

May 30, 2025

Greetings! Tomorrow the church celebrates the **Feast of the Visitation of St. Mary**, remembering the day on which Mary visits her pregnant cousin Elizabeth to share the news that she, too, will bear a child (**Luke 1:39-56**). As soon as Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting, she feels the baby leap in her womb and she is filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaiming, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Mary responds with the Magnificat, her own hymn of praise to God: "My soul magnifies the Lord . . . for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name."



Tomorrow, may we give joyful thanks for God's faithful and surprising presence in the world and how our deepest friendships can be mirrors to see the Holy Spirit's movement in our own lives!



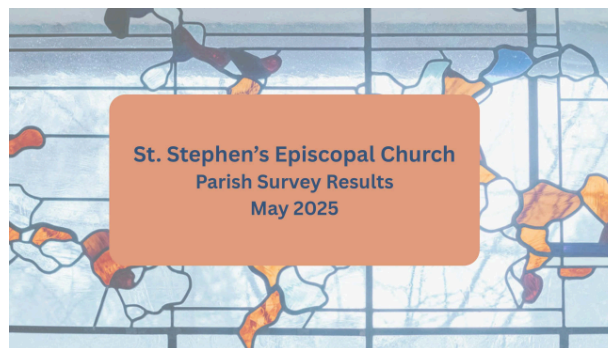
**This Sunday, June 1, 11:30 in the Parish Hall
Parish Forum on St. Stephen's Music Ministry**

One of St. Stephen's Mutual Ministry Goals for 2025 is to "**Explore opportunities to enhance and grow the music program.**" Music is an important part of the parish's spiritual DNA, and we have a long history of making, celebrating, and sponsoring music. Come talk with Minister of Music John

Terauds, Rev. Jennifer, and Monty McGovern about ways we can experiment with new offerings of music -- for the parish and the broader community.

Parish Survey Results

Many thanks to all who responded to the Parish Survey with thoughtful reflections and suggestions! In general, there is deep appreciation for the worship and community life of the parish, along with a diversity of vision and longing for the future. We will



engage these ideas as we plan for the future, so take a look and join the conversation!
You can pick up a copy of the survey results on the narthex table or click on the image to the left.



Convene 2025
May 31, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Everett Community College

Connect, Learn, and Convene with churches throughout Western Washington for a day of workshops and fellowship. There will be worship, exhibitors, lunch, four workshop sessions, and a plenary from the bishop. We are blessed to have an abundance of wisdom and gifts in our congregations! This is an opportunity to honor those gifts and learn from one another: vestries, staff, clergy, members of convention, administrators, and anyone who wants to connect with others over ways to strengthen our congregations. There is no cost; **learn more here.**

Summer Kick-Off Celebration, June 23, 11:30-12:30

Let's celebrate the end of the school year, give thanks for the choir's leadership, and welcome summer after church on **Sunday, June 22 on the front lawn** with a festive and casual meal together. Plans are underway for grilled salmon and burgers. **Please contribute a side dish, salad, dessert, and/or beverage.** It will be a feast!



Community Happenings

Hadestown, the musical

Roosevelt High School Theater
May 22 - June 1, 2025

Our own **Walter Kinney** is performing in Roosevelt High School's production of Hadestown! Anaïs Mitchell's haunting, jazz-inflected folk opera follows Orpheus' mythical quest to overcome Hades and regain the favor of his one true love, Eurydice. Purchase tickets **here.**



UW Chorale and Chamber Singers: Blue Planet Friday, May 30, Meany Hall

Come hear our own choir members Charlie Dawson, Sofia Groff, and Jackie Smith perform! Tickets are 10 dollars at the door!

As the Salmon Run, a new play by Elizabeth Clark-Stern
Saturday, May 31 and June 7, 2:00 pm
Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave, Room 202

Elizabeth Clark-Stern invites you to the performance of her new play. We are grateful she is donating a portion of the proceeds to St. Stephen's!



As the Salmon Run takes place in the not-too-distant future. The natural and human environments are in a state of flux. The engineer who built the 15th dam on the Columbia River in Eastern Washington opens her home, the so-called “After House,” to people displaced by the warming climate. She is sensitive to criticism that her dam hastened the extinction of species in the river, and wants to provide a stable dwelling for those unhoused in body and soul. Guests arrive whose mere presence challenges the climate refugees to build community, experience love, and embrace hope in a world reeling from ecological, social, and political change.

Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Coffee Hour (Nave and Parish Hall)
Sundays 3:00 pm. Youth Group Food Program (Narthex)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

June 1 11:30 am Forum on Expanding St. Stephen's Music Offerings (Parish Hall)
June 22 11:30 am Parish Summer Kick-Off BBQ Celebration (Parish Hall)
June 28 10:00 am Funeral for Skipper Skelly (Epiphany Parish)

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