

St. Stephen's E-Scene

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FLOWERS FOR EASTER will be given to the glory of God and shared with those who are not able to be with us at services. Request cards are in the pews now . . . for your memorials, thanksgivings and donations. And, call the office if there is someone you would like to see receive an Easter Lily!

Is There an Elephant in the Room? CAN WE DO THEOLOGY IN THE LIGHT OF EVOLUTION?

The Final Session will be Friday evening, April 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m

We'll talk about how we can combine science with expressions of our personal spirituality

HOLY WEEK & EASTER at ST. STEPHEN'S

PALM WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday, April 4 & 5

Blessing and Procession of the Palms

Reading of the Gospel according to John

Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 9

Agapè Meal at 6:00 p.m - *Please sign up.*

Maundy Thursday Eucharist beginning at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 10

The Passion of Christ & Holy Communion beginning at Noon

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER EVEN - Saturday, April 11

Lighting of the Pascal Candle & Great Vigil of Easter

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. and followed by Gala Potluck Reception

Please sign up for Reception

EASTER DAY - April 12

Celebrations of the Resurrection of our Lord

7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Followed by Gala Potluck Receptions - *Please sign up*

Egg Hunt & Special Events for our Boys & Girls following the 10:30 Eucharist

And . . . Looking Beyond Easter

✓ The Bishop has designated April 26 to be **Alleluia Fund Sunday**. This marks the fourth annual Bishop's diocesan-wide appeal highlighting the crucial need to support new church plants and new growth initiatives in existing churches through the Alleluia Fund. During Easter week, everyone on the diocesan mailing list will receive via direct mail a brochure detailing the work of the Alleluia fund, along with an offering envelope. You can return that envelope with your offering on April 26 during the service, or you can mail it directly to the Bishop's office. In this way, you can be part of the vital work of mission right here in Arizona.

✓ **Stewardship University: *Generous Giving and Joyful Doing***

Join the Diocese of Arizona in a day of considering how our **time, talent, and treasure** can change lives – especially our own – even in a turbulent economy.

**In Tucson - April 25
Grace-St. Paul's Church
8:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

Talk to Fr. Vic, or Senior Warden, Jacquie Kelly about registration and carpooling

✓ **Sierra Vista Seven Artists** and young people of St. Stephen's will be here at the church on **Saturday, May 9th**, from 10:00 a.m. 'til 5:00 p.m.(one day only) with Sierra Vista's Premier Art & Craft Sale – 10% of proceeds going to St. Stephen's Building Fund. The 9th, is the day before Mother's Day and will feature gifts to delight mothers everywhere. Refreshments to be served with Don Yadusky at the piano.

✓ **Ingathering of the United Thank Offering** is the weekend of May 16-17. Keep adding those coins of thanksgiving to your Blue Boxes or envelopes while you count your many blessings.

A Thank You from Abbie Loveland Tuller School in Tucson

Thank you very much for your gift of the two lecterns. Our teachers are very happy to have them for teaching. May you be blessed with the completion of your organ in time for Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Nannette Akins, Head of School