

**St Stephen**  
Lutheran Church, ELCA

# The Messenger

2500 NE 14th Street Causeway, Pompano Beach, FL 33062 Ph. (954) 942-4473

October 2019

## Sunday Schedule:

- ✘ **10:15 a.m.**  
Holy Communion
- ✘ **11:45 a.m.**  
Confirmation



**SAINT STEPHEN**  
The First Christian Martyr

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## A Letter from Our Pastor

### HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

A Friend Invited Me—86%  
Organized Visitation—6%  
Invited by the Pastor—6%  
Advertising—2%

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Dear sisters and brothers,

October brings with it many opportunities for ministry and mission among us!

There is a lot going on at St. Stephen this month and this brings a member of opportunities for you to invite others into the life of this community. As you can see from the graphic on the left, the single largest factor by far when

it comes to people becoming involved in a church, is that they were invited by a friend. Here is what is going on in our congregation in October. These events provide a variety of “doors” into contact with St. Stephen:

**Weekly Tuesday Bible Study at 7pm.** This is a perfect opportunity to bring a friend from the community to explore scripture in a causal, non-threatening atmosphere. We will study the Book of Genesis for the next couple of months. The stories of this book are known to many in the culture and yet the meaning of Creation, The Fall, Cain and Able, the Tower of Babel, and the Flood have deep meaning for our lives and world view. Genesis sets the stage for salvation history.

**Blessing of the Animals on October 5.** Invite friends and neighbors to bring their pets, real and stuffed, even a picture if they don’t travel well. They will receive a blessing and a tag and a certificate. Another great way to introduce St. Stephen to the community.

**Talk on forgiveness by Fr. Kevin Goodrich on October 12.** Do you know someone who is longing to forgive or be forgiven? This might be a great moment to talk about that and invite them to breakfast fellowship in our fellowship hall.

**Octoberfest 2019 on October 26.** Here is the easiest and most non-threatening way to invite someone to “taste” St. Stephen’s hospitality this month. Food, tables of goodies, and fun. There will be a table with information about our faith and our congregation too!

**Weekly Worship.** Our gathering around word and sacrament each week is the source and summit of our Christian lives. Do you know someone who doesn’t have a church home? Someone who might be searching for something in their lives? Show them our welcome statement (its on the web page and in the bulletin each Sunday), we love people with questions and doubts! Be bold, live our mission statement, encourage someone this month!

By virtue of Baptism, every Christian is an evangelist. Practice your baptism in October!  
Peace be yours, Pastor Bob

## ***News, Happenings and Events...***



# **St. Stephen Community Octoberfest Flea Market & Yard Sale**

**WHERE?** 2500 NE 14th St. Causeway, Pompano Beach  
St. Stephen Church Fellowship Hall and Parking Lot

**WHEN?** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

**WHAT?** Household items, homemade crafts, jewelry,  
specialty edibles, or other items to sell.

**FOOD?** Of course, its an Octoberfest!!! There will be brats,  
sauerkraut, chips, and soft drinks for purchase!

### **WANT TO SELL YOUR STUFF?**

Parking lot table space (8' x11') will be made available for participating vendors at \$20.00 per space. Bring your own table (and easy-up)! In addition, the church will make a limited number of indoor parish hall spaces available on a "first come, first served" basis. Tables will be provided by the church for indoor 8 x11 spaces for the same \$20.00 per space price. Reserve online at [www.ststephenlutheran.net](http://www.ststephenlutheran.net) or call the church office from 9:30—12:30, Monday to Friday at **954-942-4473**

### **JUST WANT TO HELP ST. STEPHEN?**

We will have an indoor table which will accept donated items for sale. All proceeds from space rental and church table sales will benefit ongoing ministries of St. Stephen.

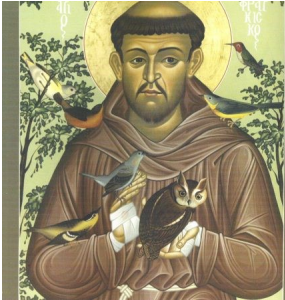
**WANT TO VOLUNTEER?** Call Carol Jacobson at 954-942-8935.

## The Book of Genesis: Tuesdays at 7pm

The Bible's first book contains many well-known stories, many familiar since childhood: creation and the Garden of Eden; an ark full of animal adrift in the flood; Abraham, Isaac and



Jacob; the dreams of Joseph. The stage for the whole biblical narrative is set in Genesis. Genesis 1-11 portrays the beginning of the world, the fall into sin, and the flood with its aftermath. Genesis 12-50 tells the story of Israel's ancestors and is especially concerned to speak of God's promises to this family. Now hear these ancient stories in a new way and find that from Eden to Egypt, Genesis affirms God's love for all! Join us and, don't be shy, invite a friend!!



## Saturday, October 5 – Blessing of the Animals

Join us and invite family and friends to the annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis on the front porch of the church from 10am—2pm on October

5. There will be vendors from PetSmart and Atlantic Animal Hospital, a reptile encounter, hotdogs, popcorn snow cones and more!

## October 12- Breakfast Bunch with Fr. Kevin: "To Forgive and Be Forgiven"

Join us on Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am.

For a complimentary breakfast and an inspirational talk by the Rev. Kevin Goodrich, O.P. Father Kevin is a traveling preacher, spirituality teacher and pastor. He served briefly here at St. Stephen as



Interim Pastor. Fr. Kevin is known for his sense of humor, engaging preaching style, and ability to relate spiritual concepts to the challenges of everyday life. Fr. Goodrich is a member of the Anglican Order of Preachers (Dominicans). The topic will be, "To Forgive and Be Forgiven." No life is immune to the pain of hurt and resentment. Forgiveness is a pathway to freedom and healing. Explore how to forgive and how to be forgiven with God's help.

## Sunday, October 27-Confirmation & Bishop's Visitation

Zachery Smith and Jake VanZile will both affirm their Baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday. Bishop Pedro Suarez will preside and preach at this Festival Eucharist. The Bishop will also bless and dedicate the newly renovated Luther Room. A celebration reception will follow the 10:15 Eucharist.



## Looking Ahead...

### November 3— ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On the Feast of All Saints we remember and celebrate the great saints of the Christian church from every age, as well as those baptized saints that we have loved and have died in Christ. Throughout October there will be a Book of Commemoration of the Dead in the church for you to write the names of deceased loved ones whom we will remember on November 3 at the Festival All Saints Eucharist.

### Calling New Members!

If you are interested in the St. Stephen community, we would love to welcome you into a relationship with the congregation through membership. We will receive new members nest on All Saints Sunday, November 3. Call the office or speak with Pr. Bob and get more details. An orientation for all who wish to join on November 3 will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, October 13 from 9:00-10:00am.**



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**OCTOBER HOLY GRILL VOLUNTEERS:**

**Wednesday**

October 6  
October 9  
October 16  
October 23  
October 30

**9am**

Juliet Crawford—Carol/Kelly Jacobson  
Karen Breslin—Joe Leone  
Suzanne Loggins —Juliet Crawford  
Carol/Kelly Jacobson—Joe Leone  
Suzanne Loggins— Karen Breslin

**5pm**

Erika Flanigan  
Rita Sharkey  
Jake Waldeck  
Rita Sharkey  
Joe Leone

**Assisting in Worship in October 2019**

10:15 AM	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27 Reformation Sunday
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Natalie Prego	Eric Castaneda	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>				Eric Castaneda Lynda smith
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
<b>CRUCIFIX</b>				Sera Butz
<b>BOOK BEARER</b>				Pat Belanger
<b>LECTOR</b>	Catherine Zippay	Rita Sharkey	Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson
<b>USHERS—Need 4 to serve</b>	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lisa Castaneda (w) Karen Breslin	Erika Flanigan R. Mottesheard Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli Jeanne Pettit Pat Engle	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Suzanne Loggins
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
<b>GREETERS—Need 2 to serve</b>	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
<b>SOUND</b>	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones
<b>PROJECTION</b>	Jake VanZile	Larry Jones	Jake VanZile	Chris Belanger

(w) will serve wine at communion

**October 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am - 12:30pm Office Hours 7:00pm Bible Study	2 9-10am Holy Grill 9am Quilters 9:30am - 12:30pm Office Hours 5-6pm Holy Grill 7pm Council Meeting	3 9:30am - 12:30pm Office Hours 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 9:30am - 12:30pm Office Hours	5 10am - 12:30pm Blessing Of the Animals
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