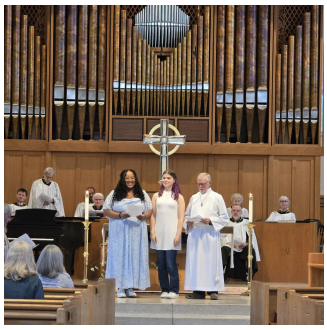
Saint Stephen's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 6, 2026

Last Sunday, we celebrated **All Saints' Day with the baptism of Maddie Rivera. Thank you** to all who attended this special occasion and to everyone who brought treats to share. It was a wonderful day of joy, fellowship, and celebration!








Coming Up This Sunday -- November 8

During the service, **Maddie Rivera and M.E. Kintzi** will offer reflections on their connection to our parish and how that leads them to participate in financial stewardship. We are grateful for their leadership!

After church, we'll have **a conversation about the 2027 church budget** and how St. Stephen's can invest in its ministries and service to the community in the coming year. Come be a part of it -- **11:30 in the Parish Hall**!

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#462 The Lord will come

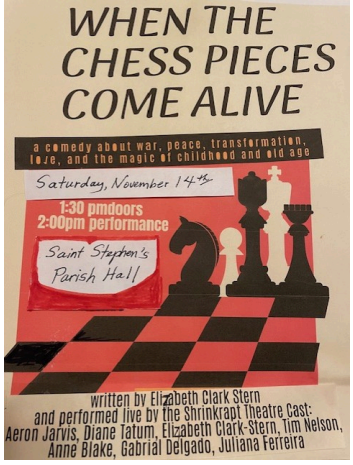
#61 Sleepers, wake!

#518 Christ is made the sure foundation

When Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern

November 14, 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Our comedy, Elizabeth Clark-Stern's, **WHEN CHESS PIECES COME ALIVE** features a Black Pawn whose mispronunciations are corrected by a superior White Pawn, a Black Knight who quotes Shakespeare to his beloved White Castle, and a King who thinks he is the



most powerful monarch in the world, even though he can only move one square at a time! When George the Mastiff exercises his appetite for small wooden things, the Chess Pieces are thrown into chaos. **Must they continue to die in every game? Can the rules be changed? Can they embrace love instead of war?**

What: When the Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern
When: Saturday, November 14th @ 2pm. Doors open at 1:30.
Where: St. Stephen's, Parish Hall.
Cost: Free! Suggested donation to St. Stephen's: $25.

Celebrate Stewardship Ingathering with a Festive Soup Lunch

November 15, 11:00 am in the Parish Hall

Come and celebrate the Harvest! After church on November 15, we'll give thanks for our parish's generosity with a festive coffee hour.

All parishioners are invited to contribute to the feast. Here are suggested items based on last names beginning with:

Last names A-G: desserts or fruit
Last names H-R: soup or salad
Last names S-Z: bread, rolls, or beverages



Liturgical Minister Training

November 22, 11:30 am in the Nave

This training prepares volunteers to assist with worship services through theological reflection, role instructions, and practical practice. **Liturgical ministers include anyone who serves on the altar guild, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, lectors, and intercessors.**

Community Bulletin Board

Laurelhurst Early Learning is always looking for new toys, activities and supplies. If you would like to purchase items that the school needs, please check out their **Amazon Wishlist**. Used items are also welcome. Thank you for your continued support!

There are 5x7 inch flyers for Laurelhurst Early Learning located on the Narthex table. It would be a great help if everybody grabbed a few to **distribute to local businesses and families.** The staff of LEL thanks you!

Laurelhurst Elementary has three school tours coming up in the next few months! These are a great way for incoming kindergarten families to get to know the school. If you know

any families with elementary-age students, tell them to mark their calendars for:

Monday November 7, 6-7pm
Monday January 11, 6-7pm
Thursday January 14, 3-4pm

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)
Tuesdays 11:00 am Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Vestry Room)
Thursdays 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Nave)

November 8, 11:30 am Sunday Forum: Finances and Budget (Parish Hall)
November 14, 2:00 pm When Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern (Parish Hall)
November 22, 11:30 am Liturgical Minister Training (Nave)

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