

Opportunities at St. Stephen

Office hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Week of March 1 - 7, 2010

Monday	9:30 a.m.	MOMs & DADs on Mondays
	6:00 p.m.	Augsburg College Classes
	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.	Women's AA
	7:00 p.m.	Lay School of Theology
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group
	8:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Group
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Library Workers
	12:00 p.m.	Noon Service
	12:30 p.m.	Soup Lunch
	2:30-7:00 p.m.	*Children & Youth Activities →
	5:00-6:15 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Wellness Activities
	6:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Hosanna Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:00 a.m.	Quiltmakers
	5:00 p.m.	Augsburg College Classes
	7:00 p.m.	Young Life Capernaum
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Augsburg College Classes
	9:00 a.m.	Passions & Painting
Sunday		3rd Sunday in Lent
	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with communion
	9:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship with communion
		Adult Forum - Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Alternative Worship with communion
		Sunday School

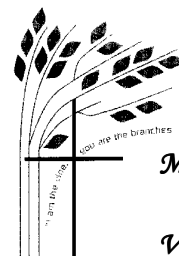
Wed. *Children & Youth Schedule:

2:30-5:00 p.m.
Coffee Shop
& Homework
5:30 p.m.
Kids' Handbells
6:00 p.m.
Alleluia
Choristers
Confirmation
Fishtown
Inside Out
6:15 p.m.
Imagine
7:15 p.m.
Jubilation

Finance & Council

2010 Offering Income (combined operating & capital)

- Pledges received: \$ 958,388
- Pledging households: 380
- Envelope & Loose Offerings received to date \$ 159,282



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

February 28, 2010

Mission: *St. Stephen is a welcoming Christ-centered community, trusting in God's love and living in the Holy Spirit.*

Vision: *We are called to Worship, Connect and Serve.*



Please Remember In Prayer: Chuck Anderson; Rebecca Arganbright (cousin of Jennifer Larson); Chris Behm (brother-in-law of Nancy Gubrud); Trish Burnison; Susan Carlson; Carol Conrad; Phyllis Edlund; Ray & Marj Elhard; Bev Gerstner; Deborah Gresens (sister-in-law of Sandy Gresens); Marlyn Hansing; Gene Hatleberg; Todd & Becky Hauch & family; Lois Hovland; Janice Johnson; Keegan Johnson (grandson of Carol Manske); Dick Kimpston; Jean Larson (sister of Judie Mortenson); Rev. Glenn Leaf; Barbara Lindau; Esther McDermid; David McGinnis (brother of Nancy Larson); Kenneth Nelson; Joan Richter; the family of Hazel Schull on her death; Jesse Stewart (brother of Kim Albert); George Stilwill (father of Cindy Stilwill); Jacie Strander; Dan Sullivan (brother-in-law of Mary & Thom Schubbe); Vernon Traetow (father of Tammy Barnum); and Brent Vosika (son-in-law of Connie & Donley Johnson).

If you or a loved one would like to be added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office: 952-831-4746.

Today

Adult Education 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel - "Does the Bible need an update for today's world?" Led by Rev. Milan Davig.

New Member Class 11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Jack Brass Band concert tickets are available in the narthex today and at the door tonight. Adults \$10, Student \$5, Children free (11 & under). See below for more information.

"Jack Brass Band" in concert TONIGHT, 7:00 p.m.

The **Jack Brass Band** is a New Orleans style brass band that will treat us to a very lively, toe tapping performance. I heard them at the State Fair and trust me, this will be such a fun night of music that will make your heart sing and put a big smile on your face! The cause for this concert is our own **ST. STEPHEN MISSION PROGRAM**, so this is another way to serve! Buy a ticket and serve our missions! ~ *MaryAnn Neighbor*, Director of Music

March is VEAP FOOD DRIVE MONTH Our donations of food and funds is multiplied by Second Harvest during the month of March. You may drop off food items at church in the VEAP boxes by the Library or checks payable to VEAP in the church office. Coins for a Cause goes to VEAP during March.

Children & Family Ministries

First Communion class is on Saturday, Mar. 20 from 9-11:00 a.m. That same day, we will have our Seder Meal starting at 5:30 p.m. First Communion will take place on Sunday, Mar. 21 at the 11:00 service. These activities are for anyone in 2nd grade, or older who has previously missed the opportunity to go through this faith milestone. Please email Ashlie Keith if you are planning on having your child participate this year (akeith@ststephen.net).

Parent's Night Out! tonight for those who pre-registered.

Youth Ministries

30-Hour Famine!

When: Friday-Saturday, March 12-13

Time: begins Friday morning and ends Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Activities: Learn about hunger problems, spend time in devotions, play tribe games, compete in scavenger hunts and more!

Cost: \$20 includes Friday breakfast, Tshirt and Saturday's lunch.

Sign up: in the Youth Room, with your Confirmation leader or Sarah Maslowski.

Adult Education

Lay School of Theology Spring Course: *A Walk Through the New Testament*, Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Mar. 22-Apr.19. Cost \$10. Sign-up by Mar. 21.

Sunday Forums 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel. Mar. 7: "Tsunamis, earthquakes, and God! An exploration of faith in times of disaster. Does God really care? Led by Rev. Milan Davig.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. in Room #139, resumes in spring.

Wednesday Adult Class No classes during Lent, join us for worship!

Adult Ministries

SAGE Join us Tuesday, March 9, 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel for "World Population Balance" presented by David Paxson. Treats & fellowship follow.

Passions & Painting I - The Passion Test & Acrylic Painting There are two 4-week courses offered as part of our Health & Wellness Ministry. Classes are 2½ hours long on Fridays (3/5-3/26) or Saturdays (3/6-3/27), 9:30 a.m.—Noon at St. Stephen and are led by Jean Berry. Classes are free but do require pre-registration. There is a \$20 supply fee. Contact Jean Berry (952-943-9472 or jean@true-timing.com) or Julie Magnus (952-831-4746 or jmagnum@ststephen.net) with questions or to register. Limited to 15 per session.

WIM will be working on a Habitat for Humanity house on Saturday, March 13, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Desk if you can join us for this event. Bring a bag lunch and work gloves. No experience needed. Come and have some fun with us while helping others!

Congregational Life & Outreach Ministries

A Community Health Fair is being held today (Feb. 28), from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Community of the Cross Lutheran Church, located at the intersection of Old Shakopee and Bloomington Ferry roads. There will be many resources and activities available including blood pressure, lung function and hearing screenings, AED demonstrations, and heart health and exercise tips. Chat with community health care professionals. Free healthy snacks and wellness door prizes will be given away. The free Health Fair is open to everyone and is sponsored by the church's Wholistic Community Care Ministry (aka Parish Nurse Ministry).

Haiti Earthquake Relief *ELCA Disaster Response* and *Special Offering* envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk. Please consider helping the approximate 3 million people who have been affected by this disaster. Indicate "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on either envelope and it will be used entirely for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti. Your prayers and gifts will make a life-saving difference. The ELCA has collected over **\$4.6** million for Haiti Disaster Relief. You can still donate through St. Stephen Church or directly through: Thrivent Financial (<https://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti/index.html> which matches .50 on the \$1); Lutheran World Relief (<http://lwr.org/Haiti/donate/>); or the ELCA (www.elca.org); Thank you!

Linton Levin Scholarship applications are available at the Welcome Desk or at the Church office. A \$1,000 scholarship is offered by the Levin family to St. Stephen members enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education. Completed applications are **due to the church office on Monday, March 1, 2010** for consideration.

Lenten Soup Lunches & Suppers Additional help is needed preparing, serving, and cleaning-up for the soup lunches & suppers during the Lenten season. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Any amount of time you can share is appreciated!

Paper Towel Tubes & Ice Cream Buckets needed! Paper towel tubes are need for an upcoming project and plastic buckets are needed for Loaves & Fishes. You can drop off these items at the Welcome Desk. Thanks you!

The "Kaleidoscope of Colors" Winter Gala benefiting Messiah Lutheran Church's Kaleidoscope children's program will be held Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the Center for Changing Lives. Watch for a Kaleidoscope table in the narthex on upcoming Sundays to find out more about the event and about a drawing for a beautiful queen sized quilt made by members of Messiah.

Music Ministries

Sunday, Mar. 7	8:30 a.m.	Hosanna Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Kids' Bells & Choristers
Sunday, Mar. 14	8:30 & 9:45 a.m.	Hosanna Choir