



White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf

Providing food for our neighbors in need

Thank You to John Strand for volunteering to deliver the food that St Stephen collects to the Food Shelf. John will be delivering the food during the 2nd and 4th weeks of every month. Our next scheduled Sunday School Food collection day will be Sunday, February 5th. You don't need to wait—drop off food anytime.

FLOWERS		
 <i>January</i>	 <i>February</i>	 <i>March</i>
January 22 January 29	February 5 February 12 February 19 February 26	March 4 (2 open) March 11 (2 open) March 18 March 25
 <i>April</i>	 <i>May</i>	 <i>June</i>
April 1 April 15	May 6 (2 open) May 20 May 27 (2 open)	June 3 June 24

National ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 2012.

Seven youth and 1 adult are registered to attend the Youth Gathering and we're looking for your help to raise the funds to go! Starting THIS SUNDAY, youth will be taking orders for **Submarine sandwiches** and **"Party packs"** which will be available to pick up on Super Bowl Sunday (February 5th). Costs are \$4 for an individual 6" sub, \$5 for a combo of sub, chips, and drink, or \$18 for a 4 pack of subs, chips, and drinks. Place your order today in the narthex and designate how you want your sub made. **Thanks for supporting the youth in what will be a Faith-changing experience!**

ROMANS & CHRISTIANS

Senior High Youth Event
Sunday, January 29th
7:00—9:00 pm

The 2012 Flower Chart is available at the Welcome Desk. Please take a minute to stop by and sign up for your favorite dates. We are currently focusing on the next six months where several dates remain available for one flower vase and four dates where both flower vases are still available. Please see above chart. Please stop by the Welcome Desk and help us fill up the calendar. And while you're there **consider signing up to be a Sunday Worship Assistant** (Greeter, Lector, Usher, Coffeemaker). What a fun way to interact with our Church Community—Give it a try! Joan Mankowski has graciously volunteered to be our new Worship Assistants Coordinator. She will be calling folks in the near future. Thanks Joan for taking on this ministry.





The Fools For Christ Drama Group
are proud to present our 5th Annual

WINTER DINNER THEATER

"Where Angels Sing"

YOU ARE INVITED to an Italian-American celebration!

Friday, January 27

AND

Saturday, January 28

Appetizers at 6:00, Show at 6:30 each night

The Dinner Theater includes:

- *A wonderful 4 COURSE ITALIAN MEAL
- *An ORIGINAL PLAY full of humor and drama
- *LIVE MUSIC in the show and throughout the meal
- *Great fellowship and fun guaranteed!

Tickets are only \$12!

An amazing value for an unforgettable night of entertainment!

This show **SOLD OUT** on BOTH NIGHTS last year
so be sure to get your tickets early this year!



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Tickets are available around all Sunday & Wednesday Worship Services in the Narthex.

Tickets also available via e-mail at foolsforchrist@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support of the Fools For Christ. We hope to see YOU there!

Girls Night Out

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 11

6:00—8:30 pm

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Is it on your calendar?

Upcoming Adult Forums

Update on Lukani Parish February 19th, 9:00am

Ken Smith will provide an update on St. Stephen's partnership with the Lukani Parish in Tanzania.

Christian Education Opportunity in February and March

The Hole in the Gospel by Richard Stearns (led by Judy Gelderman)

"... Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

In his book, *The Hole in the Gospel*, Stearns asks us to contemplate the question, who is my neighbor? He carefully explains why there's a hole in our Christian belief system. *The Hole in the Gospel* reminds us that the society in which we live reflects our choices. It inspires us as individuals to reconsider our basic decisions about life. Please join us on Sunday mornings in February and March (specific dates TBD) as we reflect on Stearn's call to action to live the whole gospel. Please contact Judy Gelderman at 651-770-5355 or by email at just4phunn@comcast.net OR Jan Perkins in the church office if you are interested in joining us.

Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now. -St. Teresa of Avila.

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try spending the night in a closed room with a mosquito.

African saying

*****Books will be provided for your use,
so please sign up early so we can get an accurate count.**