



# ST. STEPHEN THIS WEEK

## St. Stephen Lutheran Church Newsletter

*We are without Ron for this week's newsletter due to prior obligations.  
Here is our scaled-down version.*

## OWLS ARE TAKING OFF AGAIN

Audrey Post

As shared during the announcements after worship last Sunday, the OWLs will be gathering at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 8. However, the location has changed. We will NOT be meeting at Panda Buffet.



And why is that? Because Panda Buffet is closed the entire month of April for remodeling. If everything wraps up on schedule, we'll check out the new digs at our May gathering. (And how often do remodeling projects finish on time? Hmm.

Just sayin'.)

So, we'll meet at 11 a.m. April 8 at Casa Grande Margaritas & Cocina in Midtown, next to the soon-to-be vacated JoAnn Fabrics on Thomasville Road. Please let Audrey Post or Barbara Sullivan know by 3 p.m. Sunday if you're planning to attend, so we can let the restaurant staff know that afternoon. All are welcome!

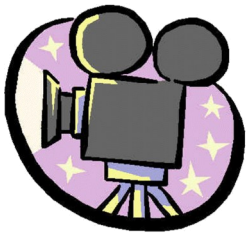
If anyone has any suggestions for places to gather in the months ahead, let Audrey and Barbara know that, too.

## HELP HEAL PALESTINE

This Sunday, Tally Dissenters will be using our parking lot for their yard sale from noon to 6 pm. They'll be raising funds to support Heal Palestine, a non-profit dedicated to help Palestinian children. Please come out to introduce yourself and donate or purchase, if you are able.

# FSU MOVIE CONTINUES

FSU Movie Production Team will be using the sanctuary and bathrooms in Hingst Hall today, Friday, and Saturday morning as they wrap up in filming their movie. It will be a smaller team working to tie up loose ends in the plot.



# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for the increases of financial giving to St. Stephen. February and March were very good months in collections and that is because you have committed and re-committed to give back to God and support the ministries of St. Stephen. This month, we were able to pay \$2,000 back to our emergency savings account! See below for details.

As of 03/31/25:

MARCH	
Checking account beginning balance	\$6,206.67
Non-designated giving	\$29,045.94
Non-designated expenses	\$25,857.20
Checking account balance as of 3/31/25	\$9,494.88

YEAR-TO-DATE	
Total Non-designated Income	\$76,162.73
Total Non-designated Expenses	\$74,742.13
Total Income-Expenses	\$1,420.60

## Highlights:

- We are in the black!
- All bills are current.
- Wonder Fund balance as of 03/31/25: \$16,079.33. Amount still owed to WF as of 04/01/25: \$11,945.67
- We paid for the Financial Review and Synod Assembly registration.
- We transferred \$2,000 to the Gap Fund. The balance of the account as of 03/31/25 is \$4,866.53. Our goal is to reach \$10,000.

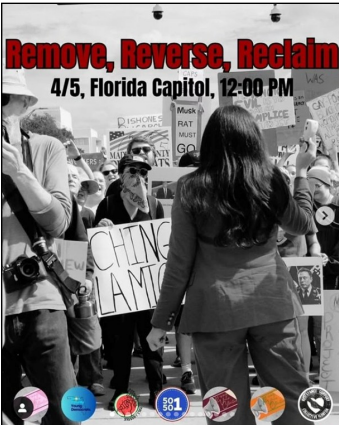
# BEFORE YOU GO...

- APRIL 5: Day of Action by numerous groups, in D.C. and all around the country. **In Tallahassee, it will be at the State Capitol starting at noon.** Get the word out. Show everyone how concerned we are. If you want to carpool, contact Pastor Tom.

- We'll be using Easter lilies to adorn the chancel area for Easter Sunday. If you would like to dedicate one or more, complete the form in the narthex and drop in the offering plate. You can also email Lori the dedication. The cost is \$10 each and the deadline is April 13.



- Did you lose something at church? We might have it in the St. Stephen lost-and-found.
- If you have an anniversary, birthday, special memory or special St. Stephen person or program you'd like to honor, celebrate by sponsoring the altar flowers for our service. Sign up on the flower chart, out by the nametags, or ask Lori to sign you up. Include the \$40 with your regular offering. And then take the flowers home!



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Gordon Fleischer - 04/06  
Colin Hackley - 04/06  
Beth Alexander - 04/11  
Rudy Hehn - 04/12  
Donna Schiffer - 04/13  
Erik Robinson - 04/14  
Elizabeth Halvorson - 04/15  
Cassandra White - 04/16  
Sandy Lamb-Daniels - 04/17  
Terri Schmitt - 04/17  
Colleen Holdcraft - 04/29

*\*If you have an upcoming birthday not listed above, let the church office know.*

## COMING UP

### Today:

**Noon** - Al-Anon meets in Pastor Emory Hingst Memorial Fellowship Hall,  
aka Hingst Hall (HH)

**7 p.m.** - AA meets in HH

### This Friday:

**10 a.m.** - TOPS meets in HH

### This Saturday:

**10 a.m.** - Sew for Hope meets in HH

### This Sunday:

**9 a.m.** - Book study

**9:30 a.m.** - Choir practice

**10 a.m.** - Worship, Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Noon** - Tallahassee Dissenters Yard Sale in parking lot



### Monday, April 07:

**5 p.m.** - TIMA meets in HH

**7 p.m.** - TIMA meets in HH

### Tuesday, April 08:

**5 p.m.** - NA meets in HH

### Wednesday, April 09:

**9 a.m.** - Friendship Star Quilting Group meets in HH

**5 p.m.** - TIMA meets in HH

**7 p.m.** - Choir practice

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

### **Sunday, April 13**

**10 a.m.** - Worship: Palm Sunday

### **Thursday, April 17:**

**7 p.m.** - Worship: Maundy Thursday with Healing Service

### **Friday, April 18:**

**7 p.m.** - Worship: Good Friday

### **Easter Sunday, April 20:**

**9 a.m.** - Easter Breakfast

**10 a.m.** - Worship: Easter Sunday



If you have news or photos to share,  
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