

## Children's Ministry

September 4 – No Sunday School  
Worship in Sanctuary  
September 11 – Rally Day  
September 25 – 2nd Grade Bible Sunday  
October 2 – First Food Shelf Sunday  
October 30 – Reformation Sunday



**September 11, 2005**

Please join us as we “kick-off” the Sunday School year at 9:15 and 10:45. Board the St. Stephen ship for fellowship and worship throughout the school year. Children will have an opportunity to become acquainted with their new teachers, greet friends they have not seen over the summer, and meet new friends.

### Sunday School Registration

**Parents of returning Sunday School children, if the only registration change is their grade-level, call the church office to re-enroll child(ren).**

(Please telephone prior to Labor Day, to assure sufficient materials.)

If changes are necessary, or if your child is a new student, please complete a new student registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, at 777-1107.

### Children's Worship Bulletins

Remember to take a Children's Bulletin when you attend Sunday or Wednesday worship. Bulletins have a suggested age on the cover, yet children are welcome to take either bulletin.

### Wednesday Evening Registration

Can't make it to Sunday School due to sports or work conflicts? **FIRST Graders through SIXTH Graders** join us every Wednesday, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at FaithWeaver Friends. We gather as a large group to do 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 weeks' Bible topic affects us in our lives. There is also an opportunity to earn a key chain and charms through out the year. Sunday School participants are also welcome to enroll as the Wednesday program does NOT duplicate our Sunday program. Former FaithWeaver Friends participants MUST RE-REGISTER for the fall session. **We hope you will join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 PM.**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still need adult and teen volunteers to help with Sunday School, Wednesday evening, Nursery, and special events.

**We would like to provide a Wednesday Evening Program for Preschoolers if we can obtain adult volunteers.**

Please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, for further information concerning our fall programs.

### First Food Shelf Sunday

September 4, Labor Day, is our first “First Food Shelf Sunday” of the new school year. Please place your non-perishable donations in the grocery cart by the front door. Thank you for all of your donations through out the summer. We're still ahead of last Year! Yeah!

**Our prayers and condolences** go to Marta Nelson on the death of her father, George Stahl; to Sarah MacGillis on the death of her father; and to Viki Bosin on the death of her father.

Thank you, Pastor Dan, Pastor Jim, and all our friends at St. Stephen's for your visits, calls, cards and your gifts of food. It was much appreciated by my family and me. Marv did enjoy your visits and cards. It certainly helps to know people at St. Stephen's do care and are there for you in a time of need.

Thank you all again,  
God Bless,  
Donna Rechtzigel & family

### “Circle” Members

Note to women in St. Stephen's “circles” who are using the Bible study in the Lutheran Women magazine this fall: There will be an introduction to the Bible study presented by Rev. Dr. Sara Henrich at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in North St. Paul on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$9.75 – lunch will be served. Watch for registration forms and more information by the bulletin board.

Also, please note the dates for circle meetings in September:

Ruth Circle – Tues., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m.  
Rachel Circle – Tues., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 p.m.  
at Joan Simpson's home  
Sarah Circle – Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

The next Steppingstone will go out on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sun., September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

here at St. Stephen

Dinner

Program

(Demonstration on making seasonal & holiday wreaths by Garden of Eva Flower Shop)

All are welcome!!

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## East Central Cluster – WIM

### FALL MEETING

Thursday, October 6  
at

Beaver Lake Lutheran in Stillwater  
6:30 p.m. Registration \$3.00  
& Refreshments

7:00 p.m. Business/Program  
Program: “Teddy Bears with 2 Eyes”  
(see WIM board for more info)

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## A Bipolar Support Group

will meet here at St. Stephen  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month  
starting on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Walter Leitze

763-691-8282 or mcbeth117@aol.com

## CONFIRMATION

### ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Evening Schedule:

5:30-6:15 – Potluck Supper

6:15-7:00 – Concert, Men's Chorus  
from Luleå, Sweden

7:00-8:00 – Confirmation Orientation

8:00-8:30 – Confirmation Registration

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## CONFIRMATION OVERNIGHTER

September 17-18

led by Captive Free

7 p.m. Saturday to 8:45 a.m. Sunday

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## HAPPENINGS BOOKS & 2006 CALENDARS

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



## Join the choir!!

(Children's, Youth, or Senior Choir)

See fall schedule for rehearsal  
times!



## Bell Choir

will begin rehearsals on  
Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>,  
at 8:00 p.m.

(Notice this new rehearsal time)  
New ringers are always welcome - we  
are hoping to expand the size of the  
choir.



# Fall Schedule

- Mon, Sept 5      LABOR DAY – Church Office Closed
- Wed, Sept 7      Potluck Supper – 5:30 p.m.  
Male Chorus from Luleå, Sweden – 6:15 p.m.  
CONFIRMATION Orientation – 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Confirmation Registration – 8:00-8:30 p.m.  
Senior Choir – 7:00 p.m.
- Sun, Sept 11      **RALLY SUNDAY**  
Sunday School begins – 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Forum begins – 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Forum begins – 9:00 a.m.
- Mon, Sept 12      Monday morning Bible Study begins – 9:15
- Wed, Sept 14      Wednesday morning Bible Study begins 10:00
- Wed., Sept 14      Wednesday evening meal – 5:00-6:30  
Children’s Choir begins – 6:25-6:55 p.m.  
WORSHIP SERVICE – 6:15-6:55 p.m.  
Confirmation classes begin – 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Choir – 7:00 p.m.
- Wed, Sept 21      Potluck Supper – 5:30 p.m.  
WORSHIP – 6:15 pm  
Children’s Choir – 6:25 p.m.  
Youth Choir – 6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation – 7:00 p.m.  
TANZANIAN CHOIR – 7:00 p.m.  
NO Senior Choir



# Tanzanian Choir

**Wednesday, September 21**

5:30-6:15 Potluck Supper  
(bring a dish to pass)

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. CONCERT

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HOST FAMILIES WANTED:

St. Stephen will be hosting a 20-member choir from Iringa, Tanzania during September 20-22. We need ten families to host two choir members in their homes for two nights, Sept. 21 and 22. For more details, call Pastor Jim (651-777-1107) or Cheryl Grasmoen (651-483-4457).

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# ♪ MUSIC FESTIVAL ♪ & AUCTION

♪ **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** ♪

Garage Sale – Music – Food  
Silent Auction – Live Auction

Auction & garage sale items needed  
**(No clothes or mattresses please)**  
Bring items to the church anytime.

## SENIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Hey DOC 912, are you ready to rumble???

It's the new school year and boy do we have events for you:

Just look at September!

- 8<sub>2</sub> GIRL TALK with Dee on September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room. Yes, this means NO GUYS!! Share with ONLY GIRLS what's up and what's down and receive encouragement and guidance;
- 8<sub>2</sub> FOOD, FILM AND FELLOWSHIP on September 20<sup>th</sup> – Join Dee for a local fun movie and have some snacks and laugh;
- 8<sub>2</sub> COFFEE and BIBLE and LIFE TALK with Dee at Caribou on September 21<sup>st</sup> – share coffee with Dee and talk about anything – Have a great time and learn more about what God tells us!
- 8<sub>2</sub> HORSEBACK RIDING on September 24<sup>th</sup> – Ride (and smell like) a horse, laugh and have great fellowship, and join Dee for hot chocolate after;
- 8<sub>2</sub> BIBLE STUDY at Dee's Office every Wednesday at 6:00 pm – Learn more about God's Word and how to apply His Word in our lives. Discuss life's challenges and His eternal love for each one of us.

Wait until October!!

BUFFALO WILD WINGS; TIM TEAM Service Projects; BIBLE STUDIES, COFFEE WITH DEE; GIRL TALK; WAGON RIDE/PUMPKIN PICK AND CARVE AND BON FIRE; FOOD, FILM AND FELLOWSHIP –

WOW!!!

Check the DOC 912 Board in the Narthex for upcoming events and keep looking in the Steppingstone and Church Bulletin! Any questions? Call Dee at 651-777-1107.

## Getting Started!

A one-day event designed to empower volunteer leaders for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries!

Saturday, September 24 - 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Oak Knoll Lutheran Church

600 Hopkins Crossroad (Cty. Rd. 73), Minnetonka (just north of I-394)

Designed to assist confirmation guides, small group leaders, Sunday School teachers, children's or youth ministry teams, mentors, parents, high school student leaders, youth directors, and pastors as they are **Getting Started** in children, youth, and family ministries this fall.

Contact Deb Nelson (651-777-1107) for registration and more info.