

Children's Ministry

October 30 Reformation Sunday
November 6 First Food Shelf Sunday

10:30 Reformation Sunday is also Confirmation Sunday. The service will probably last about one-half hour longer than usual. Parents may have their children attend 9:00 Sunday school to avoid the longer service. If you choose to still attend 10:30 service, be assured that our Sunday school is well equipped to deal with the longer service.

Wednesday Evening Registration

Missed Sunday due to sports or family obligations? **Four-year-old through Sixth Grade students** are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at FaithWeaver Friends. We gather as a large group for a skit. Then we break into smaller groups for projects, games, snacks, or other activities and surprises. We also take time to journal how the Bible topic affects our lives. **Sunday School participants are also welcome to enroll as the Wednesday program does NOT duplicate our Sunday program. Please contact the office to pre-register.**

First Food Shelf Sunday

October 2 was our first "First Food Shelf Sunday" of the new school year. Sunday school has an ongoing goal to donate more food this year than we donated last year. Please help us meet our goal. Please continue to place your non-perishable donations in the grocery cart by the front door. Thank you for your donations.

Our prayers and condolences go to Sue Grossman and Kari Shoberg on the death of their mother and grandmother.

Marta Nelson wishes to thank the people of St. Stephen, and especially Pastors Dan and Jim, and Randy Amborn, very much for their kind sympathy to her and her family on the death of "Daddy George", her father George Stahl. Your prayers and cards meant a lot to them. Thanks again.

Recipe Book

We need your favorite recipe for appetizers or snacks for our St. Stephen cookbook coming out in Nov. Please turn in to the church office by October 16th.

TANZANIA 2007 Fundraiser

Wrapping paper will be on sale in the narthex on Sunday mornings, October 9 & 16. Orders will be here before Thanksgiving.

HAPPENINGS BOOKS & 2006 CALENDARS

St. Stephen's youth will be selling Happenings Books and 2006 calendars in September. Watch for sales in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

The next Steppingstone will go out on October 25th. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sun., October 23rd.

YOUTH

Grades 10-12

Pier leadership training – first & third Sundays of each month at noon in the youth room. Lead adults – Fred Bartling and Lisa Woodruff.

Senior High

Saturday, October 15th – hayride, pumpkin picking and bonfire – 4:30-8:30. Cost \$7 per person. Lead adult – Pastor Jim.

Middle School

Friday, October 28th – Annual Halloween Party – 7:00-10:00. Cost \$5.00. Lead adult – John Rohr.

Confirmation

October 23 - deadline to submit Spring Confirmation Retreat Deposit - \$30.00.

Wednesday, October 19th
NO Confirmation Class.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 9th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Purpose: to discuss a pastoral transitional plan that will build on the past and create a new vision for the future. This is an opportunity to hear from Pastor Dan and Pastor Jim; to learn more about the process; and to help shape that vision.

Adult Forum

Sunday mornings - 9:00 a.m.
in the Library

October 9th

"The Forgetting" – a presentation and discussion on Alzheimer's led by Linde Getahun.

October 16th

A presentation and discussion on ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, led by Dr. Brent Clark.

ANIMAL BLESSING

Saturday, October 8th - 10:00 a.m.

All those who crawl, run, bark, swim, hop, meow, leap, squeak, fly, or slither are invited to St. Stephen for the Annual Animal Blessing. Animals are invited to bring their owners and friends as well.