## October 25

### We Care Kit Distribution

One of the "Sabbatical Projects" undertaken by the Vestry was the development of ***We Care Kits*** that will be given to people who are unhoused or otherwise in need.

**Each bag contains:**

- Water bottle
- Nutri-Grain bar
- Applesauce pouch
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen
- Wipes
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and travel-size toothpaste
- Feminine hygiene products
- Small packs of tissues
- Rain poncho
- Mylar blanket
- Simple first aid kit
- Naloxone kit
- Info card with food pantry and meal site locations (map) and info about St. Stephen's

**Join us at Coffee Hour on October 25** where the We Care Kits will be available to parishioners who would like to hand them out to the unhoused or others in need.

## November 1

### St. Stephen's Table Donation

For more than 25 years, St. Stephen's Table has provided meals and more each Thursday and Friday to anyone in need.

St. Stephen's Table is the most visible outreach program of our parish. It depends on donations of food and lots of volunteers to create and package the meals each week.

On November 1, there will be a special offering at the 10 a.m. service to support St. Stephen's Table. There will also be a special collection basket at the back of the church each week for monetary donations to St. Stephen's Table. Checks should be made payable to St. Stephen's with "St. Stephen's Table" on the memo line.

Alternatively, visit the "Give" tab on the St. Stephen's website and look for the dropdown for St. Stephen's Table.

**Your gift helps to nourish more than 200 lives every week.**

## November 8

### Winter Clothing for Cathedral of the Beloved

Cathedral of the Beloved is a ministry of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts led by the Rev. Jenny Gregg.

Each Sunday at 1 p.m. on the lawn of St. Joseph's, the Cathedral offers radical hospitality, offering dignity, healing, and connection to anyone who feels lonely, neglected, or is in struggle.

As cold weather approaches, the Cathedral would be grateful to have warm clothing and footwear, including:

**New Only**

Socks for men and women

**New or Gently Used**

- Warm winter gloves for men and women
- Thermal underwear tops and bottoms for men and women (Men L and XL; Women M, L and XL)
- Warm waterproof boots or shoes for men and women

**Look for collection boxes in the Narthex and in the back hall next to the Office.**

*Donations can be made any time between* **October 25 and November 22.**

# November 15

## Donations of Toiletries for The First

The First is a daytime community resource center housed at Zion Lutheran Church and managed by Service Net. The unhoused and others in need can visit The First to take a shower, rest, do laundry, cook or partake of a meal, utilize a locker, charge phones, and socialize.

**Items needed include:**

- Deodorant
- Travel-size toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Combs
- Travel-size shaving cream
- Feminine hygiene products
- Small bottles of hair conditioner
- Small packs of tissues

**Look for collection boxes in the Narthex and in the back hall next to the Office.**

*Toiletries can be donated any time between*

**October 25 and November 22.**

# November 22

## In-Gathering and Blessing of Pledge Cards and Donations

Sunday, November 22 marks the in-gathering of pledge cards, as well as the blessing of pledge cards and the donations made to St. Stephen's Table, Cathedral of the Beloved, and The First.

Pledge cards can also be placed in the offering basket at any time, or sent to the Parish Office.

If you'd like to sign up for on-line giving, visit the St. Stephen's website and look for the "Give" tab.

As a reminder, pledges can be changed at any time, just by letting the office know.

**St. Stephen's Mission:**

*"To be the hearts and hands of Christ; nourishing people, transforming lives."*

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# Stewardship 2026




## Pledge and Community Giving Campaign

The enclosed provides information about this year's pledge campaign. In addition to your annual pledge, we also ask you to share God's abundance in your life by making donations to three ministries that help those in need in our community, including:

- **St. Stephen's Table**
- **Cathedral of the Beloved**
- **The First (a daytime community resource center at Zion Lutheran Church)**

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**October 25 and November 22.**

**Pledges are appreciated by November 22.**