

Our prayers and condolences go to Elaine Johnson on the death of her brother; and to Deb Nelson on the death of her uncle. For those who remember Bud & Sophie McClellan - their daughter, Rebecca, passed away on June 8th in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Many thanks to Sara Waldorf for the new vacuum cleaner that she donated to the church. It is much appreciated.

Thank you for the end table, table lamp and area rug that were donated to help furnish the new Youth Minister office. These items are still needed:

- 3 padded office chairs
- silk plants

Please call the church office, 651-777-1107, if you can help out with any of these items.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Wednesday, August 16th

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

NOTICE: In case of emergency when the church office is not open (hours are 8 am – 3 pm, Monday-Friday), please contact Pastor Jim at his home, 651-773-9057.



RELAY FOR LIFE

A Team Event to Fight Cancer

The evening of July 28th will mark the 12th anniversary of the White Bear Lake Area "Relay for Life".

We are planning to have 3 teams from St. Stephen – Men, Ladies, and Youth. Team sign-up sheets are available on a table in the narthex. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can get team members their packets.

Luminaries will be on sale starting in July, with Luminary Sunday on July 23th.

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

LET'S RIDE

If you enjoy motorcycling, come along! Everyone is welcome. Mark calendars NOW for Sunday, July 30th. 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. This event will be led by Pete & Mary Lou Linder.

The next Steppingstone will go out on July 18th. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, July 16th.

HOLLY BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended the June 13th Boutique meeting. We discussed the upcoming sale to be held Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We are collecting recipes for the newest St. Stephen cookbook, "BARS, COOKIES & CANDIES".

There will be a Silent Auction for a beautiful handmade Quilt.

We will have a Lefse-Making Day on October 25th at 9:30 a.m., and a Cooking Baking Day on November 8th at 9:30 a.m. Mark those dates on your calendar. All are invited and needed!

We still have committee openings and need more volunteers. Plan to attend our next meeting July 25th, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon in the Library.

We'll have a couple of craft projects and please bring your own projects and ideas.

See you at the next meeting.

"COOKIES, BARS & CANDIES"

The Holly Boutique & Bake Sale is putting together a cookbook and we need your wonderful recipes!

We are asking for your Holiday and everyday favorite recipes for bars, cookies and candies. (Anyone who made bars and cookies for Pastor Dan's reception is encouraged to donate that recipe. Please drop them in the box marked COOKIES, BARS & CANDIES in the office.

The cookbooks will be on sale at the Holly Boutique & Bake Sale November 11th.

Thank You!

YOUTH EVENTS

July 4 - Glow Necklace fundraiser
West Park – 7:45-10 pm. Need 12 sales teams – Call the church office or sign up on YBB

July 6 – St. Croix River Canoe Trip –
Leaving church at 10 a.m. – Cost \$18

July 15 – Go Karting

July 19 – Mini-Golf

July 22 - History at Murphy's Landing
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

July 26 – Valley Fair

Donate

your used cell phone
& ink jet cartridges
for

Lutheran Social Service (LSS)
Refugee and Employment Unit!

LSS Refugee & Employment is conducting a cell phone and ink jet cartridge recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. Your used cell phones(s) and ink jet cartridge(s) earn cash value and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund the LSS Refugee & Employment Unit!

The drop off box is located in the church narthex by the bulletin board. If you have questions or need more information, contact Sharon at 612-879-5260.

Sharon Bangsund,
Volunteer Specialist

Children's Ministry

July-August – Summer Sunday School
(In the Library)

Summer Sunday School leaders needed!

Thank you to Jackie Colaizy, Amanda and Gayle O'Reilly and Marla Amborn for leading Sunday School in June. Summer Sunday School meets in the air-conditioned library and is very leader "friendly." There are videos to view and corresponding coloring pages. **Please sign up in the narthex.** (You are also welcome to do craft, music, snack or drama activities. Speak with Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, to view available resources.)

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful fiesta! Thank you to Sue Lemon, Rob Allickson and John Rohr for

leading "Silly Chilies Preschool." An extra thank you is extended to Sue for preschool preparation and donations. Thank you to our preschool crew leaders: Hannah Aho, Marissa Amborn, Alyssa Anderson, Loghan Anderson, Jenna Bartolic, Jessica Boden, Liz Frey, Mallory Grace, Solveig Hansen, Angie Johnson, Emily Kvasnicka, Lexi Nordahl, Sara Quigley, Kate Sandvik, Sarah Tako and Tracy Taubert. Thank you to our elementary crew leaders: Ian Bartling, Brandon Boyd, Catherine Frey, Kristen Frey, Breanna Henk, Molly Knutson, Caitlin Leahy, Molly Leahy, Macy Madsen, Brian Nelson, Catherine Nelson, Ashley Olson, Charlie Olson, Emily Olson, Jenna Rondeau, Cindy Scott, Michelle Seefeldt, Jeanna Swanson, Becky Swanson, Emily Tako and Mike Skunes. Thank you to Pastor Dan Brumm for reappearing as "Chadder." Thank you to

Jerry Engen for his photography. Thank you to Mark Grewing, Judy Gelderman, and Paula Kuchenmeister for assisting with photography. Thank you to our station leaders: Sandy Knutson, Karen Mendez, Lori Oachs, Charisse Schlueter, Paul Schultz, Michon Sommers for preparing, implementing and facilitating their stations. Thank you to our station assistants: Julie Anderson, Carly Bonne, Jenna Desmet, Angelica Erickson, Shannah Henk, Stephanie Johnson, Nicole Kneip, Andie Scott, Doug Scott, Bryanna Stewart and Illysa Stewart. Thank you to Dave Anderson, Dorothy Brumm, Judy Gelderman, Waneta Hedberg and Paul Swanson for helping with registration. Thank you to Pastor Jim for operating the sound board. Thank you to Joyce and Mark Schwartz for volunteering to provide rides. Thank you to: Dawn Anderson, Marj

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