

# The Guide

A Newsletter of  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
March 2023



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## Reflections from your Rector (Interim)



Lent is upon us again, a time for reflection and a turning toward God. As I write this, it is just post-break in and while the church looks almost completely unscathed, we aren't. Someone violated our space and our hospitality, and someone did substantial damage to this communal building. I'll be honest with you, I never felt in danger, although I know our parish secretary Lynne Nuss did. However, I really was bowled over by the level of despair and hate inflicted on our building. What do I as a follower of Jesus do or think or pray for in lieu of this? How do I pursue the way of love given the desecration I saw in this special and holy place? And I ask the same questions to you, how do you pray, how do you pursue the way of love in light of these events? For me, it's pretty clear and definitely not easy. After all's said and done, I have to pray for Seth Ketelhut, our intruder, for his mental and physical health; he was so very hurt in mind and in body (less seriously in body-quick visit to St. Francis took care of that). He needs God's healing grace as much as we do, if not more. The way of love is to grieve, grieve our loss of innocence, grieve our loss of a few items and our sense of safety, and to grieve for this absolutely broken man who would do such terrible things. I'm sorry if that makes you uncomfortable but if we believe what we say and what Jesus says, we pray especially for our enemies. And once we pray for an "enemy" he or she is no longer an enemy, but a creature of God, a human just like we are. Each one of you will deal with this event in your own way and God will be with you, tenderly holding you. For now, I can truthfully and emphatically say, I'm glad I'm here for you during this time and together we will stand stronger. The Lord be with all of us and also with Seth. Amen.

# Grateful Thanks to Grand Island Police

We thank the Grand Island Police for their speedy response and helpfulness with the whole incident. They really were terrific.

## Online Lenten Resources

As we enter this holy season of Lent, we commend to you the following online resources:

- Lent Madness: Choose your saint for the day and watch as the brackets determine who is going to get the Golden Halo for this Lent. [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)
- d365: A daily devotional with scripture, prayer and music. [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org)
- Forward Day by Day Lent Devotions: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/home>



## Coming March 11: Anglican Prayer Beads Workshop Saturday at 9 am in the Parish Hall

Join us in for a hand's on workshop and go home with your own Anglican prayer beads. Beads, supplies and coffee provided! If you have a specific bead or cross you want to use to anchor the beads, please bring it. Questions-see Rev. Susanna



## Make a Call, Send a Card, Say a Prayer

### On Our Prayer Lists

**Those in need of healing or for other concerns:** Jerry, Don, Jayda, Nancy, Russell, Hayden, Sandra, Dan O'Hare, Elliot, Daina, Joalie, Corrine, Rene, Hunter, Mike and Donna, Cindy, Laney, Deena and family, Don, Mike, Terri, Derek, Jaclyn, Stan, Charlie and Lisa

**Homebound:** Lloyd, Melba and Paul Kunzelman, Sue, and Donna

*Prayer requests can be emailed to Donna at [dowesm@yahoo.com](mailto:dowesm@yahoo.com)  
The prayer lists are printed in the bulletin weekly and monthly in The Guide. If you would like to add a name (or remove a name) from the prayer list or add birthdays and*



### Birthday Blessings to:

Bob Allison - March 2  
Toni Mayer - March 3  
Sean Cook - March 9  
David Swift - March 12  
Lloyd Larson - March 20  
Jared Hansen - March 25  
Don Young - March 28  
Becky Young - March 28  
Kaeleigh Post - March 29

### Anniversary Congrats to:

Bill & Raynette Martin - March 15  
Jamie & Jeff Vinson - March 30

anniversaries, please call the church  
office at 308-382-4961  
or email [Lynne](#).

## How Can YOU Connect with St. Stephen's?

### Worship Services

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10 a.m.

### Christian Education

Bible Study, Saturday mornings, 9 a.m.

Book Group, Friday mornings, 10 a.m.

### Church Office Hours - Please note there's been a change

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## St. Stephen's Leadership and Staff

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