

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry

March 20 –Palm Sunday
Processional

Minnesota FoodShare

March 27 – Easter Sunday

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 3 – Food Shelf Sunday

Minnesota Food Share

Daylight Savings Time begins

“...for I was hungry and you gave me
food...”

During the month of March, our congregation is joining people across the state to help alleviate hunger. Through Minnesota FoodShare, congregations, businesses, schools, media, food banks and more than 265 food shelves work together to restock food supplies for people in need. Congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign. Last year, an all-time record 8.3 million pounds and dollars were donated to the food shelves throughout Minnesota during the March campaign. The goal this year is to raise 8.5 million! Our Sunday School would like to collect more pounds of food than our guitar-players combined weight! We have only collected 8 pounds at this time! Please help us meet our goal! We will be collecting both food and cash contributions throughout the month. After the holidays, March is the single most important time at food shelves across the state. Half of the food that is distributed at food shelves is raised in March. Please place cash donations in an envelope marked “MN FoodShare”.

The Nursery is always bustling with activity! We have need of additional paid and volunteer caregivers, especially for the 10:30 service, in order to properly care for our littlest children. Please speak with Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, if you are willing to love and care for our beloved “wee” little ones.

To all my many friends at St. Stephen's – Thank you for the many beautiful cards, prayers and good wishes. They really brightened my day and I still bring them out to enjoy them. I'm feeling better every day and hope to be back to all the activities and things going on at church. Thank you, Pastor Dan, for your hospital visits and prayers.

Sincerely,
Elaine Johnson

50th Anniversary

On Sunday, April 10, St. Stephen will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. It will be a full day of celebration, with present and former pastors leading the worship and sharing memories of those things which have sustained the congregation through the years.

That evening, we will gather at Gulden's Restaurant from 5 to 8 p.m. to continue the remembrance and celebration. Tickets for the event will be available in the narthex during the coming weeks.

GRAND PIANO FOR ST. STEPHEN

What a response! What an opportunity!

Our present sanctuary piano doesn't have quite the sound our music program deserves and it is extremely costly to maintain because it does not maintain a tune.

This is distressing because the piano is less than five years old. Schmitt Music has recognized the problem and has offered us full credit on our purchase price in trade on a new piano.

There is a small grand piano available that meets our needs. After a year of research, the Worship & Music Committee, working with the music staff, has recommended purchase of this piano to the Council. The Council has authorized the approaching of the congregation with the opportunity to purchase the 88 keys for \$100 a piece.

The people of St. Stephen have responded by purchasing 60 of the 88 keys. If you would like to buy a key, please make a check to St. Stephen piano fund.

If all goes well, the new piano will be here for Easter services!

The next Steppingstone will go out on March 30th. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, March 27th.

ADULT FORUM

Sunday, March 13th – at 9:00 a.m.
“Objections Answered” with RC Sproul, Lesson 4: Does God Exist? Bible Study and discussion of video shown on March 6th.

NO Adult Forum on March 20th & 27th.

Sundays in April – “Objections Answered” with RC Sproul continues.

CAMPERS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The St. Stephen's Family Camping Weekend this year will be July 15 to 17. Sign up on Sundays in the narthex. Father Hennepin State Park on the shore of Lake Mille Lacs is the site again this year. Saturday night service and pot luck dinner are part of the festivities.

Youth

April 22-23

30 Hour Famine

April 30th

Paint Ball

Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Chaperones are needed for this event. Contact John King (651-777-0967) if you are interested in being a chaperone.