ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community of believers, saved by the grace of God, who are called to:

- *share his love through words and actions;*
- *welcome others into the family of Christ.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands! – Psalm 90:17

Please mark your calendars. Find your favorite tools, your work clothes, your serving hearts, and plan on joining us Sunday, April 27th at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm for worship and service. We will gather together for a brief worship service including Holy Communion before we roll up our sleeves and serve our Lord.

Rather than listening to a sermon that Sunday, we will be living out the sermon by serving our Lord as we complete important tasks in and around Saint Stephen.

Our Property and Grounds Chair, Rod Firquin, and I will have a list of all sorts of wonderful and very important ways you can serve your Lord during this special time.

We have a lot to do to get Saint Stephen ready for summer. For the outdoorsy folks there will be weeds to pull, sticks to gather from our winter ice storms, bushes to trim, painting to do, mowing, and windows to clean. For the more indoorsy folks there are bookmarks for our new hymnals to assemble, worship booklets to prepare, pew racks to organize and fill, cards to write, and all sorts of important jobs.

I know some folks choose not to come to worship on our Simply Serving Sundays, because they think there won't be anything for them to do. **Let me assure you - there will be a way for absolutely everyone from 3 to 303 to serve our Lord during our Simply Serving Sunday**.

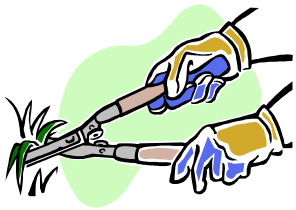
Remember Saint Stephen needs you and your gifts and talents. Rod Firquin and Kim Thonen do a wonderful job of keeping Saint Stephen looking gorgeous and functioning smoothly, but they need our help. Without the hands of volunteers, Saint Stephen could not minister. Without the ministering hands of volunteers, Saint Stephen would not even exist. This is God's work, and it is an honor to serve God using our hands.

I give thanks for all ways you serve our Lord and your brothers and sisters in Christ at Saint Stephen, and I encourage you to think of ways you might expand your ministry. How might you help us do God's work in God's world?

Don't forget to wear your work clothes to church on April 27th. This is one of the few Sundays every year when you can wear your holey jeans to a holy place with your parents' blessing!

May God continue to prosper the work of your hands.

In Christ –
Pastor Kerri



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St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a member of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

2014 Council Members

Brenda Firquin,
President
Buddy Zimmerman,
Vice President
Cheryl Markley,
Council Secretary
Rod Firquin,
Rec. Secretary (non-voting)
Larry Faue,
Andrea Goebel,
Paul Kiser
Connie Miller,
Rita Sarson,
Bill Thompson

Bill Wise,
Financial Secretary
Buddy Zimmerman,
Treasurer
Hank Evans,
Pianist/Organist
Kim Thonen,
Custodian
Cheryl Markley,
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Lenten & Easter Sunday Worship Schedule:

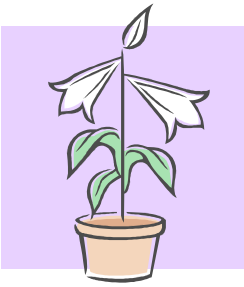
Wednesday, April 2nd	at 6:30 pm	Worship and Bible Study	in the Courtyard Room
Wednesday, April 9th	at 6:30 pm	Worship and Bible Study	in the Courtyard Room
Maundy Thursday, April 17th	at 7:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion	in the sanctuary
Good Friday, April 18th	at 7:00 pm	Worship	in the sanctuary
Easter Sunday, April 20th	at 8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion	in the sanctuary
	at 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion	in the sanctuary

Palm Sunday Parade

If you arrive for worship on Sunday, April 13th and find the sanctuary completely void of children – don't worry. The kids are just hanging out in the fellowship hall with Pastor Kerri and Hank.

On **Palm Sunday (April 13th)** all of the kids are invited to gather together in the fellowship hall. After everyone has received a palm branch and/or ribbon wand, we will have our very own Palm Sunday processional parade from the fellowship hall into the sanctuary. Hank will be debuting his accordian playing skills at Saint Stephen for our parade!

Easter Lily Donors



Easter lilies will be placed around the altar on Easter to enhance the worship space. If you wish to honor or memorialize your loved ones with donations of Easter lilies, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Each pot is $14. We need to have your requests **no later than Sunday, April 13th**. You may take the lilies home after the 10am Easter worship service.

Easter Candy Donations Needed

Did someone say Easter candy? The Senior Youth would welcome donations of Easter candy for the annual Easter egg hunt. You can give the small, individually-wrapped bags of candy to Pastor Kerri, Paul Kiser, or put your donations in the Senior Youth classroom **by April 13th**. Thank you!!!!

St. Stephen / American Red Cross Blood Drive

We are again helping the American Red Cross replenish their blood supply. We are holding a blood drive at St. Stephen on **Tuesday, April 15th, from 3:30 to 7:30 pm**. There is now a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please help us to aid our community in this way. You might just save a life!

Continental Easter Breakfast

Come and enjoy a continental breakfast with us on Easter, April 20th, in the fellowship hall at 9:00-9:30 am, and linger over your coffee until the worship service begins. Please sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many goodies to bring!

Reminder: Golden Sneakers to See *Singin in the Rain* in April

This is a reminder for those who signed up in March, the Golden Sneakers will see *Singin' in the Rain* at Derby Dinner Playhouse on **Wednesday, April 9th**, for the matinee. The doors and the buffet open at 11:45am. We will leave from the church at 11:00am. If you have questions, please contact Ellen Ullom, 231-4327.

Simply Serving Sunday – God's Work. Our Hands.

Please mark your calendars. Find your work gloves, your favorite tools, your casual clothes, and your serving hearts. Most importantly, we ask you to plan on joining us on **Sunday, April 27th** for worship and service.

We will gather together to hear God's Word proclaimed, before sharing in Holy Communion, and then we will all roll up our sleeves and get to work. **Please don't stay home, because you think there won't be a way for you to serve our Lord. There will be a way for everyone of all ages and abilities to serve.** Join us in this opportunity to serve the Lord while we get to know each other better!

Don't Miss Trivia Night!

The folks who attended our Trivia Night this winter had so much fun, they want to do it again! On **Saturday, April 26th, at 6:30 pm** the Worship and Music Committee will be hosting another Trivia Night at Saint Stephen. Please join us for laughter, fellowship, fun and even a little Bible Trivia. Keep studying the hints printed on the back of the prayer list every Sunday in the bulletin!

The cost to play trivia will be a $10 donation to Saint Stephen. There is no cost to cheer and/or taunt your favorite players. All proceeds will be donated to the St. Stephen general fund. Please bring your favorite snack to share!

Pastor Kerri's Vacation

Pastor Kerri will be on vacation from Friday, May 2nd through Saturday, May 10th.

St. Stephen Financial Update from the Finance Chair

Dear Brothers & Sisters on Christ,
You may have noticed that the total from the previous Sunday's offering is now being printed in the weekly bulletin. This is being done in an effort to keep the congregation informed of St. Stephen's financial status. Our budgeted commitments require us to average **$2850** in giving per week. Unfortunately, as of March 16th, 2014, we are **$5778 behind** on giving for this year. We have been able to pay our bills by making transfers from savings. I suspect that the weather, which has caused a lower attendance average this year, is somewhat responsible for our shortfall. If you missed a Sunday or two, please try and catch up on your giving.

Thank you,
Pat Markley,
St. Stephen Finance Chair

ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Response Campaign Continues

The ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Response Campaign is under way at St. Stephen and will continue through Easter. Coin boxes have been distributed, but extra boxes are available in the narthex. If you prefer, there are also envelopes in the pews for you to donate in that way. Each week the bulletin inserts have stories about people who have benefitted from past campaigns and how you can help even more people. Let them inspire you. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Many Slots Available on Grass Cutting Schedule

Spring is finally here! The grass-cutting schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for 2014. Only a few weekend slots have been filled so far. Claim your choice weekends on the schedule now! If you have not operated the tractor before, please see Rod Firquin, 231-2901, so that he can go through a few of the tips and "quirks" of the tractor with you.

Lutheran Summer Camp Forms Available

In the narthex, there are now several brochures from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Indiana-Kentucky. They outline camps available at 3 different locations in Indiana, but the camp closest to Louisville is Lutheran Hills in Morgantown. Most available camps are $325 or less. Several families in the congregation have previously sent kids to these camps. You can find out more information at the website, www.lomik.org. See Pastor Kerri if you are interested.

We Welcome New Babies

We welcome **Rubee Camille Firquin** into the world! When she was born at 4:59 am on March 19th, she weighed in at 6 lbs 3 oz, and she was 18.5 inches long. Rubee's proud parents, Zack and Nikki, along with her sister Rylee welcomed her home. Her adoring grandparents are Rod and Brenda Firquin. All are doing well.

We also welcome **Braden Dean Hill** into the world! When he was born on March 25th, he weighed in at 7 lbs 9 oz, and he was 20.5 inches long. Braden's proud parents are Danielle (Sarson) and Bradley Hill, and his adoring grandparents are Steven & Rita Sarson. Also, we can't forget his aunt, Michelle Sarson. All are doing well.

Celebrating Baptisms

Through baptism, we welcomed two children, **Madelyn Paige Giles** and **Adam Drew Peterson**, into the St. Stephen family on March 30th at the 10:00 am worship service. Madelyn is the daughter of Sarah and Richard Giles and granddaughter of Marcia and David Peterson. Her sponsors were Marcia Peterson and her aunt, Jennifer Summers. Adam is the son of Bryce Peterson and Melinda Pearson and the grandson of Elaine Peterson. His sponsor was Elaine Peterson and his aunt, Jennifer Summers.

St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

February, 23, 2014

The annual meeting of St. Stephen Lutheran Church was called to order following the 10:00 am service and the chili cook-off by Council President Brenda Firquin. A quorum was established with more than 20 confirmed members present; approximately 50 were present. Pr. Kerri McFarland offered a prayer to open the meeting.

The meeting packet was distributed prior to the meeting being called to order so those in attendance had an opportunity to read the reports and minutes from the 2013 meeting. Motion (Pat Markley) and a second (Paul Kiser) to accept the minutes as printed in the meeting packet. Carried by voice vote.

Reporting for the council nominating committee the following members were placed in nomination for the vacancies on the church council:

Paul Kiser- 3 year term
Cheryl Markley- 3 year term
Connie Miller- 3 year term
Buddy Zimmerman- 3 year term

No other names were placed in nomination. Motion (Carolyn Graham) and second (Tammy Utley) to accept the slate as presented to fill vacancies on the council. The slate was approved by voice vote. The council president expressed her appreciation to the members going off the council as well as those new members and those continuing on for their dedication and service to the church.

Written reports from the various committees were printed in the meeting packet. Each chairperson highlighted portions of the report and answered questions as asked. Written reports were as follows:

President's Report- Brenda Firquin
Pastor's Report- Pastor Kerri McFarland
Treasurer's Report- Pat Markley/Buddy Zimmerman
Financial Secretary's Report- Bill Wise
Christian Education- Andrea Goebel
Evangelism- Rita Sarson
Fellowship- Marilyn Mills
Property and Grounds- Rod Firquin
Social Ministries- Pr. McFarland
Stewardship- Pr. McFarland
Worship and Music- Brenda Firquin
Financial Audit- Pat Markley
Church Annex- Pat Markley

Committee chairpersons were available to answer questions concerning their reports. Discussion/questions about specific reports are noted below.

It was noted in the worship and music report the first St. Stephen "user's manual" is complete and ready for use. It outlines the responsibilities and describes the various service and worship tasks that volunteers need to complete every week. It is hoped the manual will assist members who are considering committing to or have committed to one or more of these positions in understanding what is expected. As other "jobs" are identified or added, the manual will be updated. It was noted the grass mowing description and directions were omitted from the manual. It will be added.

The membership report, as part of the evangelism report, was explained by Pr. McFarland and Cheryl Markley. Over the past months, the various membership rolls were reviewed and information was gathered about those members' names listed in the rolls. Much of the past information was hand written with notations that were difficult to understand. It was explained that no one was removed from any of the official rolls if their families were current members in good standing at St. Stephen and had not requested their name(s) be removed. Some names have been removed because no one has had any contact or knew their whereabouts or worshipping practice. This updated information will

now give the congregation a more realistic number of current worshipping and communing members. This work will continue so that our rolls can be more accurate and reflect the true membership of St. Stephen. Rev. George Mercer asked how communing members are counted in the record. Pr. McFarland responded that communing members are counted as all confirmed members plus all child members that are communing but not yet confirmed. The attendance records that attendees are asked to fill out each week also help in keeping this list updated and current. Currently neither the ELCA nor the SYNOD asks for active and non-active members. These numbers are included annually in reports to the ELCA and SYNOD which they use to compile national membership/communing numbers as well as suggestions for congregational giving to the ELCA.

A question was asked about the church signage on the front lawn. Under current metro restrictions, if our sign is altered in any significant manner, it must adhere to the Bardstown Road signage requirements in the current ordinance. It can be painted and spruced up which is on the to do list in the coming months. A member suggested the tractor, while very serviceable, has been in use for quite some time. Replacement is inevitable, and it was suggested a fundraiser or a donation to cover the cost would be effective ways to replace that piece of equipment. It was also noted that the exterior of the church will need painting this spring/summer and some siding replacement will need to be completed. The more hands that can be given when this is scheduled the quicker this task can be accomplished.

The finance chair, Pat Markley, discussed the finance report for 2013. He highlighted the actual expenditures for the year compared to the approved budget. The vast majority of the line items were held below the budgeted amounts. Those that exceeded could be a result of errors in coding using Quick-books or deciding which line item purchases should be coded without clear direction. The finance committee chair and treasurer, Buddy Zimmerman , noted the bills were paid for the year and expenditures were monitored very closely during 2013. The church also, for the first time in the last few years, made a commitment and followed through on benevolence to the ELCA-KY/IN SYNOD. The treasurer noted that giving in the fourth quarter and so far in the first quarter of 2014 is significantly lower when compared to 2012 and 2013 giving for the same time. This factor was taken into account as the committee worked on the 2014 proposed budget. It was noted that mortgage giving for the 2013 year was good. A member offered to make a 13th payment if giving matched the total needed for the year. With that goal met, a 13th monthly payment was made, which went directly to the principal.

Motion (Marilyn Mills) and seconded (Elaine Peterson) to accept the committee reports was offered. Passed by voice vote.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:
The finance chairman, Pat Markley, presented the 2014 proposed budget. This budget has been presented to and reviewed by the council beginning in November, 2013. Many discussions were had with council members concerning the overall budget amount as well as the individual line items. The actual expenditures in each category were used to begin the budget process. Some line items were decreased due to past expenditures or changes in charges. Some line items were increased due to operating expenses going up. It was noted the proposed budget has been trimmed to reflect current giving as well as yearly expected expenditures. The staff category includes the salary/benefit package of the pastor, organist, secretary, custodian, and substitute pastor/organist. The proposed budget gave 2% raises to all of those positions except the custodian and substitute pastor/organist. It was noted that the printed budget proposal did not include the 2% raise to the secretarial position, but this was a typo error and the members in attendance would be notified of the amount prior to voting on the proposed budget. A question was raised about the custodian not receiving the 2% raise as other salaried employees did. The finance chair explained that the raise was not given because the council created another income stream for the custodian when the cleaning expense for extra events held in the church would be paid directly to her. It was felt this would compensate the custodian for any extra cleaning needed during the week without delaying the payment by the users first compensating the church then the treasurer paying the custodian. The custodian, as well as the secretary and organist, are contracted employees and they are responsible for accounting and reporting to the IRS for their income on their individual tax forms. After further discussion a motion was made (Rev. Mercer) and seconded (Paul Kiser) to include a 2% raise in the proposed budget for the custodian. More discussion occurred and a vote was called for. The 2% raise to the custodial salary would add slightly under $300.00 to

the proposed budget. A voice vote could not determine a majority in favor of or in opposition to the motion. The council President called for a paper ballot to be carried out on the motion. The members present were instructed that a YES vote would be in support of adding a 2% raise for the custodian to the proposed budget and a NO vote would be in opposition to adding a 2% raise to the budget. Ballots were counted by Karen Davis and Julia Davis. Upon counting the votes 19 voting members cast a YES vote and 14 voting members cast a NO vote. One member abstained. A simple majority was needed to carry the motion.

After the paper vote a motion (Bill Wise) and second (Tammy Utley) to accept the proposed budget with voted changes was offered. The motion carried by voice vote.

Council President Brenda Firquin made announcements of the following:

- Council members who had just completed serving for the 2013 church year were asked to stand for recognition.
- The next Simply Serving Sunday is scheduled for April 27.
- Recently, a member asked about our average attendance for 2013. It was noted the average weekly attendance for the 10 am service was 71.6 and for 9.6 for 5 pm service, both rounded to 72 and 10, respectively. The weekend average for all services for 2013 was 83.

It was announced prior to adjournment the chili cook-off raised $100.00 for World Hunger Relief through the quarter donations which replaced votes. The winner with the most quarter "votes" was Pastor McFarland. She said she will wear the coveted chili chef champion's apron with great pride. Look for it often as she shows it off. Thanks to all for participating by bringing the chili and desserts and by attending the meeting. The fellowship committee is also thanked for set-up and clean-up of the chili luncheon.

A motion (Tammy Utley) and second (Buddy Zimmerman) was made to adjourn the annual meeting. Voice vote carried.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2014

The council met following the annual meeting to elect officers for 2014. Members present: Paul Kiser, Brenda Firquin, Andrea Goebel, Connie Miller, Buddy Zimmerman, Rita Sarson, Pr. Kerri McFarland, Kenna Markley (youth representative), Cheryl Markley. Absent: Larry Faue, Bill Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Brenda Firquin.

The offices to be elected are: Council President, Council Vice-President, Council Secretary. A council recording secretary can be appointed at the council's pleasure.

Brenda Firquin was placed in nomination for council president by Connie Miller. There were no other nominations. Voice vote to elect Brenda Firquin as council president for 2014 term.

Buddy Zimmerman was placed in nomination for council vice-president by Brenda Firquin. There were no other nominations. Voice vote to elect Buddy Zimmerman as council vice-president for 2014 term.

Cheryl Markley was placed in nomination for council secretary by Rita Sarson. There were no other nominations. Voice vote to elect Cheryl Markley as council secretary.

Rod Firquin was asked to continue as recording secretary for the council. He accepted the appointment and will continue to be the non-voting recording secretary for the council.

Kenna Markley was appointed as non-voting youth representative to the council. Kenna has been a very good addition to the council this year and the council looks forward to her continued interest and service to the church and council.

Brenda reported update to council on windows for rental property. Order is expected to arrive this week. Installation date will be arranged with tenant.

Motion (Paul Kiser) and second (Rita Sarson) to adjourn organizational meeting of the council. Carried.

Next meeting: March 9, immediately following 10:00 am service.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the congregation council was called to order by council president Brenda Firquin at 11:30 am. A quorum was established. Members present: Brenda Firquin, Cheryl Markley, Connie Miller, Andrea Goebel, Buddy Zimmerman, Bill Thompson, Rita Sarson, Kenna Markley, Paul Kiser, Pastor Kerri McFarland. Absent: Rod Firquin-recording secretary. Larry Faue was also absent.

An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Kerri McFarland.

Cheryl Markley served as recording secretary in Rod Firquin's absence.
We welcomed all returning council member and Paul Kiser, our new council member.

M/S – B. Zimmerman/C. Markley to amend the meeting agenda for this meeting only to allow Pat Markley to present the Finance Chairman's report first along with the other financial reports. Carried.

Financial Reports: Pat Markley
1. Finance Chairman's Report: Pat Markley presented the Finance Chairman's report for January through the end of February this year. He explained some changes made in the report format. It was noted that St. Stephen's expenses during that period were $4557.46 under budget but exceeded income during that period by approximately $1400. The difference was paid out of savings. Council President Brenda Firquin and Pastor Kerri will draft a letter to the congregation about the financial situation. The report was not voted upon, because this is normally done quarterly. The updated report will be presented next month for vote.
2. Treasurer's Report: February 2014 – M/S – C. Markley/ A. Goebel to accept as presented. Carried. See report at end of minutes.
3. Financial Secretary's Report: February 2014 - M/S – P. Kiser/B. Zimmerman to accept report. See report at end of minutes.

Secretary's Report
1. The minutes from the February 9th congregation council meeting were printed in the March newsletter. M/S- R. Sarson/B. Thompson to approve the minutes as printed. Carried.
2. The minutes from the brief February 23rd congregation council meeting held after the annual congregational meeting were presented. M/S – P. Kiser/C. Miller to approve minutes as presented. These minutes will be printed in the April newsletter.

Pastor's Report: Pr. McFarland
1. 4 youth will be confirmed on May 18, 2014: Reagan Morris, Sophia Samora, Kaitlyn Kiser, Mikayla Curtis.
2. There will be a sign up sheet available soon for additional Easter worship servers for 2 worship services: 8:00am and 10:00am.
3. The FCHUM Gala will be held at 6:30 pm on May10th, 2014.
4. Kenna Markley will lead another acolyte training session soon as a refresher course.
5. Pastor Kerri will be on vacation from Friday, May 2nd through Saturday, May 10th.
6. Gary and Suzanne Hanson will become new members soon. A date will be set after the arrival of their new grandchild.
7. Reminder that midweek Lenten Bible studies are taking place on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm now through April 9th. Join us!

President's Report: B. Firquin
1. Attendance report: Average February 2014 Sunday attendance = 95

Old Business:
1. LGE replaced the gas meter and 5' of tubing from the ground to the meter at no cost to the church. This change updates the meter and makes it possible for the gas line to move more easily with any movement of the building.

New Business: none

Church Committee Reports:

Finance: C. Markley
See reports at end of minutes.

Evangelism: R. Sarson
1. There will be an evangelism committee meeting at 11:15 am on March 16th to assemble blessing bags for the homeless.

Fellowship: C. Miller
1. There will be a continental breakfast on Easter, April 20th, at 9:00am between the worship services.
2. The Sunday school teacher appreciation breakfast will be at 9:00 am on Sunday, May 18th.

Worship and Music: B. Firquin

1. The St. Stephen reunion/homecoming has been tabled until the church has a significant anniversary, because it will require much planning and volunteers.

Property and Grounds: R. Firquin

1. Simply Serving Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th, but a separate day will need to be scheduled for all of the painting.
2. All new Pella windows were installed by Lowes in the rental house on March 6th, 2014.
3. The fallen tree and branches have been removed from the rental house property.
4. The rod connected to the handle on the toilet in the newest men's bathroom has been broken and fixed twice. We do not know how it is being broken. Please be careful with the church's facilities.

Christian Education: A. Goebel

1. VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be on July7th-11th, and the theme will be "Son Treasure Island" to be ordered from Gospel Lite for $170.
2. The committee is looking into VBS on-line registration as an option.

Social Ministry

1. The St. Stephen/American Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, April 15th from 3:30 – 7:30 pm..

Youth: K. Markley

1. The senior youth would like to do more service projects.
2. The St. Stephen youth are now on the e-mail distribution group for the local Lutheran youth groups for the Southeast Central Conference (SCC). That group has two events coming up: 1. Saturday, April 26th ice skating (broom ball) at Iceland at 2:25 pm for $10 each, and 2. Saturday, May 10th Lutheran Hills work day.

M/S- B. Thompson/P. Kiser to adjourn. Carried. Next regular meeting is April 13th following the 10:00 am service.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report-

February 2014	**checking**	**memorial**	**social ministry**	**mortgage**
Beginning balance	2,700.83	2,177.12	540.69	7,622.13
Deposits	8,885.19	0	0	0.00
Disbursements	9,344.88	0	80.00	1,076.00
Interest Income	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Adjustments	(40.00)			
Ending Balance	**2,201.14**	**2,177.12**	**460.69**	**6,546.13**

Months = 6
Current mortgage: $156,628.97 as of 2/28/14 statement

Statements for January

	Mission Investment	**Property Annex**
Beginning balance	6,268.32	10,246.84
Deposits	0	600.00
Disbursements	1,000.00	0
Interest Income	2.02	0
Transfers	0	0
Adjustments		
Ending Balance	**5,270.34**	**10,846.84**

No February statement for either account. Mission Investment sent us a letter stating that they are having issues with their new operating systems and no statements have been mailed.

Financial Secretary's Report:

	Feb 2014	**YTD**
Sunday School	45.00	99.75
Loose	1,188.00	2,224.00
Envelopes	6,363.00	12,953.00
Flowers/candles	114.00	203.00
FCHUM	185.00	185.00
Building Use	105.00	245.00
Reimbursement	0	60.00
Misc	158.02	158.02
Total	**8,158.02**	**16,127.77**

April 2014 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	4/06/14	4/13/14	4/20/14 *	4/27/14	5/04/14
Lector	Pr. Joe Kiser	Karen Davis	Sean Morris	not needed	Elizabeth Sprowl
Ushers	Pat Markley Ellen Ullom	Fred McBride Adolphus Kahn	Marty Mercer Frank Constantino	Jim Brotzge Kenna Markley	Tom Curtis Mikayla Curtis
Acolyte	Jack McFarland	Brennan Summers	Audrey Constantino	Rachel Utecht	Kayleigh Kiser
Communion Table	Andrea Goebel Bailey Goebel	Sean Morris Reagan Morris	Adolphus Kahn Bailey Goebel	Adolphus Kahn Michelle Sarson	Deb Steines Kenna Markley
Communion Deacon	Rod Firquin	Marty Mercer	Cheryl Markley	Tammy Utley	Steven Sarson
Nursery	Elizabeth Sprowl	Jessica Allen	Needed	not needed	Wendi Morris
Cantor	Paul Kiser	Pr. George Mercer	Fred McBride	not needed	Bill Wise
Worship Coordinator	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser
Greeter(s)	Marilyn Mills	Dale Chapman	Darlene Clark	Rod Firquin	Bill & Vivian Wise
Coffee Hr Host(s)	McFarland	J&O Wilson	Easter Breakfast	S S Sunday	Deb Steines

For this season:	before 04/13	before 04/20	before 04/27	before 05/04	before 05/11
Grass Mowing	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed

*** = Additional servants for Easter, 4/20/14, for 10:00 am worship service are listed on sign-up sheet in narthex. The servants for the 8:00 am Easter worship service are as follows:**

Ushers—Buddy Zimmerman / Adolphus Kahn; **Acolyte**—Caroline Zimmerman; **Communion Table**—Michelle & Rita Sarson; **Deacon**—Steven Sarson; **Nursery**—Needed; **Cantor**—Needed; **Worship Coordinator**—Needed; **Greeter(s)** - Carolyn Graham

God's blessing to these April birthdays:

Aaron Davis	6	Jon Bunner	14
Connie Miller	8	Chuck Mudd	16
Amanda Thonen	11	Brenda Emberg	18
Rev. Joe Kiser	12	Lucy Zimmerman	26
Lee Spaulding	12	Marian Gerwick	29

We celebrate with these couples having April anniversaries:

Michael & Tracy Fajardo	(13th1996)
Greg & Jessica Allen	(16th/1994)
Bill & Meg Thompson	(19th/1969)
Gene & Cindy Sprowl	(24th/1971)

March Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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2nd - Deb & Duane Steines in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary

No flowers during Lent.

***The cost to provide altar flowers is $20.00.**

March Sanctuary Candle Donors

9th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Bryce & Meredyth's wedding anniversary
16th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Stephen Summers' birthday
23rd - Connie Clark in honor of Tyler Clark's birthday

***The cost to provide the sanctuary candle is $2.00.**

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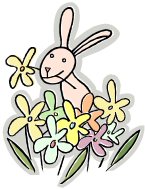

Upcoming Events:
May 10th—FCHUM Gala
May 11th—New Member Sunday
May 18th—Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
May 18th—Confirmation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 - 2:00—Fairview Homemakers 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group **6:30—Worship & Music Committee,** 6:30—Fellowship Committee	2 10:00—Ladies Bible Study 6:00—Choir Rehearsal **6:30—Lenten Bible Study**	3	4	5 8:30—Weight Watchers
	JCPS Spring Break →					
6 **No Sunday school classes** 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	7 6:00—Daisy Troop	8 9:00 - 2:00—Fairview Homemakers **6:30—Christian Education Committee**	9 11:00—Golden Sneakers Carpool to **Singin in the Rain** 6:00—Choir Rehearsal **6:30—Lenten Bible Study**	10	11	12 8:30—Weight Watchers
13 **Palm Sunday** 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion **11:30—Council** 5:00—Holy Communion	14	15 9:00 - 2:00—Fairview Homemakers **3:30 - 7:30—St. Stephen Red Cross Blood Drive** 6:00—Finance Committee	16 6:00—Choir Rehearsal	17 **7:00—Maundy Thursday Worship**	18 **7:00—Good Friday Worship**	19 8:30—Weight Watchers
←			**Holy Week**		→	
20 **Easter** **8:00—Holy Communion** **9:00—Easter Breakfast** **10:00—Holy Communion**	21 6:00—Daisy Troop	22 9:00 - 2:00—Fairview Homemakers **4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit**	23 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	24	25 5:00 - 8:00—Crafting, Fellowship, & Greeting Cards	26 8:30—Weight Watchers **6:30 - Trivia Night**
27 **Simply Serving Sunday** 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Evangelism Committee 5:00—Holy Communion	28	29 9:00 - 2:00—Fairview Homemakers	30 6:30—Choir Rehearsal			

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Worship Services:
Education Hr (during school yr) 9:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 5:00 PM

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May 2014 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	5/04/14	5/11/14	5/18/14	5/25/14	6/01/14
Lector	Elizabeth Sprowl	Bailey Goebel	Reagan Morris	Chuck Ullom	Brenda Firquin
Ushers	Tom Curtis Mikayla Curtis	Rod Firquin B. Zimmerman	Bailey Goebel Pr. Joe Kiser	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Pat Markley Barry Mills
Acolyte	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert	Bailey Goebel	Ethan Constantino	Jacob Curtis
Communion Table	Deb Steines Kenna Markley	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Pr. George Mercer Marty Mercer	Barry Mills Marilyn Mills	Kaitlyn Kiser Buddy Zimmerman
Commun. Deacon	Steven Sarson	Kenna Markley	Rod Firquin	Marty Mercer	Cheryl Markley
Nursery	Wendi Morris	Jennifer Kiser	Elaine Peterson	Cheryl Markley	Connie Miller
Cantor	Bill Wise	Paul Kiser	Pr. George Mercer	Fred McBride	Bill Wise
Worship Coord.	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin
Greeter(s)	Bill & Vivian Wise	Frank Constantino	Karen Eisenbrey	Carolyn Graham	Jay Tyson
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Deb Steines	D&J Clark	Confirmation Parents	See you in Fall!	See you in Fall!

For this season:	before 05/11	before 05/18	before 05/25	before 06/1	before 06/8
Grass Mowing	Needed	Kiser	Goebel	Sean& Andy Morris	Sean & Andy Morris