

## 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 – Begin Fall Sunday  
School

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### Children's Worship Bulletins

We have been utilizing Children's Bulletins at Sunday Worship Services whenever Sunday School has not been available. Now we are making Children's Bulletins available every Sunday and Wednesday for families who choose to attend worship in place of, or in addition to, Sunday School. There will be an issue with a suggested age use by three to six year olds and another issue suggested for seven to twelve year olds. Of course children are welcome to take whichever issue they prefer.

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Fall Sunday School Registration will begin on July 31. Children's Ministry has changed our registration procedure for your convenience. If your child has previously registered, and attended Sunday School during Spring Quarter, 2005, simply state your child's name at the registration table. A registrar will acknowledge your child on the registration log and your child's grade and age will automatically advance to the next grade level. If additional changes are necessary, please complete a new student registration form. The registration table will also be available on August 7, August 14, and August 21. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, at 777-1107.

Registration forms will also be available for Wednesday evening FaithWeaver Friends.

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We are looking for 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.

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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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Thank you for your continued support of the food shelf this summer. It's easy to forget about the needs of others when we're out of town, away on vacation, or at the cabin. However many have made a special effort to contribute. Thank you, very much, for your help in feeding the hungry. The loss of free school lunches leaves some families 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. **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.

2004 January through May – 933 pounds  
**2005 January through May- 899 pounds**  
June 2004 – 78 pounds  
**June 2005 – 257 pounds**

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**Our prayers and condolences** go to Mike Lawrence on the death of his mother; and to Ed Hondlik on the death of his niece.

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## 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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## 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!

## 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

### Youth Calendar

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

**The next Steppingstone will go out on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sun., August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 instructors 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.

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## 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!)