



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

June 25, 2021

5 Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

SUNDAY WORSHIP

David laments the death of Saul.



This **Sunday, June 27, 2021** we will have two services of **Holy Eucharist**: 9 a.m. worship outside in the Grove, and 11:00 a.m. indoor worship and livestream in the Nave.

MASK Update: masks will be optional for indoor worship for those who are vaccinated. Every other pew has been block off to limit capacity and help maintain physical distancing.

MASK UPDATE

IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR INDOOR WORSHIP: Beginning this Sunday, June 27, 2021, *if you are vaccinated, masks will be optional to wear.* We will still restrict the number of pews that are open, and PLEASE do not come if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness. Please know that there will be several people who will still prefer to wear masks. Please honor their space.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

This Sunday is the last time we will be offering a Sunday Evening Social Hour at 5 p.m. via Zoom. We hope you have found the virtual connection to other parishioners helpful!



[Join Sunday Social Hour](#)

Zoom Credentials:
Meeting ID: 829 7991 8885
Passcode: 799322

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

For this week, please pray and discern what you can do to help out with **Camp Clearfork**, which is less than 2 weeks away! If you are interested in volunteering, please read the attached blurb on page 2, and contact Carol Gardner. *~Carol Gardner*

FAREWELL BRUNCH

The Daughters of the King invite the parish to a farewell reception for **Judy Kidd** on Sunday, July 11 at 10 am. Please stay after the early service, or come early to the later service, to wish a fond farewell to Judy!



~Barbara Steele

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

Starting **August 15, 2021**, we will return to a new, permanent worship schedule: **7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. with Holy Eucharist.** Both services will be indoors, in the Nave. More information will be forthcoming in the next several weeks. We hope you'll be as delighted as we are to worship together indoors! We're still not 100% sure how we'll address communion wine, so please bear with us as we establish new protocols for communion!



SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

Now that we are beginning to meet in person again, we are asking parishioners to update their Safeguarding God's Children training. If you are planning on attending the Clearfork Shutterbug Reading Camp, you will need to have a current certificate. We will be sending emails to parishioners whose certification has expired, with instructions for how to renew their certificates.

If you have never taken the training, please contact Beth Reed, who will send you instructions for signing up! Thank you!

~Beth Reed

SUMMER DIRECTORY

Our Parish Directory is never "finished"! It's time for our mid-year directory update, so if you have changes to your mailing address, phone number, landline or mobile number, and email address, please let the Parish Office know by sending an email to Elizabeth at secretary@ststephensor.org. It's a great help to keep this information up to date, and I appreciate everyone who shares their contact information!

~Elizabeth Pack

PASTORAL CARE

THIS WEEK, WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS:

Charles Kirk, Sr.
Charles, Jr. and Rachel Kirk, Chloe, Chi
Chris Kirk
Eph and Mary Ellen Klots
James and Amelia Knight
Manfred Krause and Denise Caldwell

Please include these people in your prayers.

BOOK SALE!

The Bookstore in St. Stephen's Parish Hall is having a closeout sale! All books are \$5! There is one section for free books, and any donations will go to the Outreach Food Basket Ministry. Get your summer reading here! Thanks for your support!





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SHUTTERBUG READING CAMP

We are busy in the planning stages of our Shutterbug Clearfork Reading Camp, and have created a list of items we need to have donated or borrowed. We also need plenty of volunteers!

Here's a list of much-needed items we need people to **donate**:

- Magazines, especially National Geographic type issues with high-quality photos.
- Paper towel or toilet paper rolls
- Photo paper
- Healthy snacks, such as fruit roll-ups, crackers, granola bars, etc. to send home for the families.

Here's a list of much-needed items we need to **borrow**:

- Fully functional digital cameras with memory cards, battery charger and download cables, labelled with your name, so we can return it to you.
- Dress up props for fun photos
- Disco Ball or colored lights to create a fun atmosphere

We also need camp volunteers to attend the camp, as well as a few volunteers to help make "party food" and assemble snack bags at the church. Please let us know how you can help this meaningful camp **Wednesday to Friday, July 7 - July 9, 2021**. Call Carol Gardner via email at gardnerwc73@gmail.com or via her cell phone at **865-304-2093** if you would like to help. NOTE: This is the correct number!



THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF LIFE

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." ~ Pablo Picasso

Free books!