

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, July 26, 2026

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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



The poster features a rainbow border and a central image of a communion table with a chalice, bread, and a rainbow flag. Above the image is a shield logo with a cross and rainbow colors.

THE WELCOME TABLE
A Christian spiritual gathering
for the LGBTQ+ community & our allies.



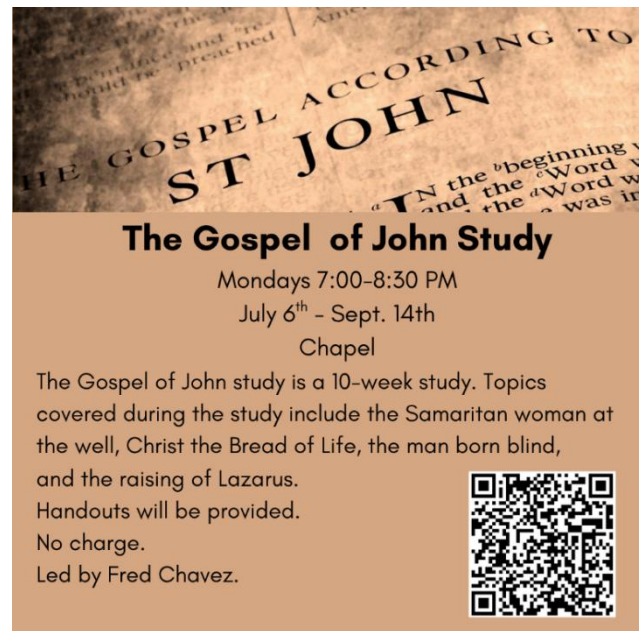
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
7:00 pm in the Chapel

SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
24901 Orchard Village Rd. / Santa Clarita, CA 91355 / Tel / 1 661 259 7507 / st-stephens.org

Come join us for The Welcome Table on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 7PM in the Chapel. The Welcome Table is an experience crafted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Gather with us as we eat, pray, discuss, share communion, celebrate diversity and explore our faith in community as our true, authentic selves. Come as you are, this place is for you.



Dinner is potluck style. You can sign up for your contribution here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7csfe5>



The poster features a background image of an open Bible with the text "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN" and "IN the beginning and the Word was it".

The Gospel of John Study
Mondays 7:00-8:30 PM
July 6th - Sept. 14th
Chapel

The Gospel of John study is a 10-week study. Topics covered during the study include the Samaritan woman at the well, Christ the Bread of Life, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus.
Handouts will be provided.
No charge.
Led by Fred Chavez.



<https://tinyurl.com/5n79jt79>



The poster features a film strip border and a central image of two people sitting on the floor, looking at a book.

SAINT STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& PRESCHOOL

**QUEER
MOVIE
NIGHT**

Everyone is welcome to
this night of laughter, fun,
and community.

**FRI. JULY 31,
6:00 PM**

Movie starts at 6:30 pm

**POTLUCK SNACKS
& DRINKS**

24901 Orchard Village Rd,
Valencia, CA 91355

**BUT I'M A
CHEERLEADER**

Rated: **R**



RSVP:

Join us on Friday, July 31, for Queer Movie Night! We're screening *But I'm a Cheerleader* (1999, Rated R). The romantic comedy follows Megan (Natasha Lyonne), who is sent to a conversion therapy camp with Mike (RuPaul Charles) as the camp's lead counselor. Instead of falling in line, she meets Graham (Clea DuVall) and starts to figure out who she really is.

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/7L6txXF7Bs2EpL389>



Men's Group Breakfast Saturday, August 1st 8:00am

Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
on McBean Parkway



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

Date: Aug 06, 2026

Time: 11:00AM to 11:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

24320 Town Center Drive
Valencia, CA 91355
661-288-1288

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

Walk to End Alzheimer's

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ'S WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



**ST. STEPHEN'S
BRANCH
MANAGERS**

**NEW
MINISTRY!!**

JOIN US!

Marvel in the sacred soil
under your fingernails.

BEGINNING SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

If you enjoy getting your hands in the dirt, the smell of sage, reveling in the sights and sounds of hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies, have we got a deal for you!!! Come and join in with the St. Stephen's "Branch Managers" the 2nd Saturday of every month, where we will rake, weed, prune, plant, mulch, water

and tend to the grounds of St. Stephen's! When finished we will enjoy some laughs while sharing some well-earned tasty treats and cool beverages. Our first gardening day will be Saturday, August 8th, from ~ 8:30am - 11:30am (any time you can be there is a blessing). If interested in signing up, please contact Tracy Stapp at in the Church office at: office@st-stephens.org or (661) 259-7307.

**DEANERY 2 INVITES YOU
TO A
RECEPTION TO
MEET AND GREET**

*The Rt. Rev. Dr.
Antonio José
Gallardo Lucena*

EIGHTH BISHOP OF THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

AUGUST

SATURDAY 15 AT 11 AM

**ST. MARTIN IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
7136 WINNETKA AVENUE
WINNETKA, CA 91306**

RSVP TO
PDEARY@STMARTINSSCHOOL.ORG OR
818-348-1419

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



Why EfM?

Why should I sign up for EfM?

While the answer may be different for each individual, having your own "why" is an important part of your decision!

Making the decision to sign up for EfM could begin with questions that hint at your own learning desires. Take a moment to ponder the below questions.

Do you seek fellowship that goes beyond coffee hour?

Does Sunday morning whet your appetite for more?

Are you seeking God and desire others to accompany you on your search?

Do you question different interpretations of biblical passages and want to explore them more deeply?

What other questions come to mind?

If you answered "yes" or maybe" to any of those questions, **perhaps EfM is for you!**

For more information, contact Mary Jo

Higginbotham at: maryjohigg@gmail.com

Then take a moment to pray!

Lord,

take my lips, and speak through them;

take my mind, and think through it:

take my heart, and set it on fire.

Amen.

by W.H.H. Aitken, from Prayers Ancient and Modern

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." **Thessalonians 5:11**



Join us!

**THURS
AUG 13
6:30 PM**

NEW YOUNG ADULTS OF FAITH GROUP

Wolf Creek Restaurant and Brewing Co.

Santa Clarita

Text Hallie to RSVP at 661.713.3305

Good food and casual conversation about faith, life, and navigating young adulthood without any pressure. Come exactly as you are.



DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAYS
AND FRIDAYS

TUES.-THU. THE OFFICE WILL BE
OPEN FROM
9:00AM -3:00PM ONLY

BEGINNING AUGUST 3RD TRACY WILL BE ON
VACATION AND JARED SIMMONS WILL BE HER
TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT.



St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially involving the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly and husband, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Joy and Dennis, Ron, Jose Manuel, Sandy H., Peggy, Barbara, Jenny, Kevin, Brisa, Sandra, Claudia, Keith, Mary, Mehar, Marionette, B.J., Rae, Susan, Claudia, , Bob, Jerri, Jeff, Susan, Phyllis and Stu, Linda and Charlie, Madelyn, Maria, Pastor Clarence and children, Greg, Neville, Jeff and Helen, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Jim, Cathy, Doris, Gia, Caroline, Carolyn, Karen, Angeline, Vickie, Judy, Laurie, Vince and Fran, Karen and Jim, Malcolm, Brendan, Reverend Lynn, Stephen, Cathy, Berta, Sue, Stacy, Lily, K. C., David, **David, Brendan, Rebecca**

Rest in Peace:: Susanna Saulog, David Hoskey, Linda Lott, Ellen Ardman, Diana F., Jeff Krueger, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Joan Sebastian Guerrero, **Jeff Barlow, John Domeniccuci**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at 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.



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. 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 Week		July 26, 2026 to August 2, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 7/26		VPOD: Kelsey Raub	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
MONDAY 7/27			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
7:00pm		Gospel of John Study / Chapel	
TUESDAY 7/28			
6:00pm		Vestry meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 7/29			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
6:00pm		EfM / Room 8	
THURS. 7/30			
9:30am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
6:30pm		Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
FRIDAY 7/31			
SAT. 8/1			
8:00am		Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's Deli	
NEXT SUNDAY 8/2		VPOD: Nick Vestuto	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	



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 no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.