

## Children's Ministry

July – 9:00 Summer Sunday School  
10:30 Summer Sunday School  
July 31 Children's Ministry  
"Brainstorming" Session  
July 31 Sunday School Registration  
August 30 Cradle Roll Graduation

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**Sunday School** leaders needed! Watch an Old Testament video with our preschool and elementary children. **Please sign up in the narthex.**

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### Sunday school vs. Nursery

Due to the mixed age format, Summer Sunday school may be difficult or uncomfortable for some younger children. Therefore, throughout the summer, the nursery is available as an acceptable alternative to Sunday school for those age Kindergarten and younger.

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### Children's Ministry **BRAINSTORMING SESSION!**

Sunday, July 31  
11:45 am



We welcome participation irregardless of age! Please help us generate ideas in order to provide an effective, enthusiastic children's program. Attendance does not commit you to any further involvement with Children's Ministry. We are hoping for a wide spectrum of participation. **Please join us!** Pre-registration is required as box lunch will be provided. Please contact the church office to register.



We continue to thank everyone who has donated to the food shelf. Please continue to support this important ministry. The loss of free school lunches places a burden on the disadvantaged making them even more in need of food during the summertime. Please continue to donate non-perishables by placing your donations in the grocery cart, by the front door. Your continued support of this important social ministry is greatly appreciated. **We have an ongoing goal to collect a greater amount of food in 2005 than we collected in 2004.** Your response in June helped tremendously. We are now slightly ahead of last year's donations.

January – 274 pounds  
**This year: January – 206 pounds**  
February – 149 pounds  
This year: February – 86 pounds  
March – 249 pounds  
This year: March – 521 pounds  
April – 117 pounds  
**This year: April – 64 pounds**  
May – 144 pounds  
**This year: May – 22 pounds**  
June – 78 pounds  
**This year: June – 257 pounds**

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**The next Steppingstone will go out on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sun., July 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Our prayers and condolences** go to Tom Arcand on the death of his brother; and to Winifred Markham on the death of her mother.

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**ATTENTION HOLIDAY CRAFTERS**  
Plan-a-Craft Morning  
Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.  
Bring your own crafts  
or we will supply crafts to work on  
for the 2005 Holly Boutique  
to be held in November.

There will be coffee and snacks as we craft and have fun.  
Meet in the Conference Room –  
everyone is welcome!

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### RELAY FOR LIFE A Team Event to Fight Cancer

The evening of July 29<sup>th</sup> will mark the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the White Bear Lake Area "Relay for Life".

Luminaries will be on sale in the narthex, with Luminary Sunday on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions – call Jerry Engen at 651-429-1343.

## 2 Special Events to put on your calendar:

### MALE CHOIR FROM SWEDEN

Wednesday evening, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:15-7:00 p.m.

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

### TANZANIAN CHOIR

Wednesday evening, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:15 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 20<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – 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.

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### LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:10 p.m.  
(Twins vs. Oakland)

Watch for sign-up in the narthex on Sunday morning, or call the church office.

Lower level reserved tickets: \$17.00

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## 2005 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!

## LET'S RIDE

If you enjoy motorcycling, come along! Everyone is welcome. Mark calendars NOW for Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Any and all makes and models of bikes wanted. Meet at church for the 9 a.m. service. At 10 a.m. there will be a motorcycle blessing followed by a 50 to 100 mile ride. We will stop for lunch along the way. Any questions, call Pete or Mary Lou Linder at 651-770-3791.

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## Appetizers, Snacks, Beverages St. Stephen's Cookbook

St. Stephen's women and men – we need your recipes for a new cookbook. Please leave recipes for appetizers, snacks, and beverages in the box provided in the church office now through the summer months. The cookbook will be ready for the Boutique in November.

Thank You,  
Boutique Committee

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## American Red Cross Blood Drive

at  
St. Mary's of the Lake Parish Life Ctr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & Bald Eagle, WBL

Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

1:00-6:45 p.m.

For donor appointment call:  
651-429-7771  
(Walk-ins Welcome)

## Youth Calendar

Wednesday, July 27 All Youth  
**Valley Fair** – Cost is \$25, includes ticket and transportation. Bus leaves St. Mary's in WBL at 8:45 am and returns at 6:30 pm. Bring some extra \$\$\$ for food. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Contact Deb Nelson with any questions.

Tuesday, August 2 HS Youth  
Buffalo Wild Wings

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### Youth Fundraiser

Thank you to Courtney Kovach, Jessi Wahl and Brian Loss for a productive day of bagging groceries. The three of them raised over \$230 in four hours! Thanks for all your hard work.

## WAPO QUILT AUCTION

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.  
in the new Cross Fire Center.  
QUILT RAFFLE drawing at 11:30 am  
(QUILT PREVIEW begins  
at noon of Friday, August 19.  
Silent bids are welcome!)

## PIG ROAST & CORN FEED

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am-1:30 pm.  
Proceeds will purchase vehicles for  
our Bible camps.  
Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible  
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Amery, WI 54001  
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