

ST. STEPHEN SCROLL

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 Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

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

As I prepare for my sabbatical I have been working with the members of the sabbatical committee (Glenn Eisenbrey, Brenda Firquin, Rod Firquin, Steven Sarson, Tammy Utley, and Peggy Zimmerman) and the church council to insure that Saint Stephen will be in good hands and will continue to run smoothly in my absence. You will be in excellent hands!

Glenn Eisenbrey has graciously agreed to provide pastoral care to his sisters and brothers in Christ at Saint Stephen while I am on sabbatical. Glenn will visit with our shut-in members while I am away and will take them Holy Communion. Glenn will also provide pastoral care to any of our brothers and sisters in Christ who experience an emergency like a serious illness or a death in the family while I am on sabbatical. Glenn will be compensated financially from the sabbatical fund for his time.

Talented, dynamic guest preachers like Bishop William Gafkjen (Bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod), Rev. Ron Loughry (Director of the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries), and Pastor Nancy Nyland (daughter of former Saint Stephen Pastor, Rev. Albert Nyland) will preach and officiate at our 10:00 am and 5:00 pm worship services each Sunday.

The members of Saint Stephen can also help. I have been compiling a list of jobs and tasks that Jack and I do around Saint Stephen that I am asking my sisters and brothers in Christ to adopt while I am on sabbatical. These jobs don't take seminary or theological training, and I know that you are more than up to the task. I will post a comprehensive list on a poster in the narthex. These jobs include things like: filling the children's sermon candy basket, stocking the church kitchen with lemonade and coffee, filling the baptismal font with water, greeting our guest preachers and presiders, and unlocking the doors of Sunday mornings. Please consider pitching in and helping out.

In the weeks to come, the sabbatical committee and I will be sharing more about our plans.

If you have any questions, I encourage you to ask them. I will be happy to answer your questions and to address any concerns you may have.

And please know, I love being your pastor, and I will be back to stay so we can continue to minister together in Christ's name.

In Christ –

Pastor Kerri



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the website!**
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Easter Reminders & Activities

Easter Sunday Worship, April 1st at 8 am & 10 am
 Easter Breakfast, April 1st at 9:00 am
 Easter Egg Hunt April 1st at 11:15 am

No worship service at 5:00pm on April 1st.
 No Sunday school classes on April 1st or 8th.

You are invited to have breakfast with your fellow St. Stephen members and enjoy a little fellowship at **9:00am on Easter in the fellowship hall** between the morning worship services.

Those who donated lilies may take them home after the 10am Easter worship service. **The lilies are \$15.50 per pot.** You may put your donation in the offering plate and mark "lily or lilies" on the envelope or on the memo line of your check.

All children in grade school and younger are invited to participate in the annual **Easter egg hunt following the 10:00am Easter worship service.** Please meet in the fellowship hall. Thank you to all who donated candy and special thanks to the senior youth and confirmation class for stuffing all of the plastic eggs!

Golden Sneakers Will Go to Cattleman's

The Golden Sneakers will meet for lunch at **11:30 am at Cattleman's Roadhouse at 2901 S Hurstbourne Parkway on Wednesday, April 18th.** After lunch, we may or may not enjoy an additional activity together. Watch your bulletins for more information. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know you are coming. Bill and Meg Thompson, 502-239-4285, are hosting this event.

Ronald McDonald House Project

Ronald McDonald House in Louisville is expanding into the building adjoining their current location so that they can serve more families. The current location has 36 guestrooms, and the addition will add 20 guestrooms. Later this year, we will take a one-time collection at St. Stephen at the worship services to help fund this two-year project. However, if you wish to do more, or your company has a matching gift program, you may make your checks out to "Ronald McDonald House Charities" and mail them to Ronald McDonald House, 550 S. First Street, Louisville KY 40202. If you want more information about the expansion project, there is a letter on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries' Annual Pennies from Heaven Gala

This annual gala, which is FCHUM's largest fundraising event, is on **May 12th, 6:00 pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 5503 Bardstown Rd.**



Mark your calendars now. Tickets will be available soon. Please consider attending and donating as Pastor Kerri defends her 2-year halo award for raising the most money for her dessert. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for the ministries.

Yard Sale Opportunity

St. Stephen will have a yard sale on **May 12th** to raise money for the church and for the youth attending the ELCA Houston trip. Start saving your items now! Youth who want to benefit from this sale must work at the yard sale. Each person who is going to Houston who also works at the yard sale can raise up to 10% of the yard sale profits for their trip. The yard sale needs a coordinator. We will **start collecting yard sale items on April 15th in the courtyard room.** There will be more discussions regarding selling of food or bake sale items during the yard sale. Duane Steines will handle the money. In addition to yard sale items, we will accept children's clothing but not adult clothing for the sale. Use this opportunity to do a lot of spring cleaning of your closets, and please consider helping with the sale. Tell all of your friends!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Recently, everyone had a chance to fill out a Time and Talent sheet for jobs that they would be willing to do for the church. We would really appreciate a few more volunteers to work in the nursery during the 10:00am Sunday worship services. If you can help, please call the church office at 502-239-7778 or send an e-mail to secretary.ststephen@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your service!

Creative Hands Sew Group News and Thanks

The Creative Hands Sew Group at St. Stephen recently donated **83 T-shirt dresses** for Easter or spring along with other things from the Sew What! Community Sew Group (Jeffersontown Ladies Textile Club) to the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, FCHUM. The additional items from Sew What! included 30 stuffed animals, 96 pillowcases, and 7 fabric bags containing a toothbrush and toothpaste. Thanks to all of the fine, talented people who contributed to these sewing projects for local needy people!

Lutheran Summer Camp Brochures Available

We now have summer camp brochures from the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Camps in Indiana-Kentucky. The brochures are on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are 3 different camp locations in Indiana, but the camp closest to Louisville is Lutheran Hills in Morgantown. This summer, one of our Saint Stephen youth, **Kaitlyn Kiser**, will be working on the Lutheran Hills support staff. Congratulations, Kaitlyn! Most available camps are **\$345 or less**. You can find out more information at the website, www.lomik.org. See Pastor Kerri if you are interested.

St. Stephen/American Red Cross Blood Drive Results

A blood drive was held at St. Stephen on February 27th. **Nine people successfully donated blood**, which can help to save up to 27 lives. Thank you to all who donated!

First Qtr Special Ministries Collection Results

For two Sundays in February, collections were taken at the worship services for our first quarter social ministry needs. **We collected a total of \$286.41**. Half will be sent to the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, FCHUM, and half will be kept at the church for other social ministry needs. Thank you to all who contributed!

Congratulations!

Philip Bennett Sprowl, son of Emily Vernizzi and Philip Michael Sprowl and grandson of Cindy and Gene Sprowl, was baptized on Sunday, March 11th at the 10:00am worship service. His sponsors were Elizabeth Seifert and Joseph Vernizzi. We welcome him into our Christian family!

Grayson Michael Craig, grandson of Linda and Michael Craig, was born on the morning of March 8th around 4:40 am. He weighed 6 1/2 pounds and is 19" long. He was two weeks early but doing fine. Welcome to the world, Grayson!



ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Response Campaign

There is still time to support the ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Response Campaign at St. Stephen **through Easter Sunday**. Please remember to bring your coin-filled pig-shaped collection boxes to church on Easter, or you can donate using the ELCA World Hunger envelopes in the pew racks by placing your donation in those envelopes and then placing them in the offering plates. Also, while you are enjoying your Easter breakfast at church, you can color pages filled with chicks or pigs for \$1 each toward the campaign. For a needy family, \$1 can buy a chick, and \$30 can buy a pig. Thanks for your help!

April 2018 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	4/1/18	4/8/18	4/15/18	4/22/18	4/29/18
Lector	See below	Marilyn Mills	Nicole Legg	Marcia Peterson	Connie Miller
Ushers	See below See below	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Marcus Utley Elaine Peterson	Barry Mills Marilyn Mills	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson
Acolyte	See sign-up	Peace Kahn	Lilly Morris	Mallory Allen	Lucy Zimmerman
Communion Table	See sign-up See sign-up	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Adolphus Kahn Teta Thompson	Michelle Hicks Jack McFarland	Deb Steines Marilyn Mills
Commun. Deacon	See below	Jack McFarland	Bob Meyer	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride
Nursery	See sign-up	Cheryl Markley	Jennifer Kiser	Connie Miller	Elizabeth Seifert
Cantor	See sign-up	Bob Meyer	Susan Johnston	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey
Worship Coord.	See sign-up	Paul Kiser	Jack McFarland	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin
Greeter(s)	See sign-up	Marilyn Mills	Jack McFarland	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Darlene Clark
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Easter Egg Hunt	J. Davis	Needed	Needed	Needed

Easter, April 1st 8:00 am and 10:00 am Worship Servers:

8:00 am

Lector—Marilyn Mills
Ushers—Barry Mills/Jack McFarland
Acolyte—Everett Seifert
Communion Table—Needed/Needed
Deacon—Steven Sarson
Nursery—Needed
Cantor—Susan Johnston
Worship Coordinator—Needed
Greeter(s)—Needed/Needed

10:00 am

Lector—Julia Davis
Ushers—Fred McBride/Bill Wise
Acolyte(s)—Needed/Needed
Communion Table—Teta Thompson/Peace Kahn
Deacon—Rod Firquin
Nursery—Needed
Cantor—Needed
Worship Coordinator—Needed
Greeters—Jack McFarland/Glenn Eisenbrey

God's Blessings to these April birthdays:

Madelyn Giles 5
 Aaron Davis 6
 Connie Miller 8
 Carol Ochs 10
 Amanda Thonen 11



Hailey Thompson 12
 Jon Bunner 14
 Lucy Zimmerman 26
 Brian Malone 29

We celebrate with these couples having April anniversaries:

Michael & Tracy Fajardo (13th/1996)
 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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No flowers for Lent.



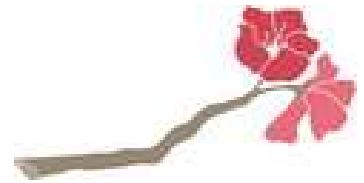
March Sanctuary Candle Donors



4th - Sarson family in honor of Steven Sarson's birthday
11th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Stephen Summers' birthday
25th - Matt & Lori Young in memory of their granddaughter Kaylin

*The cost to provide the sanctuary candle is \$4.00.



April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>1 Easter 9:00—Easter Breakfast, No Sunday School 8:00—Holy Communion 10:00—Holy Communion 11:20—Egg Hunt</p>	<p>2 6:00—Creative Hands Sew Group</p>	<p>3 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:00—Weight Watchers</p>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Church secretary out of the office </div>							
<p>8 No Sunday School 10:00—Holy Communion 11:15—Coffee Hr 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 6:30—Worship & Music Committee</p>	<p>13 6:00 - 8:00—Girl Scout Troop 8</p>	<p>14 9:00—Weight Watchers</p>	
<p>15 Ronald McDonald House Collection 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:15—Coffee Hr 11:30—Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:30—Christian Education Committee 5:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 6:00—Finance Committee</p>	<p>18 11:30—Golden Sneakers Meet @ Cattleman’s Roadhouse</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00—Weight Watchers</p> 	
<p>22 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:15—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:00 - 8:00—Girl Scout Troop 8</p>	<p>28 9:00—Weight Watchers</p> 	
<p>29 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:15—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Upcoming Events: May 6th—First Communion May 12th—St. Stephen Yard Sale May 12th—FCHUM “Pennies From Heaven” Gala May 20th—Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Confirmation, Sabbatical Send-off Celebration</p> </div>					

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April 2018 St. Stephen Scroll

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

Due date for next month's newsletter articles is always the 17th of the month before. Send to: secretary.ststephen@gmail.com



May 2018 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	5/6/18	5/13/18	5/20/18	5/27/18	6/3/18
Lector	Cheryl Markley	Pat Markley	Steven Sarson	Ellen Ullom	Rod Firquin
Ushers	Pat Markley James Clark	Glenn Eisenbrey Fred McBride	Bill Wise Vivian Wise	Phyllis Boston Rod Firquin	Ruth Kleitz Adolphus Kahn
Acolyte	Jack McFarland	Everett Seifert	Ella Markley	Kayleigh Kiser	Peace Kahn
Communion Table	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser	Phyllis Boston Buddy Zimmerman	Maddie Allen Peggy Zimmerman	Brennan Summers Jennifer Summers	Emma Morris Sean Morris
Commun. Deacon	Cheryl Markley	Jack McFarland	Tammy Utley	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer
Nursery	Teta Thompson	Jessica Allen	Connie Miller	Jennifer Kiser	Cheryl Markley
Cantor	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer	Susan Johnston	Paul Kiser
Worship Coord.	Pat Markley	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rod Firquin	Rita Sarson
Greeter(s)	Bill & Vivian Wise	Teta Thompson	Marcia Peterson	Paul Kiser	Ellen & Chuck Ullom
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Needed	Needed	McFarlands	_____	_____

