

Highlights



Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday, June 7 (Reception w/cake following worship)



Good News On Tap

Sunday, June 14 (7:00-9:00pm, details on page 3)



Vacation Bible School

June 22-25 (9:00am-12noon, details on page 2)



Parents' Night Out

Saturday, July 18 (5:00-8:00pm, details on page 3)



Gospel Music with the Clarks

Sunday, July 26 (9:30am, details on page 4)



Musical Instrument Drive

July 26-August 12 (Details on page 3)

HAPPENINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

Changes Coming to the Steppingstone Newsletter

This issue of the *Steppingstone* will be the **final monthly edition** of our newsletter. Beginning in August, the newsletter will be distributed **quarterly**, with future mailings scheduled for **November, February, and May**, continuing in that same pattern each year. This change will allow the newsletter to focus more on sharing stories, reflections, and the life of our congregation, while timely announcements and schedules will continue to be shared through the Weekly Update, our website, and our Facebook page. **Help Shape the First Quarterly Issue.** If you have a story, reflection, photo, or note of thanks to share for the August/September/October issue, please send it to Tami at office@ststephenwbl.org by **July 1**. We will also be reaching out to individuals and ministry groups as we prepare this first issue. The **weekly update** will continue to be available by email and in printed form for pickup at church. For members who are homebound or unable to attend in person, copies can also be mailed upon request. Please let us know if your email or mailing address changes so we can keep our records up to date.



Register NOW for VBS!

Register children now for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) titled: "Faith Detectives: God's Clues All Around Us". VBS will be only four days this year and

held at Redeemer on June 22-25 (9:00am-12noon).

On Wed., June 24, gather for our VBS BBQ (5:15pm) and GAP Worship (6:00pm) at St. Stephen. Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/260054432525146>.

VBS Volunteer Training (6/7)

For those who are volunteering to assist with Vacation Bible School, please be sure to attend the training session at Redeemer (3770 Bellaire Ave) on Sunday, June 7 (11:00am). Please contact Melissa at mwhitman@redeemerwhitebear.org with any questions.

Wednesday Outdoor Worship

Wednesday is a perfect time to invite family members and friends to our community BBQ (5:15pm) and casual, outdoor Grace & Praise (GAP) worship service (6:00pm). Many people say they would attend a church if they were invited, so here is a great opportunity to extend that invitation! Watch for signs marking designated pet areas. We gather on the north lawn beginning June 3rd (weather permitting), so remember to bring your lawn chair or blanket.



PET AREA

For pets and their people too!



Wednesday BBQ's

During the summer, our Wednesday meals change to BBQ's. The church provides meats and buns, but we rely on volunteers (see list below). Mealtime is 5:15-6:00pm. Choose as many food items, tasks, and Wednesdays as you like by **signing up in the kitchen** or contact the church office (office@ststephenwbl.org, 651-777-1107) to bring/do the following:

- ◆ 3 bags of chips
- ◆ Side dish
- ◆ Dessert
- ◆ Prep (4:00pm): boil brats, thaw burgers, mix lemonade.
- ◆ Grilling (4:45pm)
- ◆ Set-up (5:00pm): chips, side-dishes, desserts, condiments, plates, cups, etc.
- ◆ Clean-up

Volunteer Appreciation Reception (6/7)

Please join us in the narthex immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 7th for cake and refreshments as we show appreciation for all our volunteers!



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Good News on Tap (6/14)

Join others on Sunday, June 14 (7:00-9:00pm) at the Dugout Bar (96 Mahtomedi Ave., Mahtomedi) for fellowship, theology, and refreshments.

"Good News on Tap" is a shared ministry event of Redeemer and St. Stephen. We have our own server to take dinner orders for those who wish to eat.



Parents' Night Out (7/18)

On Saturday, July 18, St. Stephen is offering FREE childcare for children ages 2 thru 9 (5:00-8:00pm) for parents who wish to enjoy a night out. Children will enjoy fun activities and a meal. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required. Contact the church office at 651-777-1107 or



office@ststephenwbl.org to register.

Christian Singles Lunch Bunch (6/30)

Please feel free to join our group for lunch on the last Tuesday of each month (11:30am).



RSVP (required) on Sunday before event by contacting Judee Bramscher at 651-269-6122.

On June 30, we meet at the VFW (4496 Lake Ave., S., White Bear Lake). Please RSVP by 6/28.

Church Photo Directories

We still have directories that some folks haven't picked up yet. Please contact Tami in the church office if you would like your directory.



Church Office Closed (7/3)

The church office is closed on Friday, July 3 in recognition of Independence Day.

Youth Trip to South Carolina Send-off (7/8)

The youth of St. Stephen and Redeemer Lutheran churches will be heading to South Carolina July 12-17. Please join us for their send-off on July 8 during the 6:00pm Grace & Praise worship service (5:15pm Potluck BBQ). Please pray for them while they are away.



Musical Instrument Drive BEGINS (7/26)

Your gently-used musical instruments can help transform a child's life! We will be collecting the following instruments for this year's drive:

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion instruments, Violin, Viola, and Cello. Even if they are in rough shape, Mariner Middle School will be happy to fix them and give them to their students!



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Gospel Music Sunday (7/26)

Betsy & Brent Clark will be sharing their talents with us for a special worship service infused with Gospel music! This is a great opportunity to invite others!

Council Retreat

Pictured below are church council members who attended a retreat on Saturday, April 18 in the Fellowship Hall. In attendance were (left to right around the table): Pastor James Muske, Jackie Colaizy, Nancy Finley, Sue Lemon, Karen Smith, Robin Eberlein, Angel Stafsholt, Mike Trenda, and Kathy Stickler. Photographer: Tami Heart.



Christian Singles Lunch Bunch (7/28)

Please feel free to join our group for lunch on the last Tuesday of each month (11:30am). RSVP (required) on Sunday before event by contacting Judee Bramscher at 651-269-6122. On July 28, we are going to Sak's Sports Bar (1460 Co Rd E East, Vadnais Heights). RSVP by 7/26.



PRAYERS

Prayers Have Been Requested For the Following...




Help Keep Us Informed

Please help keep us informed of any concerns that you would like our congregation to be praying about, including those serving in the military and any deaths among family members, by contacting the church office at 651-777-1107 or office@StStephenWBL.org

Prayer Request Cards

Prayer Request Cards are located in the sanctuary pews. Feel free to place your request in an offering plate/basket, drop into the church office door mail slot, or cut out and mail this one to the church. Please keep us updated on those you have asked us to add to our prayer list.

Prayer Request <small>(add or remove from the Prayer List)</small>	
ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> This person is... <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Self 
Your name	_____
Reason for prayer	_____

	May we share this with the congregation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
REMOVE	
Update	_____
<small>A Christian community bringing God's love to the world.</small>	

Christ in Our Home



Devotional Booklets for April / May / June are now available in the narthex in the information racks. Please feel free to take as many as you like and offer them to others who may find comfort in reading them.

The Power of an INVITE!

Results from a study conducted by churchtrainer.com:

QUESTION: What brought you to church?

RESPONSE: 70-85% Invited by a relative or friend!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please let the church office know if your birthday is not listed so that we may correct the database.



Do You Wish to Be Baptized?

If you wish to be (or have your child) baptized,
please contact the church office
at 651-777-1107 or

office@ststephenwbl.org

APPRECIATION

Communion Servers... Thank you for your help with serving Communion and being an important part of ministry discipleship.

Quilters... Thank you to our wonderful quilters who have been very busy making quilts for area shelters and for displaying (and offering for sale) their lovely quilts in April.

All Committees... Thank you for your valuable input, time, and planning.

Financial Secretary... Thank you for all that you do with getting out our quarterly statements! Your behind-the-scenes work is appreciated!

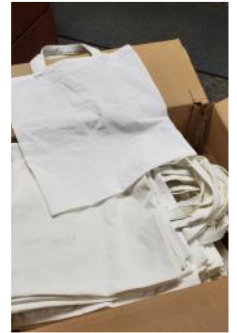
Counters... Thank you to our counters, who each week, keep accurate accounting of the donations coming into the church.

Bible School Bags... Thank you to Anita Schreader for hand sewing over 70 bags for this year's VBS!

Braided Bread... Thank you to all who purchased braided bread and by doing so, provided financial support for our Tanzania mission work.

Come & Bee Curious Events... Thank you to Brad Wilm for organizing our once-per-month events, including: Maintain Your Memory, Power of Laughter, Elder Law & Estate Planning, Spring Brunch & Bingo, and the Musical Ventriloquist. There are no events during the summer, but we will resume on the second Thursday of each month this fall.

Pictures... Easter Sunday, Anita's bags, and quilts on display in the sanctuary.



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What's Happening

Sundays

Indoor Service with Music Variety
9:30am IN-PERSON
(Services are live-streamed and online)

Wednesdays

Casual Outdoor Worship Service
6:00pm IN-PERSON
(Community BBQ at 5:15pm, \$5/pp)

JUNE

- 6/3 Food Shelf Collection (Wed)
- 6/3 Grace & Praise (GAP) Outdoor Worship (Wed/6:00pm) **BEGINS**
- 6/3 Community BBQ (Wed/5:15pm) **BEGINS**
- 6/4 Worship & Music Meeting (Thurs/6:00-7:00pm)
- 6/7 Volunteer Appreciation Reception w/Cake (Sun/10:30am)
- 6/7 Food Shelf Collection (Sun)
- 6/7 VBS Volunteer Training (Sun/11:00am) **at Redeemer**
- 6/8 Church Council Meeting (Mon/7:00-8:30pm)
- 6/14 Good News on Tap at the Dugout (Sun/7:00-9:00pm)
- 6/22 VBS at Redeemer (Mon-Thurs, June 22-25)
- 6/24 VBS Music / Worship on North Lawn (Wed/6:00pm)
- 6/30 Christian Singles Lunch Bunch (Tues/11:30am)

JULY

- 7/1 Food Shelf Collection (Wed)
- 7/3 Church office **CLOSED**
- 7/5 Food Shelf Collection (Sun)
- 7/8 Youth Trip Send-off (Wed/6:00pm)
- 7/9 Worship & Music Meeting (Thurs/6:00-7:00pm)
- 7/12 Youth Trip to South Carolina (Sun) **BEGINS**
- 7/13 Church Council Meeting (Mon/7:00-8:30pm)
- 7/17 Youth Trip to South Carolina (Fri) **ENDS**
- 7/18 Parents' Night Out (Sat/5:00-8:00pm)
- 7/19 Luminary Sunday (9:30am) - PENDING
- 7/22 Luminary Wednesday (6:00pm) - PENDING
- 7/24 Relay for Life (Fri/3:00pm) - PENDING
- 7/26 Gospel Music Sunday (9:30am)
- 7/26 Musical Instrument Drive (Sun) **BEGINS**
- 7/28 Christian Singles Lunch Bunch (Tues/11:30am)