

St Stephen
Lutheran Church, ELCA

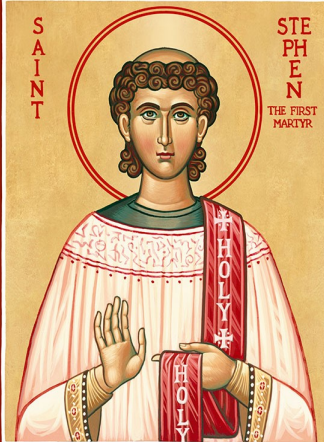
The Messenger

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September 2017

Sunday Summer Schedule:

* **10:15 a.m.**
Worship Service



SAINT STEPHEN
The First Christian Martyr

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HURRICANE HARVEY BROUGHT RAIN AND PAIN

We all are asking what can we do to help the people affected by the passing of hurricane Harvey this past month. I hope this helps, I am copying the following information found on the webpage of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA:

1. THE SITUATION:

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast on August 25, threatening millions of people with multiple days of heavy rain, winds, and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

PRAY

Please pray for the people who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

GIVE

Help us respond by donating

to the [Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast] Synod Disaster Fund (please specify "Harvey" in the line provided).



Support the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, working to provide immediate and long-lasting support.

CONNECT

For the most current updates, please connect with us on social media:

Facebook

. Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Relief

. Gulf Coast Synod

Twitter

. Gulf Coast Synod

2. RESPONSE RESOURCES

During the first stage following a disaster, search and rescue (typically first 72

hours), there is not much that can be done. Some areas may not even be accessible yet. With a hurricane or flooding, flood waters may still be rising in some areas while receding in others. Once the water subsides, the community will begin the process of assessing their needs and how we can all work together to help the local congregations care for their community.

By the time this article is written, we don't know the extent of damage and how many other towns cities and states are affected. Let us continue to pray for all people losing their loved ones, health and properties. Let us pray for the rescue teams, and for strength to rebuild. Let us also pray that in the midst of things we do not understand, that we may trust in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Peace,
Pr. Pedro



Appreciation Breakfast Invitation

There have been many successes this church year at St Stephen. In recognition of these successes, an appreciation and thank you breakfast is planned for Saturday, September 9 at 9 am.

Everyone is welcome, including members and friends of St Stephen to come and enjoy this event.



REFORMATION 2017

- Lutherans around the World



Christians who call themselves “Lutheran” can today be found all around the world. This is a story of *immigrants* and *missionaries*. The immigrant story can be seen especially here in North America. As Europeans found their way to the New World after 1492, immigrants from the traditional Lutheran areas of central and northern Europe staked their fortunes on these shores—Germans, Scandinavians, Finns and Slovaks among them. Early records from New Amsterdam (now New York) note the presence of a religiously diverse population, including “a few Lutherans.” Lutherans from Germany in particular were scattered throughout the British colonies—from Georgia and the Carolinas to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York—in pre-Revolutionary America.

Congregations were established. The oldest Lutheran congregation still active today is First Lutheran in Albany, NY, founded in 1646. Those early congregations maintained strong ties to their “mother church” in Europe, dependent on them for theologically-trained pastoral leadership and financial resources. (The first Lutheran seminary was not established in the U.S. until 1826, in Gettysburg, PA.) Only slowly were connections made among the Lutheran congregations. Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg, who came to Philadelphia in 1742 from Halle, Germany, is often regarded as the “Patriarch of the American Lutheran Church.” Under his leadership, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania was born.

But it was the large number of immigrants who came from Western and Northern Europe beginning in the mid-19th Century into the early years of the 20th, which would leave a decisive mark on the character of Lutherans in the U.S. The immigrant churches served as vital source of ethnic identity and community. Distinct Lutheran denominations were formed around these identities. A Swedish congregation could be found across the street

generations.

The related story is one of Lutheran missionaries. The impulse to “make disciples” came alive among Lutherans in the 17th Century with the movement called Pietism. Missionaries came, as noted, to serve immigrants to the New World. But by the 19th Century missionaries were also going around the world. Today there is a strong Lutheran presence in Africa, for example. The Mekane Jesus Church in Ethiopia is the second largest Lutheran church in the world, larger in membership than our own ELCA.

Throughout Asia, from Jordan to India, China, Taiwan and Papua New Guinea; in the Caribbean and throughout South America, one can find a Lutheran presence. And in the U.S. today, Lutherans are creating new ministries among the immigrants of the 21st Century.

A glimpse of this global church can be seen in our Metro New York Synod. As a global city, New York has a highly diverse population, with immigrants, international workers and visitors from around the world. On any Sunday Lutheran services are conducted in more than a dozen languages, including English, Spanish, German, Norwegian, Finnish, Chinese, Swahili and Arabic. It’s not just beer and bratwurst or lutefisk and lefse anymore! Welcome to the Lutheran family!

Submitted by
Rev. Tom Petersen



from a Norwegian church, with a German congregation two blocks away, each belonging to a different Synod. Until the 1920’s, a majority of Lutheran services in the U.S. were conducted in a language other than English. (The transition to English was often a contentious issue for congregations.) It was not until 1960/61, with the formation of the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in America, that Lutherans merged formal church structures across ethnic lines. Even today many Lutheran congregations continue to reflect some of the ethnic heritage of their founding



OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Please accompany in prayer the families of **Paul Hanzlik**, particularly his wife Linda, and the families of **Ofelia Valiente**, particularly her granddaughter Jessica Rivera, as they mourn their death.

- Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them!

A note from Threads Of Love Quilting

This beautiful handmade quilt was made especially for Rosie Fennelli by Julie Barfield.

Julie, and the rest of the talented ladies in our group, were so happy to donate it to Rosie.

We meet every Wednesday in the Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please remember us if you have any fabric, yarn or gently used sheets, that you no longer need.

Thank you,

Kathy Leone-Leader



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2017 was a success event this year! Thanks to all the children that participated and those who helped in some way or other to make this possible.



IN SEARCH OF THE "MARTIN LUTHER ROOM"

Most of us know it as the Choir Room, other know it as the Music Room, it is the room west of the Narthex. Through the years it has become also a storage room. Unfortunately, it has also been neglected, and since it is being used for more than choir practices, it doesn't feel inviting or part of the

growing church that we are now.

We would like to renovate this room, and do something dignifying of our Lutheran heritage. The vision is that we may have a multipurpose room, which can make our choir members feel appreciated, our commissions and council

meetings comfortable, perhaps we can use part of it as a nursery during worship services, a bride's room, a small place for small worship services or more. It might sound too ambitious but we can try.

Would you like to be part of this effort? Please consider giving honoring someone special to you. We

will have a frame with the names of those donating and those being honored.

We hope to dedicate this "Martin Luther Room" as part of our commemoration of the 500 years of the Reformation on October 29, 2017. Please make your donation in an envelope specifying, "Luther Room by _____ in honor of _____."

You may also contact Carol Jacobson, the church office or Pr. Pedro.



Looking ahead...

Sunday, September 17 - Sunday School Starts

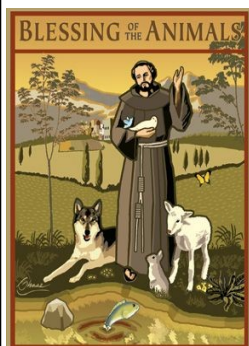


There will be a sign up sheet at the Narthex to register your child. For more

info please contact Aura Suarez or call the church office.

Saturday, October 7

Blessings of the Animals



Bring your pet companion to be blessed from 10 to 1pm. We will have refreshments and more. All are welcomed!

Sunday, October 29, - Reformation Sunday



We will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation during our 10:15am Worship Service at St. Stephen with special music. Please wear red if you can. After Worship we will dedicate the "Martin Luther Room."

At 4:00pm – Joint Commemoration and Prayer Service, Miami Diocese, Cathedral of St. Mary 7525 NW 2nd Avenue Miami FL 33150 (305) 759-4531.



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in Jesus and Sharing the Joy of God’s
Love”*

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Volunteer Assistants in September 2017

10:15 am	<u>September 3</u>	<u>September 10</u>	<u>September 17</u> <u>Sunday School</u> <u>Starts</u>	<u>September 24</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Madalyn Ammons	Aiyana Cartwright	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Erika Flanigan	Carisa Esposito	Rick Dunton	Catherine Zippay
USHERS -Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Lisa Castaneda Jimmy Fennelli Terry Shumway	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith Floyd MacDonald Pat Belanger	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Linda Hanzlik Terry Shumway	Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS - Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Zachary Smith	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 10:15am	4	5 7:00 pm Council Meeting	6 9am Quilters 3pm Preschool Chapel	7	8	9 9:00am Appreciation Breakfast
10 Worship 10:15am	11	12	13 9am Quilters 3pm Preschool Chapel	14	15	16
17 Worship 10:15am Sunday School Begins 11:30am	18	19	20 9am Quilters 3pm Preschool Chapel	21	22	23
24 Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am	25	26	27 9am Quilters 3pm Preschool Chapel	28 7:00pm Choir Practice	29	30