



Week of July 11—July 17, 2021

# **CASTING OUR NET**

## **ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

What a difference a year makes! Last year, you may recall one of my virtual sermon backdrops was a photo of socially distanced sunflowers--not due to the pandemic but because we followed the recommendation of the wrong "expert." As a congregation last year, we were meeting online only and getting a lot of input as to how to worship and gather. Some of those recommendations worked and a number didn't and so more research was required on our part. This year's sunflower photograph is a metaphor for where we are currently as a community: worshipping together with rows of space in between us, all facing the direction of the Son.



Non-Socially Distant Sunflowers on Sellars Farm

We opened the church for the first time in 14 months so that Tom Straw and his family could have a funeral service for Odessa. We do not yet have internet in the church so we were unable to live stream it on our Facebook page. If you would like a copy of the bulletin and did not receive one at church yesterday, please contact Margie at the church office and we will print one for you. I ask that you continue to hold the Straw family in your prayers.

This Sunday will be the first Sunday that the Rev. Joanna Benskin will be with us. Rev. Joanna is a Pathways Priest (a Diocesan program for new priests that pays the priest's salary) assigned to St. Paul's, Evansville 3/4 time and St. Stephen's, New Harmony, 1/4 time so she will be with us one Sunday a month for the next two years.

Some of you have received letters from her and others are receiving phone calls from her 512 area code phone to set up meetings. She and her husband Brian are living in downtown Evansville and we will be sharing an office at the Parish House. I know you will welcome her and I look forward to all that we will learn together during her time with us.

Speaking of welcome, at our 4th of July service, we had four out of town visitors. I wanted to share the comments that one of them, John Todd, sent us via Facebook:

*"Thank you for your hospitality this morning. My wife and I enjoyed the service and delighted in the warm welcome. So similar to ELCA Lutheran. Thanks again."*

Thank you, dear community, for all that you do.

God's peace,

*Beth+*

## JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| DATE                                                   | LEADERS / EVENT                                       | Lector  | Intercessor | IN PERSON GREETER | FACEBOOK GREETER | Zoom Service Coordinator |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| July 18 – 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday after<br>Pentecost | Holy Eucharist<br>Dr. Beth<br>Rev. Joanna             | Rose B. | Linda       | Karen             | Mike or<br>Hope  | Jacob Mumford            |
| July 25 – 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday after<br>Pentecost | Morning Prayer<br>Cindy Bernardin<br>preaching<br>Liz | Karen   | Linda       | Ken & Rose        | Ken M.           | Jacob Mumford            |

(Revised 7/12/2021)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

July 18, 2021

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25, 2021

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21



***We ask for Continued Prayers:***

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; McKayla; The Shaum family; Tom; Docey; Karen; The five parishoners from St. Wendel church trying to leave Haiti; All who are suffering physically, mentally, emotionally, or financially

***And for those serving in the Military:***

EB; Alex; Caitlyn; Brady; Jackson; Tessa; All who serve

***And for Safety in Travel for:***

All truck drivers and delivery persons; Briel; Those traveling to outer space

***Those who have died:***

All who have died from COVID 19; All who have died from violence

***Those serving in our Diocese and beyond:***

Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, our Bishop; Mauricio, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Brasilia; our companions at Transfiguration Church in Nuevo Progreso, in the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico and their Bishop, Julio; for the people of the Diocese of Haiti, especially Saint Andrew's Parish in Mithon, for the Venerable Jean Michelin.

***For those who celebrate Birthdays in July:***

July 11 – Joshua Harris  
July 12 – Brenda McFarland  
July 12 – Laura Nicholson  
July 13 – Jane Schelhorn  
July 20 – Linda Warrum  
July 29 – Dr. Beth Macke  
July 31 – Judy Davis

***For those who celebrate Anniversaries in July:***

July 11 – Don & Shirley Hatfield  
July 19 – David & Leann Cox  
July 20 – Ken & Peggy Meyer

***Blessings:***

The love of family; A beautiful memorial service for Odessa; The joy children bring to our lives; Friends who are there to help



July 18 - 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Joanna, our new Pathways Priest, preaching  
July 27 - 7 p.m. Vestry via Zoom  
July 28 to Aug 6 - Margie Waible will be out of the office so please contact Linda Warrum or Dr. Beth if you need something. The church email will be checked daily during this time.