

Children's Ministry

August – 9:00 Summer Sunday School
10:30 Summer Sunday School
August 30 – Cradle Roll Graduation
September 4 – NO Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary
September 11 – Rally Day
September 28 – Begin FW Friends

Children's Worship Bulletins

Please take a moment to look at the Children's Bulletins that are now available every Sunday and Wednesday for families choosing to attend worship in place of, or in addition to, Sunday School. There is a bulletin for use by three to six year olds and another bulletin for use by seven to twelve year olds. Of course you are welcome to take whichever bulletin you prefer regardless of your age.

Registration for Fall Sunday School

For your convenience, Children's Ministry has changed our registration procedure. If your child was previously registered, and attended Sunday School during Spring Quarter 2005, simply **state your child's name at the registration table. A registrar will locate your child's name on the registration log and your child will be advanced to the next grade level. You may also call the church office to register your child(ren).** If additional changes are necessary, please complete a student registration form. These forms are available at the lit display board. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, at 777-1107.

Children's Ministry invites adults and teens to volunteer to help with Sunday School, Wednesday evening, Nursery, or special events. Please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, if you would like an application form and/or further information concerning any of our fall children's programs.

Wednesday "Friends" Registration

Our "FW Friends" program will begin on Wednesday, September 28, at 7:00 pm. Registration forms are available, at the lit display board, for first grade through sixth grade children. Prior to that, Children's Ministry encourages your family to attend the Swedish Male Chorus Concert and the Tanzanian Choir Concert.

Our Food Shelf contributions have decreased this summer, as usual, as members leave for vacation or to go to the lake, yet we continue to meet our goal. (We have an ongoing goal to collect a greater amount of food in 2005 than we collected in 2004.) Thank you for your special efforts to contribute and for your continued support of the food shelf. Families having to cope with the loss of free and reduced price school lunches through the summer months especially appreciate your help. Please continue to donate non-perishables by placing your donations in the grocery cart, by the front door. Can we contribute more in August than we did in July?!

January – June 2004 = 1011 pounds
January – June 2005 = 1156 pounds
July 2004 = 49 pounds
July 2005 = 100 pounds

Our prayers and condolences go to Grace Christianson on the death of her great nephew, Jeff.

Thank you to Dave Abel and Chuck Semrow for donating air conditioning units to Neighbors helping Neighbors. The units have been very necessary these last few weeks! Thank you to everyone who offered additional units. It is greatly appreciated!

From the workers &
Customers of NHN

Make a Joyful Noise!

We have a fitting name for our children's choir and want you to be a part of it!

All 1st – 5th Graders welcome to come and make music. Just bring energy and a smile to rehearsal and you're in!

Start : Wednesday, September 14
at 6:25 p.m. – 6:55p.m.

See you soon...with a tune!

Renee Gilbertson
651-653-0479

The next Steppingstone will go out on August 23rd. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sun., August 21st.



Relay for Life

Thank you St. Stephen – this year's three teams raised a total of \$8,221. Pie sales at the Relay amounted to \$975, and contributions and memorials made up the rest. St. Stephen had 425 luminaries on Luminary Sunday, and 500 on the track at the Relay. Thank you to Kristin Karels, Marissa Amborn and Julie Anderson who each donated 10 inches of hair to the American Cancer Society Locks of Love. Thank you Cruisers for playing at the Relay – you guys are awesome!

St. Stephen's Motorcycle Blessing & Ride!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the St. Stephen Fourth Annual Motorcycle Blessing & Ride on Sunday, July 24th. Seventeen riders on twelve bikes enjoyed the fellowship, food and riding in the sun. Some of us attended the 9 a.m. service, followed by Pastor Dan blessing the bikes and riders. The engines were started and off we went, through our favorite bridge on County Road 4 to Marine on St. Croix and proceeded to Osceola, Wisconsin. We had lunch at Gene's Woodhill Restaurant. They have great burgers. After lunch we rode through Grantsburg and headed back to WBL. Our total mileage was 150 miles. This ride is for anyone who likes to ride. If you missed it, look for the Fifth Annual Blessing & Ride event next year about the same time.

2 Special Events
↓ to put on your calendar: ↓

MALE CHOIR FROM SWEDEN

Wednesday evening, September 7th
6:15-7:00 p.m.

40-voice male choir from Luleå, Sweden, featuring Lennart & Emma Johansson.

TANZANIAN CHOIR

Wednesday evening, September 21st
7:00 p.m.

Concert by a Tanzanian Choir. Come, experience what our mission teams have experienced in visiting Tanzania, as between 20 – 30 youth-adult Tanzanian's will be visiting in the St. Paul Area Synod. We are their first stop and will host them for 2 nights. **We are looking for housing for those students on Tuesday, September 20th, and Wednesday, September 21st – 2 students per home.** If you would like to help welcome them to St. Stephen, the St. Paul Area Synod, and the United States, please call the church office.

Both of these concert services will be preceded with a potluck meal from 5:30-6:10.

Appetizers, Snacks, Beverages St. Stephen's Cookbook

We need your recipes for a new cookbook. Please leave recipes for appetizers, snacks, and beverages in the box provided in the church office. The cookbook will be ready for the Boutique in November. Thank You,
The Boutique Committee

Backpacks & Blessings

Every year, there are more and more families within our community who are struggling to make ends meet. An often forgotten need in families is the ability to provide basic school supplies for their children. In the past, several local churches have independently gathered school supply kits to be offered to students who attend schools and/or reside within the boundaries of the White Bear Lake Area School District. As the needs of our families continue to grow, this effort has been expanded and the invitation is extended to all local faith communities to participate in this effort.

How to donate:

- A donation bucket will be available in the narthex to drop off school supplies.
- Envelopes will be available near the bucket for those interested in offering a cash donation.

Supplies needed:

Basic bag of supplies:

4 notebooks	6 pencils
box of crayons (24 count)	ruler
Pencil box	scissors
4 pocket folders	
bottle of glue/gluestick	
washable markers	

Extra supplies added when available:

Small calculator
3-ring binder
loose-leaf paper (wide rule)
pens (for older kids)
erasers
protractor

We will be collecting supplies through the month of August!

Work at Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Work in the used clothing shop behind St. Stephen Lutheran Church once a month for 3 hours – 10 to 1 or 1 to 4. There are three people scheduled in a shift so if you have to be gone for any reason, you only have to call one of the others with whom you work and let her know you would not be available on a particular day. This way you don't have to be tied down to a volunteer job, but still be able to know you are contributing toward helping make life easier for many people. If you may be interested or have questions, call Claudette McCollar at 651-340-6980, or Bev Gates at 651-429-6442. Thank you very much.

Claudette McCollar

Youth Calendar

August 5-12

TIM Team Training/Bible Camp

Tues, Aug 23 (date change) MS Youth **Bunker Beach**. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Cost: Bring \$15 and bag lunch or extra money to buy lunch.

August 18-21

All Youth **Wisconsin Dells Trip** - Cost is \$115, includes transportation, food, camping fees, Noah's Ark, and lots of fun. Deadline to sign up is July 30th with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Contact Renee King with any questions

August 27

All Youth Summer end celebration

MUSIC FESTIVAL & AUCTION

Saturday, October 8th

Garage Sale – Music – Food
Silent Auction – Live Auction

Auction & garage sale items needed
(No clothes or mattresses please)
Bring items to the church anytime.

ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP COURSE:

Arthritis Doesn't Have to Slow You Down!

Learn how to manage symptoms that keep you from doing daily activities and other things you enjoy, while benefiting from the support and ideas of others with arthritis. The Arthritis Self-Help course is for anyone with arthritis or chronic joint pain. Bring a person in a support role for no additional charge. Volunteer instructions trained by the Arthritis Foundation North Central Chapter teach the 6 week course.

Day(s)/Date: Tuesdays, Aug. 23-Sept. 27

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: St. Stephen Lutheran Church
1965 E Cty Rd E
WBL, MN 55110

Fee (course materials):

\$25 includes course materials and purchase of an Arthritis Self Help Book
\$10 includes course materials and loan of an Arthritis Self Help Book

Scholarships are available. Spouses or support person sharing materials attend free. To register, call Janis Smith at 651-281-9853.