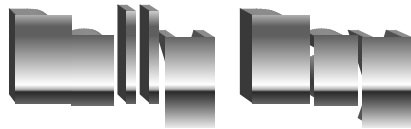


Children's Ministry

August 30 – Cradle Roll Graduation
September 4 – No Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary
September 11 – Begin Fall Sunday
School
September 25 – Bible Sunday (2nd
Grade)



September 11, 2005

Please join us as we “kick-off” the Sunday School year at 9:15 and 10:45. Children will have an opportunity to become acquainted with their new teachers, greet friends they have not seen over the summer, and meet new friends.

Sunday School Registration

Parents of returning Sunday School children, if the only registration change is their grade-level, should call the church office to re-enroll their child(ren). (Please telephone prior to Labor Day, to assure that we will have sufficient materials.)

If changes are necessary, or if your child is a new student, please complete a new student registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, at 777-1107.

Registration forms are now available for our Wednesday evening FaithWeaver Friends Program. Wednesday participants MUST REGISTER annually.

Children's Worship Bulletins

I hope your children have had a chance to use the Children's Bulletins that is available every Sunday and Wednesday for children who choose to attend worship in place of, or in addition to, Sunday School. The Bulletins have a suggested age on the cover, yet children are welcome to take either bulletin.

We welcome adult and teen volunteers to help with Sunday School, Wednesday evening, Nursery, or special events. Please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, if you would like further information concerning any of our fall children's programs.

Thank you for your continued support of the food shelf. Please continue to donate non-perishables by placing your donations in the grocery cart, by the front door. **We have an ongoing goal to collect a greater amount of food in 2005 than we collected in 2004.**

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

All Campers

from Lake WAPO Bible Camp – If you would like to see shots of the week at camp or download pictures from the computer, check out:

www.ststephenwbl.org

(Go to “events” and then “scrapbook”)

Our prayers and condolences go to the Knutson/Sloan family on the death of Owen, Gerri's grandson and Amanda's nephew.

To my Church family,
Thank you for your prayers and get-well message. Thank you, Pastor Dan for your visits during my hospitalization and recovery. Your presence was very much appreciated and helpful.

Sincerely,
Jean Miller

Thank you to everyone who has donated school supplies to be used in the White Bear Lake schools by families who have a difficult time making ends meet. We will continue to collect supplies through August.

“Circle” Members

Note to women in St. Stephen's “circles” who are using the Bible study in the Lutheran Women magazine this fall: There will be an introduction to the Bible study presented by Rev. Dr. Sara Henrich at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in North St. Paul on September 24th. Cost is \$9.75 – lunch will be served. Watch for registration forms and more information by the bulletin board.

Also, please note the dates for circle meetings in September:

Ruth Circle – Tues., Sept. 6th, 12:30 p.m.
Rachel Circle – Tues., Sept. 6th, 6:45 p.m.
at Joan Simpson's home
Sarah Circle – Friday, Sept. 9th, 12 noon

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WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING

Friday, September 30th

Dinner

Program

(Demonstration on making seasonal & holiday wreaths by Garden of Eva Flower Shop)

All are welcome!!

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Tanzanian Choir

Wednesday, September 7

5:30-6:15 Potluck Supper

(bring a dish to pass)

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. CONCERT

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HOST FAMILIES WANTED:

St. Stephen will be hosting a 20-member choir from Iringa, Tanzania during September 20-22. We need ten families to host two choir members in their homes for two nights, Sept. 21 and 22. For more details, call Pastor Jim (651-777-1107) or Cheryl Grasmoen (651-483-4457).

HAPPENINGS BOOKS & 2006 CALENDARS

St. Stephen's youth will be selling Happenings Books and 2006 calendars in September. Watch for more information and sales in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

CONFIRMATION

ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 7th

Evening Schedule:

- 5:30-6:15 – Potluck Supper
- 6:15-7:00 – Concert, Men's Chorus from Luleå, Sweden
- 7:00-8:00 – Confirmation Orientation
- 8:00-8:30 – Confirmation Registration

CONFIRMATION OVERNIGHTER

September 17-18

led by Captive Free

7 p.m. Saturday to 8:45 a.m. Sunday

SENIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

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- Sept 6 - 5:03 pm, Buffalo Wild Wings
- Sept 8 - 4:02 pm, Girl Talk – Youth Room
- Sept 14 - 6 pm - Bible Study
- Sept 20 - 6:03 pm - food, film, fellowship
- Sept 21 - 4:02 pm – Coffee with Dee at Caribou Coffee, Cty Rd E
- 6:00 pm - Bible Study
- Sept 24 - Horseback riding

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.**



Join the choir!!

(Children's, Youth,
or Senior Choir)

See fall schedule for rehearsal times!



Bell Choir

will resume rehearsals the last week of September.

Watch for further announcements!
New ringers are always welcome - we are hoping to expand the size of the choir.

The next Steppingstone will go out on September 1st. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sun., August 28th.

Fall Schedule

Mon, Sept 5

LABOR DAY – Office Closed

Wed, Sept 7

- 5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Male Chorus from Luleå, Sweden –
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. CONFIRMATION Orientation
- 8:00-8:30 p.m. Confirmation Registration
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Sun, Sept 11

RALLY SUNDAY

- Sunday School begins
- 9:15 & 10:45 a.m. Youth Forum begins
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum begins
- 9:00 a.m.

Mon, Sept 12

- 9:15 Monday morning Bible Study

Wed, Sept 14

- 10:00 Morning Bible Study
- 5:00-6:30 Evening meal
- 6:25-6:55 Children's Choir
- 6:15-6:55 p.m. WORSHIP SERVICE
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation classes
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Wed, Sept 21

- 5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper
- 6:15 pm WORSHIP
- 6:25 p.m. Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir
- 7:00 p.m. TANZANIAN CHOIR
- NO Senior Choir