

Children's Ministries

This Sunday, February 13th, Fifth grade Sunday school students and their parent(s) should proceed directly to classroom B at 9:00 or 10:30 for First Communion instruction, which will be held during Sunday school class. All Fifth grade students and parent(s) are expected to attend. Please contact Deb Nelson, Pastor Brumm or Pastor Woodruff if you are unable to attend.

Camp Presentation Sunday was well attended and we look forward to seeing many of you at camp! Camp is a wonderful experience, full of fun and fellowship, that no one should miss due to financial limitations therefore **scholarship money is available**. The sale of popcorn also helps to raise money for camp. **We ask the congregation to support our campers by purchasing popcorn after the 8:00, 9:00 or 10:30 worship services or when it is offered on Wednesday evenings.**

The economy has improved yet many families still need assistance from the Food Shelf. Let's increase our giving by ten percent this year. We not only did not increase our giving in January but in contrast were two pounds short of matching last year's monthly giving. Will we make up the deficit by the end of February?

Last year: January – 208 pounds
This year: January – 206 pounds

The next Steppingstone will go out on February 22nd. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, February 20th.

Our prayers and condolences go to the family and friends of Evelyn Berger and Helen Johnson, who passed away.

CHARITY QUILT MAKING

We will again get our sewing machines purring by making quilts for those who need them. The days are Thursdays and Fridays, February 10 & 11 and 17 & 18, from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day or just come in the morning or afternoon. Hope to see you. Questions, call:

Caroline Felland (651-777-7622)

St. Stephen Annual 2005 Progressive Dinner Saturday, March 19th

The evening begins with everyone gathering at St. Stephen for the appetizer course, then progressing on for an entrée of Chicken and Fried Rice, and then on to the final dessert course. Everyone is invited to attend! Watch for further details.

14th Annual Bunco Night Saturday, February 19th 7:00 p.m.

**Sign up on Sunday, Feb 13
or call the church office (777-1107)**

Cost is \$2.50 per person

This event is for adults & youth age
16 & up

WOMEN

Women In Ministry Board Meeting -
Tuesday, Feb 22, at 9:15 am in the
Library.

Boutique Planning Meeting – Tuesday,
Feb 22, at 10:30 am in the Library.
Anyone who would like to be a part of the
planning, please come. Your ideas and
input welcome. Let us know if you would
like to see certain craft classes, etc. After
the meeting those who would like to stay
bring a bag lunch. We will eat first, and if
you have a craft you're working on, bring
that, or crafts you would like help with to
get done. Any questions, call Anita
Schreder (426-9648) or Caroline Felland
(777-7622).

Lenten/Easter Library Fundraiser

Come and see all the great books on
display in the narthex, Sunday, February
13 and 20. You will have the opportunity
to purchase a wide selection of children,
teen, adult and family books, many that
focus on the Lenten season and Easter.

A generous portion of the book sale is for
the library and all the books on display will
be donated by Augsburg Fortress to the
St. Stephen Library.

A few of the books on display: "Family
Countdown to Easter", "Journeying
Through Lent with Matthew", "An Easter
Hunt", and "Jesus Lives". Stop by and
support the Library. Thank You.

Youth

Saturday, February 12 10 am-2 pm
Ice Fishing & Winter Sports Day – MEET AT
BELLAIRE BEACH

Sunday, February 13
Youth Forum 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, February 16
Captured Spirit 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Worship 6:15 p.m.
Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18 – Monday, Feb. 21
Senior High Mystery Ski Trip
Only the first 15 can go. Sign up and pay Dee
by Sun., Feb. 13. Cost is \$175. Will take no
one after that date.

Sunday, February 20 9:15 a.m.
Youth Forum

Friday, Feb 25 – Sunday, Feb 27
Confirmation Retreat

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I look forward to taking and continuing the
standard that Cindy Scott implemented
this past year as president of the Church
Council. We as a congregation are
stronger and extremely blessed to have
such a commitment of fellowship and spirit
within this church. I'm very optimistic on
the direction that St. Stephen is going with
our budget and growth.

We have 3 new council members that we
feel are blessed with tremendous qualities
to bring to the council (Karen Smith, Ted
Field, Bill Van Essendelft). I feel that we
will continue on the same path, to grow
and be very strong, with our leadership,
and will help continue to spread the word
of the Lord throughout our congregation
and our community.

God Bless,
Mike Altendorfer