

The Guide

A Newsletter of
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
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An Invitation from Presiding Bishop Curry to Turn and Pray on Behalf our Nation

As the season of Lent approaches, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians and people of faith to turn and pray on behalf of our nation:

"In times of great national concern and urgency, people of faith have returned to ancient practices of repentance, prayer and fasting as ways of interceding with God on behalf of their nation and the world. This is such a moment for us in the United States.

"On Ash Wednesday I will join with other Christian leaders observing this Lent as a season of prayer, fasting and repentance on behalf of our nation, with continued fasting each Wednesday until the Wednesday before Advent begins.

"For me, this call is rooted in my personal commitment to practice Jesus's Way of Love, by which I turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go and rest in the way of our savior. Especially now, drawn together by love, hope and concern, and recalling the wisdom of our ancient traditions, I am grateful to join others in the spiritual practice of prayer, fasting and repentance for our nation."

**Ash Wednesday
February 26**

Joint Service at Messiah Lutheran. 6:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Lenten Program

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

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Wednesdays, March 4 - April 1 at Messiah

5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal - Free-will donation

6:30 p.m. Service - "To Seek and To Save"

Priest-in-Charge Search Update

On March 1 the Vestry will be conducting an interview with our first candidate for St. Stephen's next Priest-in-Charge. More details to follow, but please keep the parish and the vestry in your prayers. Remember that this is a dual discernment process for both the vestry and the candidate--a discernment of what the Spirit wills at this time and in this place for both parties. Whoever our next priest is, we can start praying for them right now! God's blessings to you during this most solemn of church seasons.

Paul Fischer

Senior Warden

We welcome these preachers to our pulpit in March

March 1 Fr. Jerry Ness

March 8 Deacon Dave Stoddard will lead Morning Prayer

March 15 Fr. Jerry Ness

March 22 Kaeleigh Post will lead Morning Prayer, Rite 1

March 29 Fr. Jerry Ness

Youth Director's Report

Thank you to everyone who donated product and time to our "Loads of Love" event! This event is a great way to reach out and help the community. This year we were able to help over 150 families by providing laundry detergent, toilet paper, tooth brushes, toothpaste and other personal hygiene products. A special thank you to Sam's Club for donating a pallet of toilet paper and Melissa Anderson for applying for a Thrivent Grant, and supplying over 70 bottles of detergent with that money. This event could not have been possible if it wasn't for each and every person who helped make it happen. THANK YOU!

The 2020 Mission Trip is currently being planned and we have 13 youth and 2 adults that will be heading to Nashville this summer to be God's hands. I ask that you keep the youth, adult leaders and those that are finishing the planning preparations in your prayers.

Habitat for Humanity Build Day! Messiah & St. Stephen's have been asked to join together and help on the construction of the next house going up in the new development on Nelson Lane. April 4th from 7:45am-Noon our two churches can start the foundation for a new family. Volunteers must be 16 to volunteer on the job site.

Upcoming Events:

March 8th: Ignite 6:30-8 p.m. at the Anderson's house. Dinner will be served



St. Stephen's and Messiah are teaming up on a Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Who: At least four volunteers from each church

What: Providing labor at the construction site

When: April 4th, 7:45 a.m. - Noon

Where: 2082 Nelson Lane (the new sub-division)

Why: To help provide much-needed, safe and affordable housing to deserving families in our community

[March Calendar of Events](#)

[March Schedule of Volunteers](#)

Make a Call, Send a Card, Say a Prayer



Rejoice with those who rejoice
And weep with those who weep.

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Celebrating Birthdays in March

Bob Allison	March 2
Toni Mayer	March 3
Vera Reddish	March 3
Reiley Hillman	March 5
Sean Cook	March 9
Mbililia Asabit	March 10
Hanna Ghaifan	March 10
David Swift	March 12
Youna Kouri	March 14
Yohanna Ghaifan	March 17
Brittany Korensky	March 20
Lloyd Larson	March 20
Caroline Swift	March 22
Rhonda Hillman	March 22
Todd Guthrie	March 23
Jared Hansen	March 25

Please Remember These Friends When You Pray

Those in need of healing or for other concerns: Robin, Libi, Jason, Deb, Lonnie, Marcus, Makayla, Mike, Ben, Doreen, Joe, Gary, Gary, John, Cody, Todd, Cindy, Rene, Erin, Steve, Norman, Reece, Shirley and Mark

Those serving in the military: Lucas and Tim

Homebound: Virginia, Marla, Mickey, Vera, Audrey, and Connie

If you would like to add a name (or remove a name from) the prayer list or submit birthdays and anniversaries, please call the church office at 308-382-

Don Young March 28
Becky Young March 28
Kaeleigh Post March 29

Celebrating Anniversaries

Ibrahim Geberia & Nafisa Toto March 5
Bill & Raynette Martin March 15

4961 or e-mail them to [Lynne](#).

Prayers run in the weekly bulletin as well as monthly in The Guide.

Prayer Chain requests can be called to Mary Kvetensky at 308-382-4090 or e-mailed to [Donna Weaver-Smith](#).



No matter how
long the winter,
SPRING
is sure to follow

-PROVERB

We have a new mailing address

Please send all correspondence to our street address -

422 W. 2nd Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

How Can YOU Connect with St. Stephen's?

Worship Services

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am and in Arabic at 1 pm
Solemn Evensong & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Quarterly as announced

Christian Education (September - May)

IGNITE! for Middle/High Schoolers, Second Sunday of Month at 6:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Leadership and Staff

2019 Rector's (Sr.) Warden

Paul Fischer

Buildings & Grounds

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People's (Jr.) Warden

To be filled

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