

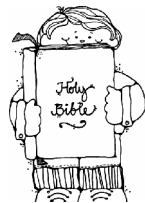
Children's Ministry

September 25 – 2nd Grade Bible Sunday
September 28 – Begin Wed. FW Friends
October 2 – First Food Shelf Sunday
October 30 – Reformation Sunday

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Rally Sunday "Ship" building activity. Thank you to Alan Kalthoff, Catherine Nelson, and Tim Team members, Stacy Altendorfer, Ian Bartling, Caitlin Leahy, Emily Olson, Mike Skunes, for their help with set up, preparation, implementation and clean up. Thank you also to the Sunday school staff for their assistance with our activity. Thank you to Catherine Nelson, Charlie Olson and Julie Anderson for distributing our treats.

Bible Sunday

**Second
Grade
Students**
Receive new
Bibles



**Sunday
September
25**

First Food Shelf Sunday

Thank you for your donations.

October 2 will be our first "First Food Shelf Sunday" of the new Sunday school year. Sunday School is encouraging the congregation to help us collect a greater amount of food in 2005 than we collected last year. Please place your non-perishable donations in the grocery cart by the front door. Sunday school students may bring their donations to class rather than placing them in the cart. Thank you, once again, for your donations!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

We would like to provide a Wednesday Evening Preschool program if we can obtain adult volunteers. **Please pray about your support of this ministry. Would you consider helping once a month? Does the name of a potential volunteer come to mind? Would you be willing to do either a snack, a project, music, or a game?** Please contact Deb Nelson, Children's Ministry Director, for further information concerning our fall programs.

Wednesday Evening Registration

Can't make it to Sunday School due to sport or work conflicts? **Kindergarten through SIXTH Grade students** are invited to 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. Please register by Sunday September 25, as we need to assign small groups. **We hope you will join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 PM.**

Our prayers and condolences go to Phyllis Ballata on the death of her mother, Marietta Anderson.

THANK YOU!

It was a wonderful event!! Thank you to everyone who attended the potluck supper and the Swedish Choir Concert on September 7th. And a special thanks to all who helped prepare and serve the meal.

Check out the Chairs!!

Thank you to the Women In Ministry for donating new chairs for our fellowship hall. These chairs will be used for special occasions.

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.

Please check your shelves!

Please check your homes to see if there are any forgotten books and videos from St. Stephen's Library. We are missing many of our Veggie Takes videos and it would be appreciated if they could be returned, so they may be enjoyed by others. Thank you for taking the time to restock the library. Please stop by and look at all our books, videos and magazines.

The next Steppingstone will go out on October 4th. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sun., October 2nd.

Captured Spirit Youth Choir

Youth choir meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. We sing at one Sunday worship service per month, and occasionally at a Wednesday evening service. We welcome anyone, in sixth through twelfth grade, who would like to make a "joyful noise unto the Lord." You can come to rehearsal and then attend the worship service, or eat dinner, prior to attending confirmation class. Please consider joining us!

Social Ministry - Prayer Ministry

We now have a prayer request board on the curved brick wall in the narthex. A pen is attached so that you may add prayer requests to the board. (Prayer chain requests will be added to the board only if you so specify when you call in your request.) There are also strips of paper to be torn off and used to record prayer requests, from the board, to help you remember to include them in your prayers. Please use this resource. If you have a need, we have members who would love to pray for you! You are allowed to post anonymous prayer requests to protect your privacy.

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.



Join the choir!!

(Children's, Youth, or Senior Choir)

See fall schedule for rehearsal times!



Bell Choir

will begin rehearsals on
Wednesday, September 28th,
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.



WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING

Friday, September 30th
at St. Stephen
Dinner at 6:00

The entire meal will be snacks
and appetizers provided by
everyone. Please bring your
favorite appetizer and the recipe
so it can be used in the new
cookbook coming out in
November.

Program:

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

All are welcome!!

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)