

# Memorial Celebrations at St. Stephen's

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*When we die and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. – Jacob P. Rudin*

At St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, we believe the honor of remembering a loved one has a sacramental quality. That is, it is an opening to experience God's extraordinary love here on Earth.

As members of St. Stephen's, we want to help you celebrate the life of your loved one. If you wish to hold a reception in our Community Hall after a Memorial Service, you are most welcome.

The fees, should you wish to use our pastor and musician, are \$150 for each person. The fee for the pastor should be directed to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. For members of St. Stephen's, the fee for the pastor is waived. We are happy to contact our musician for availability and music selections, but you are also free to do that and should pay her directly. Her name is Mariia Pechenova. If you would like custom color created bulletins, the cost is \$25-\$50, depending on quantity. That fee is payable to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

For members of St. Stephen's, we

- Will prepare the Parish Hall for up to 75 guests
- Will provide hot coffee and tea
- Will serve food that has been provided and is "ready to serve," such as sandwich trays, salads, cookie trays.
- Appreciate your help with clean up

For others in our community, we

- Make our facility available according to our facility use policy

We also have a Memorial Garden available if you would like to lay your loved one to rest at St. Stephen's. There is some paperwork, as required by El Dorado County.