen



On Sunday, August 14 Jessica and Mirta Clark brought their beautiful little daughter **Isabelle** to be baptized at the 10:15 am worship service. Congratulations!

As part of gathering some Latinos interested in a Latino worship service at St. Stephen, we had a special worship in Spanish at 12:00pm Sunday, September 4, in which 6 years old **Carlos Eduardo** received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



Congratulations to the parents Sophia Comella and Carlos Valeri!

## WANT TO DEVELOP BRAIN POWER?

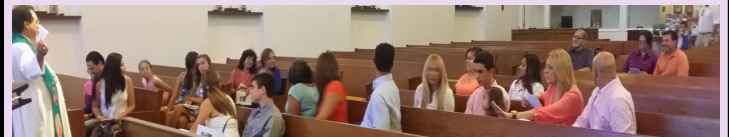
On October 4<sup>th</sup> we start something new! Many things will happen simultaneously in the Fellowship Hall, every Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am - 12pm, we will emphasize diets, exercises, sleep, and new ideas to promote "**Brain Power**". The program will target men and women over 55 and offers a variety of exercises, games, puzzles, discussions, presentations all designed for brain stimulation and development. Will it be as wonderful as we imagine? Come and try something new with lots of productive fun! Please spread the word. Have questions? Call Barb Taylor 954-616-7006



## Taking Initial Steps for Latino Ministry at St. Stephen



Lunch gatherings, special worship services, baptisms, camaraderie, all of that is building a community. It is small now, but it's knitting itself into a network of sisters and brothers learning more about Christ, Lutheranism and St. Stephen. Prayers are welcome.



## Looking Ahead...

**October 8, 2016**

### - Blessings of the Animals

From 10am-1pm This will be a fun time for the entire family. Come and enjoy a petting zoo, games, booths related to animals, and hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for \$2.00. Pastor Pedro will be blessing the animals, so bring your pet on a leash or in a crate to receive its blessing, a tag, and a certificate with your pet's name.



**October 15, 2016**

### - Breakfast Bunch

On October 15 we will resume our traditional Breakfast Bunch. Our own Pastor Pedro will be the speaker this month. We are looking forward to seeing you here!



**October 15, 2016**

### - Church Work Day

Right after the Breakfast Bunch we will need volunteers to stay and work around the church. There will be painting, repairing, cleaning, and organizing.



**October 30, 2016**

### - Reformation Sunday

Forward together in Faith! Come and join us in our annual Reformation Sunday at 9 am or 10:15 am.



**October 31, 1517**



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## Volunteer Assistants in October 2016

<b>10:15 AM</b>	<u><b>October 2</b></u>	<u><b>October 9</b></u>	<u><b>October 16</b></u>	<u><b>October 23</b></u>	<u><b>October 30</b></u>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Pat Belanger	TBA	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson	Carol Jacobson
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler	TBA
<b>LECTOR</b>	Catherine Zippay	Judy Dooge	Rita Sharkey	Lynn Antill	Sera Butz
<b>USHERS</b> (Need 4 to Serve)  <b>Head Usher –</b> <b>Rosie Fennelli</b>	Suzanne Loggings Catherine Zippay Sherry Fox Jimmy Fennelli  Rosie Fennelli	Carissa Esposito Lynda Smith Zachary Smith Terry Shumway  Rosie Fennelli	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Sherry Fox Lisa Castaneda  Rosie Fennelli	Floyd MacDonald Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Darin Kibler  Rosie Fennelli	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Linda Hanzlik Terry Shumway  Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS</b> (Need 2 to serve)	Caroline Smith Barbara Kaptain	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Ruth Wagle Caroline Smith
<b>SOUND</b>	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarrell
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Larry Jones	Katie Paff	Eric Castaneda	Web Antill	Eric Castaneda

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