

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

*Scripture Tradition Reason*



**Pentecost 11 | August 21, 2022 | 10:15 am**

# ALL ARE WELCOME HERE. SERIOUSLY. ALL.

We welcome soccer dads, hockey moms, starving artists, tree-huggers, drivers of gas-guzzlers, vegetarians, and bacon lovers. Welcome to those with crying-newborns, those who avoid children at all costs, dog lovers or those who prefer, say ferrets? We extend a welcome to those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, gay, or straight. This faith community has people with much and people with just enough and a whole bunch in between; you will find a welcome here no matter what you own.

We welcome you if you sing like Pavarotti or can't carry a tune to save your life. You are welcome if you are "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. If you blew all your money on bingo, you are welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who work too hard, hardly work at all, can't spell, correct others' grammar, or came here today because Grandma's in town and made you come to church.

Are you pierced or inked? Yep, you are welcome. Need prayer right now, don't like "organized religion," are down in the dumps, or got lost in traffic and just wound up here? You betcha – you are welcome too. We welcome seekers, doubters, and those with years of faith experience, and we welcome... YOU!

In short (or not-so-short) we welcome everyone to get to know this faith community of St. Stephen's Church. Because we all need community, we all need support, and faith carries us along the journey. We all have questions and we all need (and have!) the love of God.

So... **Thank you for joining us today!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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If you or someone you know would like to be on the St. Stephen's Prayer List and/or included in the Prayers of the People during worship on Sunday morning, you may share your request by

- **Completing an online request** at <https://ststephens.com/i-want-to/request-prayer-or-care/>
- **Contacting the church office** at 952-920-0595

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**Prelude**

**Hymn #390** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *standing*

**Opening Acclamations** *standing*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**Song of Praise** Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord *standing*

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!  
Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia! Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!

**Collect of the Day** *standing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Together* Let us pray.

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Lesson** Isaiah 58:9b-14 (Bible 601) *seated*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 103:1-8 (BCP 733)

**Gospel Procession** Alleluia (x8 Sinclair) *standing*

**Gospel** Luke 13:10-17 (Bible 848) *standing*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the reading of the Gospel, the priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Tom Cook

*seated*

**Silence**

*seated*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Presented for Baptism today are: Owen Thomas Adler, Luke Alexander Moser, Carson Scott Roman, Zoe Florence Roman, and Arnet Sheridan Thomas.*

*Celebrant* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Presenters* **I present (*name*) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Presenters* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Presenters* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of younger children and infants:*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*All* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **Baptismal Covenant**

*standing*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*All* **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*All* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*All*            **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*All*            **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*All*            **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Peace**

*standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

*The congregation takes a few moments to greet each other in the peace of Christ.*

## **Announcements**

*seated*

**Offertory Music**        Wade in the Water - Traditional

*seated*

**Offertory Hymn #288**    Praise to God, Immortal Praise

*standing*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*standing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People*        **We lift them to the Lord.**

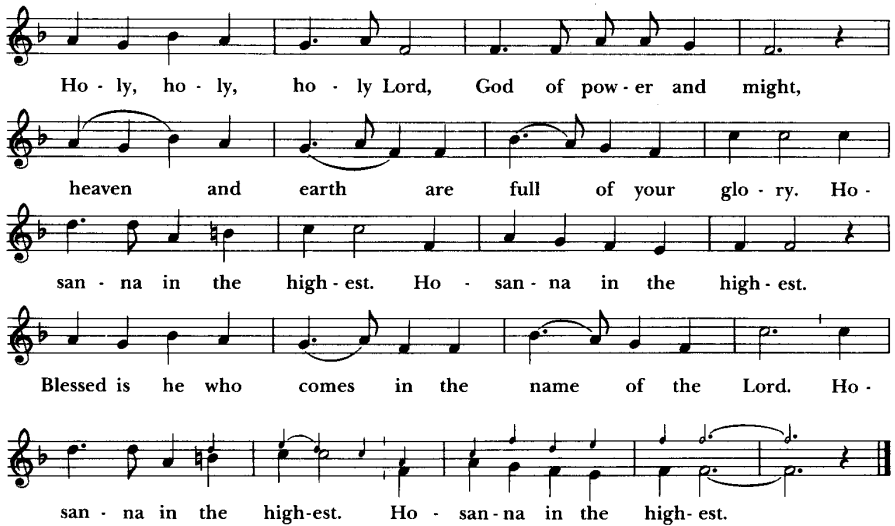
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so on this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come,

*People* **we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

*Celebrant* Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

*Celebrant* Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*The people respond with a loud: **AMEN!***

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a brief silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### ***A Word regarding Holy Communion***

*The Celebrant invites the people to receive the elements of Holy Communion. All who seek to grow in their faith and relationship with Christ are welcome to receive.*



*All are seated until ushers guide you forward at the appropriate time to receive Holy Communion from the ministers at the altar. The Priests will confer the host wafer of consecrated bread, and Eucharistic Ministers will offer you individual servings of the consecrated wine from trays prepared for that purpose. After consuming the wine, place your used cup in the receptacles provided nearby.*

*Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Just inform the priest when you come forward to receive.*

*If you need Communion brought to you in your seats, please inform an usher, and clergy will come to you with the elements.*

## **Communion Music**

### **Concluding Prayer**

*standing*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*During the processional hymn, candidates for baptism, along with their families, are led in procession to the creek. The congregation follows and gathers at the place of baptism.*

### **Procession to the Creek – “Shall We Gather At the River”**

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain:*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown. *[Refrain]*

*(continues ↪)*

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. *[Refrain]*

## **At Creekside...**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*The candidates are presented by name to the Priest who then immerses, or pours water upon each one, saying*

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*Each candidate is then marked with oil of chrism on the forehead with the sign of the cross, as the following is said*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with words of hope, the people responding*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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# **THE SUNDAY NEWS**

**TODAY Sunday, August 21st**

**8:00 AM** **HOLY EUCHARIST** | Chapel

**8:45 AM** **FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE** | Outside Chapel Doors

**10:15 AM** **HOLY EUCHARIST** | Nave & Live on YouTube  
**Children's Chapel** will be held today for potty-trained 3 years olds - 2nd graders. Please bring your child to the Chapel prior to the service; they will rejoin you at the Peace.

**11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE** | Church Lawn

**12:00 PM FIRST NATIONS KITCHEN SERVICE DAY**



Join us as we serve with First Nations Kitchen! Sign up to help us prepare and give away fresh food to our South Minneapolis neighbors. **We still need five volunteers from Noon-2:30 PM and two volunteers from 3:00-5:30 PM.**

**VOLUNTEER** > [ststephens.com/event/fnk/](https://ststephens.com/event/fnk/) or Connections Table

## THIS WEEK



## NIGHT ON THE CREEK

*End of Summer Celebration*

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Join us for a special end-of-summer gathering on the banks of Minnehaha Creek featuring worship, dinner, games, s'mores, and a special opportunity for Community Yoga. **This event is for folks of ALL AGES and you are welcome to come to any or all of the evening's activities.** We'll be serving up a delicious meal of grilled brats and polish sausage (veggie hot dogs available), baked beans, fruit salad, chips, and dessert. The cost of \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of 4+.

4:30-5:30 PM Community Yoga

5:30-6:15 PM Dinner & Games

6:30-7:00 PM Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

7:00-8:00 PM Fellowship & S'mores



**RSVP** for dinner and yoga; **VOLUNTEER** to help with the event > [ststephens.com/event/night-on-creek/](https://ststephens.com/event/night-on-creek/) or Connections Table

## NEXT Sunday, August 28th

- 8:00 AM**    **HOLY EUCHARIST** | Chapel
- 8:45 AM**    **FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE** | Outside Chapel Doors
- 10:15 AM**    **HOLY EUCHARIST** | Nave & Live on YouTube  
*Our worship will include the celebration of Holy Baptism on Minnehaha Creek.*
- 11:30 AM**    **FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE** | Church Front Doors

## PARISH LIFE

### FALL PARISH PIG ROAST

**Wednesday, September 7, 5:30 PM**

The Fall Pig Roast returns! Join us on the front lawn for this family-favorite event. Our pitmasters will be roasting and serving some delicious BBQ accompanied by cole slaw, chips, and dessert. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. We'll have lawn games and a few surprises for the kids along with lots of time for everyone to reconnect as we return from our summer adventures.



**RSVP** for dinner and **VOLUNTEER** to help with the event > [ststephens.com/event/pig-roast/](https://ststephens.com/event/pig-roast/) or Connections Table

### CONNECTION BREAKFAST

**Sunday, September 11, 9:00 AM**

Are you new to St. Stephen's Church, returning after a time away, or simply looking to meet new people within the parish? Then the Connections Breakfast is perfect for YOU! This gathering is a great way to connect with clergy, staff, and other members of our community. **Nursery care will be available for kids from birth to age 5. We'll also have activities available during breakfast for kids aged 5 years+.**



**RSVP** for the breakfast > Connections table or [ststephens.com/event/connections-breakfast/](https://ststephens.com/event/connections-breakfast/)

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**Thursday, September 15, 12:00 PM , COST: \$15**

All seniors in the parish are invited to our fall Senior Fellowship Luncheon! Come and enjoy a delicious lunch, lots of fellowship, and a great speaker — The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. We will be hearing a talk from Bishop Curry entitled, Faith & The Way of Love: Finding Hope in Troubled Times, which he gave as a part of the Faith & Life Speaker Series at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in May of this year.



**RESERVE** your spot by mail or drop off your check to the church office with a notation of “Senior Luncheon” in the memo.



Fall Children’s & Youth Ministry programs are kicking off soon and we can’t wait to welcome everyone back! Programs begin with our **Wednesday Night Kick-Off** event on **September 14th**. Our **Wednesday night schedule begins on September 21st**.

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY PROGRAMS

**Children’s Chapel**, Sundays @ 10:15 AM, *Pre-school - Grade 3*

Children’s Chapel is worship that’s perfect for kids! We pray, sing, listen to Bible stories, and share the ritual of water. Parents drop their children off just prior to the service and kids rejoin their families at the Peace.

**Quest**, Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM, *Kindergarten - Grade 5*

Join our quest to learn more about what it means to have faith in God, learn from Jesus, and be part of a community. Together we’ll explore bible stories through age-appropriate creative storytelling, prayer, and plenty of fun activities.

**Children’s Choir**, Sundays from 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM, *Pre-school - Grade 5*

We are thrilled to announce the return of our Children’s Choir beginning on Sunday, September 25th! Kids will enjoy a music curriculum with elements of

music theory, note reading, and harmony singing for a fun and challenging experience! Kids perform at worship and special music presentation opportunities throughout the year.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS**

***As we look to meet the ever changing needs of our parish families we are excited to share some changes to our youth programs for the 2022/23 program year.*** We will now have two Wednesday night youth groups, Middle School and High School. By moving the High School Youth Group to Wednesdays, high school youth leaders who serve with our middle school group can easily transition to the youth activities with their peers on the same evening. This shift also opens up Sunday evenings to special opportunities for youth and young adults throughout the year.

Confirmation will now be offered as a new program open to students in grades 9-12. This enables students to choose when the right time is for them to make this mature commitment to their faith. Our Confirmation program will be happening alongside a diocesan-wide Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN) program. This gives our students a great opportunity to engage with youth from other parishes and to see themselves as a part of the larger Church.

**Middle School Youth Group**, Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 PM, *Grades 6-8*  
Our Middle School Youth Group's activities include music, games, worship and prayer, service projects and small group opportunities to discuss how Christian discipleship impacts their lives today.

**High School Youth Group**, Wednesdays from 7:45-9 PM, *Grades 9-12*  
Our High School Youth Group begins their time together with games and music before diving into relevant and timely topics, exploring how faith can impact their daily lives. We'll also share in experiential worship, prayer, and service.

**LEARN MORE** about all of our Children's & Youth Ministry program and **REGISTER** your family for this fall by visiting [ststephens.com/ministries/family-ministries/](https://ststephens.com/ministries/family-ministries/)



## OUTREACH

### HOLY CROSS 2023 MISSION TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

**Tuesday, August 30, 6:00 PM, Commons Room**

Are you interested in stepping out of your comfort zone? Well, this may be your chance! Parishioner Jim Bizal will be leading a trip to Holy Cross School in Belize in **January 2023**. Our parish has been involved with the school since its founding in 2006 and we are excited to return. Come and learn more about the school and the mission trip experience.



**RSVP** by contacting Jim Bizal, 952-649-1525 or

[jim.bizal@bizalbuilt.com](mailto:jim.bizal@bizalbuilt.com)



*Emergency Summer Food Campaign*  
*Now thru End of August*

Our partners at VEAP have reached out to share the struggles their pantry has been facing throughout the summer and ask for help in supporting their Emergency Summer Food Drive.

In recent months, VEAP has been distributing approximately 35 pounds per person. ***This high need shows no sign of slowing and food pantries across the country are running low.*** With ultra-high inflation impacting all levels of the food chain, those living on low incomes are being hit the hardest. Gas prices are also helping to force families to make tough decisions about whether to buy groceries or fill their tanks so they can get to work. Many people ultimately seek food from VEAP and other food pantries to fill the gap.

Join us this August in a special Food Drive to help VEAP by purchasing items of their **MOST NEEDED ITEMS LIST**. The easiest way to **DONATE** is to purchase items off our [Amazon Wish List](#). These items will ship directly to church. You may also visit the Connections Table or [ststephens.com/veap-fooddrive/](http://ststephens.com/veap-fooddrive/) to print a list, shop on your own, and bring your items to church. Our volunteers will deliver all donations to VEAP.



## ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL OUTREACH BASH

October 8, 2022

### ***Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Bash!***

Our annual outreach fundraising event has taken many forms over the years, from in the park to after dark, from in-person to virtual, and back again. But one thing has never changed. The Bash has always focused on raising funds to ensure our community has the means to support our outreach ministries and partners.

This year we are hoping to cross a major milestone for the Bash — passing the **\$1,000,000 mark** for total funds raised since the founding of the event!

**SAVE THE DATE.** The Bash will be held the evening of Saturday, October 8th. The Bash After Dark is a fun-filled evening filled with games, tasty treats, and lots of time for laughter and fellowship. Mark it in your calendar today!

**MAKE A DONATION.** Donations are key to fun and excitement at the Bash! We are seeking a variety of donations including

- Gift cards for our games (min. value of \$25 appreciated)
- Wine & Spirits for our games (min. value of \$25 appreciated)
- Meat or Butcher Gift Cards/Certificates for our
- Auction items for our online and live auction

**Donation deadline: Friday, September 16th**



**DONATE** by visiting [ststephens.com/bash/](https://ststephens.com/bash/) or the Connections Table.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **AUGUST 24**

Community Yoga  
Night on the Creek Event

### **AUGUST 28**

Creek Baptism

### **SEPTEMBER 5**

**Labor Day**

Church Offices Closed

### **SEPTEMBER 7**

Morning Prayer on Facebook Returns  
Parish Fall Pig Roast

### **SEPTEMBER 9**

Monthly Taize Worship Returns

### **SEPTEMBER 10**

Holy Hike: Staring Lake Park

### **SEPTEMBER 11**

Connections Breakfast

### **SEPTEMBER 12**

Open Space Yoga Returns  
Ice Cream Tour Stop #4

### **SEPTEMBER 14**

Wed Night Program Kick-Off!

### **SEPTEMBER 15**

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

### **SEPTEMBER 18**

**Welcome Sunday**

Episcopal 101 - Part 1  
Backpack & Educator Blessing  
All Parish Brunch  
Young Adult Service Night

### **SEPTEMBER 21**

3rd-5th Grade Overnight

### **SEPTEMBER 25**

Episcopal 101 - Part 2  
Children's Choir Returns!

### **SEPTEMBER 29**

Young Adult Gathering

### **OCTOBER 2**

Compass Returns!  
Blessing of the Animals

***For more details on these events and information on St. Stephen's recurring weekly programs, visit [www.ststephens.com](http://www.ststephens.com).***

***NOTE: Open Space Yoga will be on hiatus until Sept 12.***

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**ST. STEPHEN'S**

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