



July 21, 2021

Pentecost 8 Weekday

Dear family,



Join us at Worship this Sunday: Bread of Life Series (John 6)

In person worship is important for all who feel comfortable and especially for the vaccinated. While we continue to stream the Sunday Liturgy, we encourage you to be part of our regular fellowship gathered around word, sacrament, and community each Sunday. This will be the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. During this Year B of the lectionary, the gospel readings are mostly from Mark, but during the middle of the year we always take a break from Mark to hear the entire sixth chapter of John. This coming Sunday is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. There is no account of the Lord's Supper in John, but this chapter, especially towards the end, is filled with images of Holy Communion. This week Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied. **If you watch us on the website, please note, this week only, the liturgy will not be live but will post at about 11:30am.** The Liturgy will be livestreamed on Facebook and then appear later on the website. Go

to <https://www.facebook.com/SSLCPompano/> or <http://www.ststephenlutheran.net> for viewing. All Sunday Liturgies as well as Weekday Prayer are also archived on both those sites.



Fellowship following worship returns soon!!!!!!!

At the recent Socializing Commission meeting it was decided that we are ready to return to a modified regular weekly time of fellowship and refreshments following our Sunday Eucharist! This ministry will make a regular return in a modified way on Sunday, August 8. The plan at the start is to do this with store bought items every other Sunday. We will be looking for volunteers who will help with this ministry. Please speak with Carol Jacobson or just reply to this email if you would like to help.



Please wear your name tag

Especially in light of the long separation many of us have experienced, I encourage you to wear your St. Stephen name tag to church whenever you are here and especially on Sunday. It's the best way to make sure everyone knows your name! If you need a name tag, please feel free to let me know by responding to this email with the exact way you would like your name to appear.



Change for Change: Faith Farms

During July, we continue to use our change for change tower to once again support Faith Farm Ministries. This local program offers a faith based recovery program that includes residential drug and alcohol addiction transformation along the road to recovery. With 440 beds across three campuses in South Florida, they offer the time and tools it takes to choose to live a productive life in recovery. Faith Farm began in 1951 as an overnight rescue mission in Ft. Lauderdale. Today, each campus has a church, thrift store, and live-on staff of pastors, teachers, and counselors. All faiths, races, and socio-economic classes are welcome. Faith

Farm offers all recovery services free of charge. “Faith Farm is a Christian Ministry Whose Purpose Is To Restore And Transform Lives Through The Gospel Of Jesus Christ.” Campuses are located in Fort Lauderdale, Boynton Beach, and Okeechobee. To learn more go to: www.faithfarm.org



Midweek prayer features St. Mary Magdalene this week

The early church honored Mary Magdalene as the “Apostle to the Apostles” since she proclaimed the resurrection to the disciples (John20:18). Watch for our devotional video to post soon. You may download the worship aid for this weekly video devotion on the homepage of the website. This latest video devotion will post on Facebook and the St. Stephen website! <https://www.facebook.com/SSLCPompano/> or <http://www.ststephenlutheran.net>

Worship Commission meets this Sunday

The Worship Commission assists the pastor in planning faithful and meaningful worship at St. Stephen in accordance with the worship resources of the ELCA, plans for special celebrations, helps create the worship environment in the building, and cares for the altar by overseeing, setting up and maintaining the vessels, vestments and linens of the liturgy. This commissions oversees all the worship ministries. Our next meeting is this Sunday in the Luther Room following the 10:15 Eucharist. See Rosie Fennelli or join us on Sunday if you are interested in this ministry.

Serving this Sunday, July 25:

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Jake Waldecki
<i>Crucifer/Acolyte:</i>	Kevin Krasovic
<i>Lector:</i>	Carol Jacobson
<i>Sound:</i>	Eric Castaneda
<i>Camera:</i>	George Arce
<i>Greeter:</i>	Kelly Jacobson
<i>Ushers:</i>	Ida Solomita & Suzanne Loggins

Please fill out a welcome card each Sunday

An important way that gather information about worshippers and received prayer requests and recruit volunteers for ministries is through the weekly Welcome Card. Now that we are producing fewer bulletins and relying more on the screens, we have reintroduced this tool in a new way. They are handed out to each worshipper as you enter, with the request that you fill it out before leaving worship and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for participating in this helpful ministry.



Holy Grill and Holy Provisions

We continue to welcome your donations of clean or new casual clothing, socks, and men's underwear any time. They can be brought on Sunday or left in the office during office hours. In addition, we are collecting any non-perishable food items for Holy Provisions, the food pantry on the campus of St. Nicholas Church on Sample Road.



We are here for you...

Ron Hayde, our administrative assistant, is normally in the office Monday through Friday from 9:30am—12:30pm. Pastor Bob is in the office most mornings, except Monday, and is available at other times by appointment. Please be in touch with me or the office for any pastoral care needs. **If you would like Holy Communion at home because you cannot get out to church, please contact the office as Pr. Bob has resumed this ministry.** Don't forget to send prayer requests or call the office by **Thursday** each week if

you have not already entered them on the Sunday Welcome Card. You may call the office at 954-942-4473, or email us at sslcpompano@gmail.com.

Peace be yours,

Pr. Bob