



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S
✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦

Grace Notes ~ March 18, 2026

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Adult Formation

This week is the last Sunday adult formation class until after Holy Week and Easter:

- **March 22** - "The Voice of My Beloved": Reading the Song of Songs across Centuries, led by Carol Neel

There will not be any adult formation offerings on March 29th or April 5th in between services.

Stay tuned for details about upcoming programs!

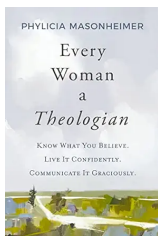
Wednesday Nights, 6-7pm

- April 15: Easter Iconography
- April 22: Military Chaplaincy and Just War
- April 29, May 6, 13 & 20: Exploring the Sunday Liturgy

Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15am

- April 12 & 19: Environmental Spirituality
- April 26: How the Church can support Individuals & Families with Special Needs
- May 3, 10 & 17: Anglican Identity

Women's Book Group



Women's Book Group will be starting a new reading selection on Tuesday, March 31st. We'll be reading 'Every Woman a Theologian: Know What You Believe. Live It Confidently. Communicate It Graciously.' by Phyllicia Masonheimer.

Through engaging stories and compelling truths, 'Every Woman a Theologian' will help you:

- Identify your existing beliefs about God, salvation, and the Christian life
- Learn how to lovingly communicate Christian truths to those who disagree
- Understand theological concepts without feeling overwhelmed or inadequate
- Grow closer to the heart of God

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10am in Blaik Library for great discussion and fellowship each week! Please contact [Denise](#) if you have any questions! We hope to see you there!

Episcopalians for Social Justice

Below are two flyers for events being organized by the Episcopalians for Social Justice Group. This is a new group of many parishes in Denver and beyond. If you are interested in learning more, we invite you to join us at the gather on Sunday, March 22 from 3-5pm at St Luke's in Denver.



**A GATHERING OF
EPISCOPAL PARISHES
FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

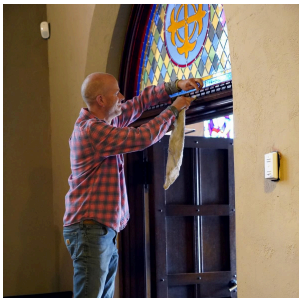
WHERE?
St. Luke's
Episcopal Church
1270 Poplar St. Denver

WHEN?
Sunday, March 22nd
3-5pm

**Come join us in Denver as we
plan our cross-parish immigrant
rights work!**

QUESTIONS?
Call or Text Helen Hazelton 719.229.5791

Spring Cleaning for Holy Week



Join us on Saturday, March 28th from 9am-12pm to do some spring cleaning in the church!

As we prepare our hearts for Holy Week, we're also preparing our sacred space. We need volunteers to help clean and freshen the church—dusting pews, tidying the narthex, and making sure every corner reflects the beauty and reverence of this holy season.

Holy Week is one of the most meaningful times in the life of the Church, and caring for our worship space is a simple yet powerful way to serve. Whether you can spare an hour or the whole morning, your help makes a difference and is a wonderful way to enter prayerfully into the journey toward Easter.

The nursery will be open from 9am to 12pm during Spring Cleaning. Parents are welcome to bring their kids. Parents must remain on the church grounds while kiddos are in the nursery.

Lost & Found



Lost and Found has a new home! In order to keep clutter to a minimum, all lost items will be placed in this 3 drawer cart located just inside the Glass Door entrance to Parish Hall. Items will be kept for 3 weeks and, if not claimed at the end of that time, they will be donated.

If you have items that you would like to donate to the church, please contact the office at (719) 328-1125 prior to the bringing items in. We need to make storage arrangements with the appropriate ministry leaders so the items don't get lost in the shuffle.

*****Hospitality Teams - Thank you for your generous hospitality each Sunday in feeding our parishioners and making Coffee Hour such a wonderful opportunity to fellowship together. Please make sure to label any containers you wish to have returned to you. There are labels in the kitchen for you to use. Items not taken home after the Sunday Coffee Hour will be placed in lost and found.*****

Altar Flowers to Easter Bouquets

Sharing Easter Joy Through Altar Flowers

This Easter, we have a wonderful opportunity to extend the beauty and joy of our celebration beyond Sunday morning. In years past, we've tried to preserve the altar flower arrangements through the following week, but they haven't always lasted as long as we'd hoped.

This year, we're trying something new...instead of keeping them on the Altar, we're sharing them with others. On the Monday following Easter, April 6, we would love if you could join us in Parish Hall at 12:30pm, as we create smaller bouquets to share with members of our community who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to join us in person.



To make this effort a success, we're looking for:

- Donations of small vases, jars, or containers to hold the arrangements
- Volunteers to help assemble bouquets on the day after Easter
- Volunteers to deliver flowers and brighten someone's day with a personal visit

This is a beautiful way to carry the spirit of Easter into the wider community and remind others that they are loved and remembered. If you are able to help in any way, please keep contact Amily by [email](#) or by calling (719) 792-3465. Thank you!

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Choral Eucharist*

Holy Monday, March 30

7:00pm Holy Eucharist*

Holy Tuesday, March 31

7:00pm Holy Eucharist*

Holy Wednesday, April 1

7:00pm Holy Eucharist*

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00pm Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar*

9:00pm-8:00am Prayer Vigil

Good Friday, April 3

8:00am Stations of the Cross (walking downtown)

12:00pm Prayer Book Liturgy

7:00pm Seven Last Words*

Nursery open 6:30pm-8:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

10:00am Prayer Book Liturgy

7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter (incense)*

Nursery open 7:00pm-10:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

8am: Holy Eucharist

9:15am: Breakfast

10:30am: Choral Eucharist*

12pm Easter Egg Hunt

Nursery open 9am-12pm

***Denotes service will be available as a livestream on YouTube and Facebook**



Easter Sign Ups

Easter Brunch

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Easter morning with a festive parish brunch following the services! Easter Brunch is a wonderful opportunity to gather in fellowship, welcome visitors, and continue the celebration together.

We invite you to help make this special morning a success by signing up to: Bringing a favorite brunch dish, helping with set-up or clean-up, and/or assisting with hospitality and welcoming guests.

👉 Sign up in the parish hall or [online](#).

Holy Hour Watch

As we draw closer to the sacred days of Holy Week, we invite you to keep watch in prayer during our Holy Hour Watch following the Maundy Thursday liturgy. In the spirit of Jesus' invitation to his disciples — "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" — we will maintain a prayerful presence before the reserved Sacrament through the night.

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for a one-hour time slot to ensure that our Lord is never left alone. Whether you come in silence, with scripture, or simply with a quiet heart, your presence is a meaningful act of devotion.

- ✠ One person per hour is required, but more are welcome.
- ✠ The church will remain open for those who have signed up.
- ✠ Sign-up sheets are available in the parish hall and [online](#).



Easter Memorial & Honor Offerings



As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, you are invited to make a contribution in memory of someone dear or in honor of someone you cherish. These gifts are a beautiful expression of love, gratitude, and hope, and will be acknowledged in our Easter worship bulletin.

Offerings can be made [online](#) or by check. Please include memorial or in honor message in the memo field. Gifts must be made by March 27, 2026 in order to be

printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

Baptisms

"Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us and makes us members of Christ's body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven" -- The Book of Common Prayer, pg 858

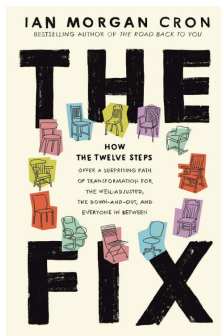
Upcoming dates for Baptism:

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 4, 7:30pm
Sunday, May 3, 10:30am

If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized, please fill out the [Holy Baptism form](#) or contact [Emily Rueber](#), (719) 792-3462, if you would like additional information.



Wednesday Night Lenten Study



Please join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, for faith, fellowship, and formation opportunities.

5:00pm - Eucharist in St. Stephen's Chapel
5:30pm- Dinner
6-7pm - Lenten Study

The study will be guided by 'The Fix' by Ian Morgan Cron. You are welcome to purchase and read the book, but it is not expected or required.

We all suffer from a sense of spiritual homelessness - a feeling that we're not fully at home in the world. To cope with our painful feelings and life traumas, we search for quick "fixes" that eventually become habitual, self-destructive behaviors that ultimately create more problems than they solve. This book helps us work through the Twelve Steps of AA so that we can see ourselves, others, and the world in startlingly new way - and ultimately receive the freedom God has been waiting to give us all along. Even if you have no personal experience with addiction or a Twelve Step group, there is an abundance of wisdom and grace in these steps for us all.

Wednesday Night Children's Lenten Series

*****This program is offered upon request. If you would like to attend - please contact [Sr. Marcella](#), Director of Children's Ministry*****

Children 1st-5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's Chapel, Wednesday evenings, 6-7 pm, during Lent: March 18 & 25. We'll discover ways to nurture our relationship with God through contemplative art, movement, meditation, and more. Parents are welcome to join.

Our time together will be guided by ideas from Using Christian Contemplative Practice with Children by Sonia Mainstone-Cotton: "Children will be children; they will sometimes be bouncy and curious and playful, but they can also appreciate and engage with calmness and quiet... So much of the work with children both in church and in education is often busy, loud, full and wordy... we need to relearn how to sit with silence, how to have a time of quiet and stillness and how to hear God in the stillness."



Prayer List

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Ted Arnn, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Annika Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Fr. Rich Munsell, Br. William Marion Page, Mary Paul, Kitty Taylor, Joe Tindall, Henry Velandia, Piper

Those in need of ongoing prayer: The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Laura Bayless, Lee Ehrhart, Mary Ellis, Nick H., John Hough, Maggi Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, Luden McLord, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Elizabeth Phillips, Ed Quinn,



Edie Reichert, Carol Townsley, Jill Wasinger, Susan Willet, Pete Zobenica, Alice, Ericka, Jennifer, Nancy, Oliver & Family, Wes

Those in harm's way: Mark Jaskot, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tahyar, Thomas Ward, Nicholas Wolf

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday 3/18

- **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Communal Supper & Lenten Study: The Fix**, 5:30pm, Parish Hall
- **St. Nicholas Choir** (Music Theory, 5pm & Rehearsal, 6pm), Children's Music Room
- **Wednesday Night Children's Lenten Series**, 6pm, Children's Chapel (**Upon Request**)



Thursday 3/19

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Weir Conference Room
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 4pm, Blaik Library

Friday 3/20

- **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Saturday 3/21

- **Men's Bible Study**, 8am, Weir Conference Rm
- **Columbia Elementary Easter Egg Hunt**, 11am, Parish Hall

Sunday 3/22

- **Haiti Coffee Sales**, 9am -12pm, Parish Hall
- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Adult Formation: The Voice of My Beloved: Reading the Song of Songs Across Centuries**, 9:15am, Rm 211
- **Sunday School**, 10:15am, Lower Level
- **Rite I Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave
- **Acolyte Training**, 12:10pm, Nave

Monday 3/23

- **Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

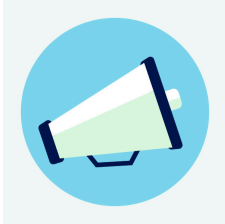
Tuesday 3/24

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Women's Book Club**, 10am, Blaik Library

Have Something to Share?

Grace Notes, our weekly parish newsletter, is one of the ways we stay connected, share stories, and celebrate the life of Grace & St. Stephen's—and we'd love your help shaping it.

If you have something on your heart or a story you'd like to share, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Submissions of all kinds are welcome, whether polished or still



taking shape. Please send your contributions to our [newsletter email](#) by 5pm on Tuesday for inclusion in the newsletter the following day. Thank you for being part of what makes this parish so vibrant and alive!

Ways to Give

Grace and St. Stephen's offers several easy ways to contribute.

- The ushers pass the plate at each service for your convenience.
- You can also donate on the website [here](#).
- **Text GSS to 73256**, followed by your gift amount, e.g. GSS 25 (e.g. to give \$25). You will receive a return link from the system. Follow the instructions from there.

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