

**ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2026**  
*The Third Sunday of Easter*

**WELCOME!**

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

**COMMUNION**

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

**LOOKING FORWARD**



**"Resurrection Hope!" Retreat**

Resurrection is God's refusal to give up on us. St. Stephen's is happy to welcome the Rev. Payton Hoegh, as our guest speaker for "Resurrection Hope", a spiritual retreat on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am — 12:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend!

The Rev. Hoegh will open the retreat, offer one of several workshops and celebrate the closing Eucharist with us. Other workshops include Neurographic Art Prayer, an outdoor labyrinth, Praying in Color, creating gratitude bracelets, filling the "Hope" Tree, plus opportunities for reflection, journaling and prayer.

Hosted by the Daughters of the King, our retreat will be held at Stephen's Episcopal Church. There is no program fee — everyone is invited to bring donations, as you are able, of canned goods or laundry supplies for our community outreach programs.

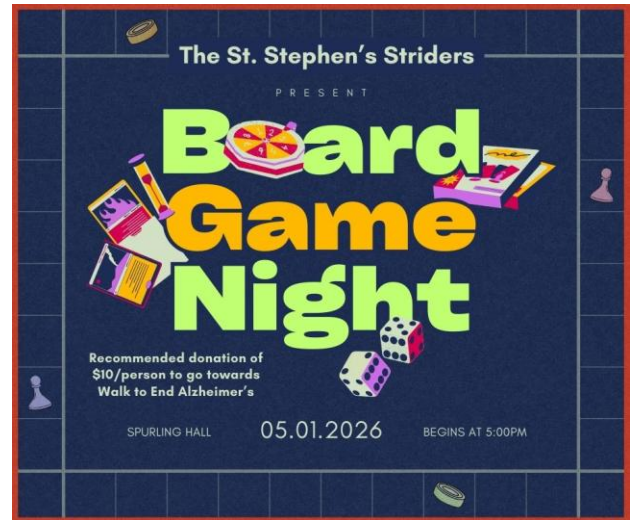


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Please RSVP with the QR Code or this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2s4crv6c>

For more information, please contact either Kathleen Jensen at [jensencurl@gmail.com](mailto:jensencurl@gmail.com) or Mary Jo Higginbotham at [maryjohigg@gmail.com](mailto:maryjohigg@gmail.com)



The St. Stephen Striders are hosting their first board game night to raise money for the Walk to End Alzheimer's! All are welcome to join in Spurling Hall on Friday, May 1st at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board and card games to share! Pizza will be provided; please feel free to also bring dishes and drinks to accompany. There is a recommended donation of \$10/person to support the cause. Questions can be directed to Sarah Simmons: 618-292-7407. We hope to see you there!

**FOSTERING YOUTH INDEPENDENCE**  
**FYI OPEN HOUSE!**

Join us to learn how FYI supports youth aging out of foster care, equipping them to become successful, independent adults!

Meet our team, hear about the impact of our work, and discover how YOU can make a difference.

**Saturday, April 25th**  
**10 AM to 12 PM**

25816 Tournament Road  
Valencia

- ◆ Connect with FYI youth, volunteers and alumni
- ◆ Learn about our programs
- ◆ Explore volunteer opportunities

Coffee & refreshments provided

[www.fyifosteryouth.org](http://www.fyifosteryouth.org)  
661-360-1500  
info@fyifosteryouth.org

UCLA Health Blood & Platelet Center

Please sign up to  
**Donate Blood**  
this *Spring!*

**St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church**

is hosting a

**UCLA Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Spurling Hall

Go on-line at [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com)  
Click **Blood Drives** and enter **SSECH**  
in **Zip Code** or **Account Code Box**

*Appointments are Highly Encouraged*



All Eligible donors will receive a  
**Promotional Item** as a thank you!

*Pentecost*  
**CHILI  
COOK-OFF**  
AND POTLUCK  
SUNDAY, MAY 24  
SPURLING HALL  
12:00 PM

*Calling all chili  
enthusiasts  
and culinary  
wizards!*

**Why join?**

- Delicious Chili
- Fun for All Ages
- Competitions & Prizes

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE?**  
SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN PERSON IN THE  
HALL TO BRING CHILI OR  
ANY OF THE SIDES

Join us on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for a Pentecost Chili Cook-off and Potluck! You can sign up to bring chili, a side, drinks, dessert, or all of the above! We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://tinyurl.com/du8an6vh>



If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at [office@st-stephens.org](mailto:office@st-stephens.org) no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.



#### GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here [st-stephens.org/giving](http://st-stephens.org/giving). You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.

### St. Stephen's Prayer List

**Current Needs:** Joanne, Vickie, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially in the U.S., Israel, Iran war, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Summer, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly, Nevelle, Jess, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Heather, Maria, Jerome, Joy and Dennis, Nancy, Angela, Brendan, Avery, Don, Ms. Monica, Greg, Debbie, Linda, Theresa, Terry, Hank, and their family, Haley, Moses, Roger, Kira, Delfred, Trish, Duke, Ron, Jim, Ken and Sara, Rebecca, Tom, Faye, Roger and Jennie, Jeff B., Jose Manuel, Shireen, Peggy, Sandy H., Fred C., Linda, Carlos and the Tuck/Nold families, Rosemary, Cecilia, Barbara, Jenny, Kevin, Brisa, Sandra, Claudia, Jim, Mary, Jeremy, Paula, Madelyn, Ivy, **Keith, Mary, Samantha, Nate**

**Rest in Peace:** Judy Putnam, Michael Audino, Lella Dvorak, Maria Borelli, Ken Tuck, James Andrew Hedge, **Felipa de Leon Pérez**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at [pstable@pegasus2.net](mailto:pstable@pegasus2.net) or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru Peggy or the office to be on the list again.

St. Stephen's Week	April 19, 2026 to April 26, 2026
<b>TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 4/19</b>	<b>VPOD: John Alexopoulos</b>
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	YESS / Youth Room
12:00pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge
<b>MONDAY 4/20</b>	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
<b>TUESDAY 4/21</b>	
6:30pm	Preschool Board meeting / Spurling Hall
<b>WED. 4/22</b>	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
6:00pm	EfM / Room 8
7:00pm	PFLAG / Spurling Hall
<b>THURS. 4/23</b>	
9:30am	Book Study Group / Sacristy
1:00pm	SAGES Movie Day / Laemmle Theatre - Newhall
6:30pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal / Church
<b>FRIDAY 4/24</b>	
<b>SAT. 4/25</b>	
9:00am	Resurrection Hope Retreat
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 4/26</b>	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall