

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.*

"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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ -

So often when we talk about stewardship, we are talking about money, but there is far more to stewardship than money. In fact, my favorite explanation of stewardship is that stewardship is remembering everything we are and everything we have comes from God and belongs to God. Think about that for a moment. **Everything you are comes from God. Everything you are belongs to God.** Your gifts and talents, your skills and abilities, they all come from God and belong to God. Absolutely, positively everything - even your very life - belongs to God.

God gave each of you marvelous gifts, talents, skills, and abilities, and God calls you to use your gifts and skills to serve his church and his beloved people. We have been called to use our hands to do God's work in this world.

So I ask you this month, what are your God-given gifts and talents? How are you using them to serve your Lord and his people? Could you grow in your stewardship of your gifts and talents?

You can use your gifts and talents to make this world a more loving, compassionate, merciful, and gracious place. You can do powerful things in God's name for God's people.

Could you donate blood at the next Red Cross blood drive, or could you help with the new Habitat for Humanity house that is being built right here in our city? Could you volunteer to help pass out school supplies at the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries this month? Could you knit or crochet 10 inch squares for the blankets the Prayer Shawl group is working on? Could you walk in the 5K Walk to End Hunger in September?

Could you mow the church lawn, pull weeds, trim a few bushes, or shovel the walks this winter?

Could pray for, send a card to, or call some of the folks on the church prayer list?

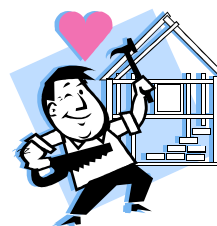
Could you help in the nursery or serve on the church council? Could you be a greeter, usher, lector, deacon, acolyte, or help with Holy Communion? Could you sing in the choir?

Could you teach Sunday school, help with Vacation Bible School, or attend Sunday school?

We can all serve God and God's people in our daily lives. We can all use our unique gifts and talents to make this world a better place. We can answer God's call to be his hands in this world.

It is truly a delight to serve our Lord with you.

In Christ -
Pastor Kerri



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ststephen-louisville.com*

St. Stephen Kitchen Shower

We would like to invite everyone to come to our "St. Stephen Kitchen Shower".

When : **Sunday, August 10th, 2014**

Where: **Large Sunday School Room**

Time: **Immediately following the 10:00am worship service**

We will have a light lunch (finger sandwiches) with punch and cake. We need to replenish some of our kitchen supplies and we also have a wish list of some items that we could really use:

paper towels

paper plates small and large

paper cups the 9oz. size works well

forks and spoons

kitchen tongs

counter cleaner (like Lysol or store brand)

Cascade dishwashing powder

liquid dish soap

step stool

standing fan

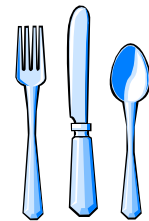
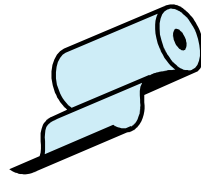
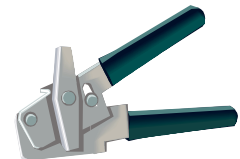
72" vinyl tablecloths

paring knives

sturdy hand can opener

Countrytime lemonade mix

and anything else that you have noticed that we need when you have been in the kitchen.



Hope to see everyone there!!

Thank you, *The Fellowship Committee*

Middle & High School Youth Activity

The Southeast Central Conference (SCC) is having its annual end-of-the-summer celebration/pool party where middle and high school youth from all over the SCC region gather together for some fun and fellowship. It will be held at Carol Taylor's house (from Faith Lutheran Church) in Oldham County on **Sunday, August 24th from 3-7pm**. The pool and playtime will be great but this will also be the first official SCC planning meeting for the ELCA National Youth Gathering (<http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>) being held in in Detroit next July. Any student entering 8th grade (or higher) this fall is eligible to go to this awesome nationwide event but we need to start coordinating early! Registration for the conference doesn't start until October so this pool party give us time to formally begin those preparations to join the efforts of churches in the region to transport and raise funds for the youth going to the conference. Please notify Paul Kiser ([502-435-5534](tel:502-435-5534) – pkiser@bellarmine.edu) if you plan to attend or have any additional questions!

Lutheran Church Picnic

Sponsored by the South Central Conference
Sunday, September 28, 2013, Noon until 5:00 p.m.

at

Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremén Landing
7410 Moremen Road, Louisville, KY 40272
www.riverside-landing.org



Historic House



Picnic Pavilion

Join us for

*Great Food - Games - Fellowship - Music
Enjoy the Ohio River Scenery - Walk the Historic Garden - Check out the Gift Shop
Tours of the Historic House will be available.*

BUT

We need your help to plan this event

**Planning Meeting: Wednesday, August 6, 7:30 p.m.
St. Stephen Lutheran Church 5903 Bardstown Rd.**

Let's have each congregation represented.
Call Jim Lillie, 541-7058, for information.

2014 Annual Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk, presented by Aramark and organized by Dare to Care and Interfaith Paths to Peace, is an annual 5K Walk and Run benefiting Dare to Care Food Bank and the World Food Program. Over 2,000 people make a public commitment that everyone will have access to the food they need to be healthy. All net proceeds from the Hunger Walk benefit Dare to Care Food Bank and the World Food Program. This year, the Hunger Walk will take place at **2:15 pm on Sunday, September 14th, starting from the Belvedere in downtown Louisville.** This is a change from last year's starting point. If you would like to participate on the St. Stephen team, **St. Stephen Lutheran Stompers**, please sign up in the narthex and indicate whether you will be registering yourself, or whether you would like for us to register you. It is \$25 for each adult participant and \$15 for each youth participant. If you wish to register yourself, go online to daretocare.org/events/hunger_walk; click on "Register Now"; and then click on "Register Now" again. Join our team and fill in the required information prompted by the website. This has always been a fun family event!

Golden Sneakers Will Meet in August to Plan

On **Wednesday, August 13th at noon** the Golden Sneakers are having a potluck lunch while planning activities for the coming year. Sign up in the narthex and indicate what you will bring. Call Ellen Ullom, 231-4327, if you have questions. Remember to bring creative and fun ideas.



Help St. Stephen Control Heating and Cooling Bills

The LG&E bill at St. Stephen for **2013 during the first 6 months of the year was \$2996.27**, while the LG&E bill for the same period in **2014 at St. Stephen was \$3880.81**, an increase of \$884.54, possibly due to the colder winter. Please help us keep our summer bills as low as possible by setting the thermostats at St. Stephen to 85°F when the building is not being used. We really appreciate your efforts.

Vacation Bible School Thank You

St. Stephen's Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held July 7th-11th, and we spent the week on a tropical island within our church as we learned about God's love. More than 45 children participated in the festivities. Thanks to all who painted and constructed props, supplied materials and food, prepared and served dinner, hung posters, made nametags, acted in skits, and generally helped shuttle kids around from place to place. Special thanks to those who volunteered to lead and to teach: Janette, Tino, Audrey, & Ethan Constantino, Will & Andrea Goebel, Pastor Kerri, Glenn & Karen Eisenbrey, Andrea Tyson, Paul, Jennifer, & Kaitlyn Kiser, Candace Thonen, Jacob Kanipe, Julia & Jeff Davis, Elaine Peterson, Connie Miller, Peggy Zimmerman, Rita Sarson, Jessica Sarson Turley, Cheryl Markley, Janet & Rachel Utecht, Tammy Utley, Sean & Reagan Morris, Hannah Allen, Andrew Boston, and Sabrina Samora.

FCHUM Summer Food Collection Results

In the month of June at St. Stephen, we collected food for Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM), because needy school-age children do not get free breakfasts and lunches from their schools during the summer. The generous members of St. Stephen donated the following items for FCHUM:

23 boxes of cereal	41 boxes of rice and pasta
50 cans of soup	15 cans of meat
15 cans of vegetables	18 jars of baby food
4 jars of pasta sauce	114 cans of pasta
14 rolls of toilet paper	75 bars of soap
52 travel size shampoos	32 travel size conditioners
27 travel size lotions	

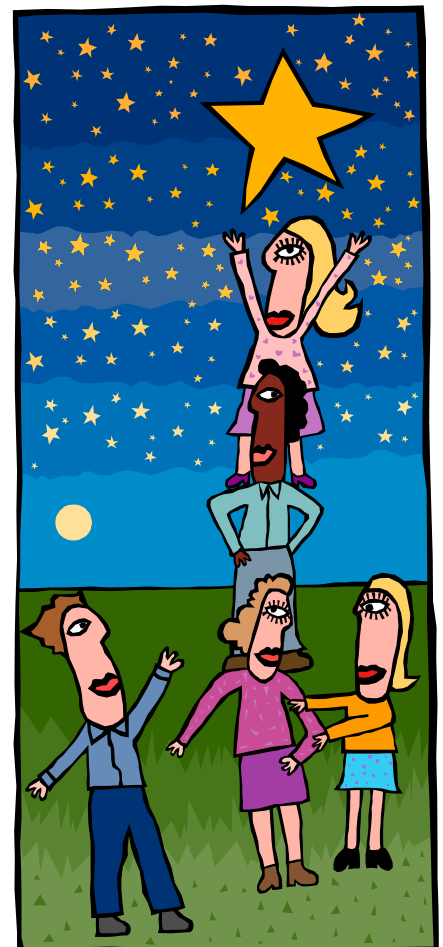
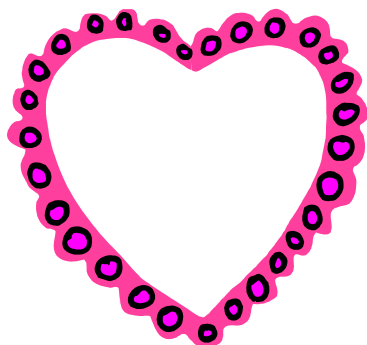
Thank you to all who donated these items that **totaled 309 pounds**. Many area families will benefit.

6 Months Offering Statements

Offering statements for the first six months of 2014 were mailed or distributed to members recently. Please look at these statements as you compare what you have given versus what you had intended to give and what you have given in the past. As our finance committee stated during the specially-called all congregational meeting in June, we need to increase our giving by 15% to continue to meet our expenses. Failure to do so could mean drastic changes in our church. 15% may seem like a lot at first, but it really just means that:

**If you currently give \$500 per year, you would give \$1.45 more per week.
If you currently give \$1500 per year, you would give \$4.32 more per week.
If you currently give \$2500 per year, you would give \$7.21 more per week.
If you currently give \$3500 per year, you would give \$10.10 more per week.**

Also, we need to emphasize that increasing your giving does not mean taking that increase to your giving from your contribution to the mortgage fund and moving it to the general fund. We still need to pay off our mortgage too. This is a challenge, and we can do it as a team, but we need your help. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Thank you.



August 2014 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	8/03/14	8/10/14	8/17/14	8/24/14	8/31/14
Lector	Ellen Ullom	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride	Judy McBride	Karen Davis
Ushers	Ellen Ullom Fred McBride	Frank Constantino Adolphus Kahn	Rod Firquin Jim Brotzge	Tom Curtis Mikayla Curtis	Kenna Markley Buddy Zimmerman
Acolyte	Jack McFarland	Audrey Constantino	Rachel Utecht	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert
Communion Table	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Kaitlyn Kiser Buddy Zimmerman	Charlie Boston Phyllis Boston	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser	Madeline Allen Peggy Zimmerman
Commun. Deacon	Marty Mercer	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Kenna Markley	Rod Firquin
Nursery	Elizabeth Sprowl	Jessica Allen	Julie Zimmerman	Wendi Morris	Cheryl Markley
Cantor	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Paul Kiser	Fred McBride	Bill Wise
Worship Coord.	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson
Greeter(s)	Karen Eisenbrey	Carolyn Graham	Jay Tyson	Ellen Ullom	Marilyn Mills
For this season:	before 8/10	before 8/17	before 8/24	before 8/31	before 9/7
Grass Mowing	Needed	Goebel	Needed	Needed	Needed



God's blessing to these August birthdays:

William Goebel	1	Judy Easley	19
Karen Eisenbrey	3	Jack McFarland	19
Kenna Markley	4	Katrina Emberg	20
Wendi Morris	6	Matthew Clark	20
Mara Legg	8	Lucile Duke	20
Bill Wise	8	Michael Fajardo	21
Jessica Wigginton	9	George Mercer	21
Katie Edwards	14	Norma Steiner	23
Sonja Emberg	16	Autumn Thonen	24
Jacob Curtis	17	Zach Firquin	29
Elaine Peterson	17	Marcus Utley	31



We celebrate with these couples having August anniversaries:

Paul & Jennifer Kiser	(3rd/1996)
Michael & Linda Craig	(10th/1991)
Phil & Nancy Davidson	(12th/1978)
Chuck & Ellen Ullom	(30th/1959)



July Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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- 6th** - Dale & Liz Chapman in honor of their wedding anniversary
13th - Phyllis & Charlie Boston in honor of Sabrina Samora's 16th birthday
20th - Deb & Duane Steines in memory of their parents
27th - Connie Clark in honor of her grandchildren

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

July Sanctuary Candle Donors


- 6th** - Elaine Peterson in honor of Jennifer Summers' birthday
13th - Candace Thonen in honor of Jacob Kanipe's birthday
20th - Connie Clark in memory of her mother, Sarah
27th - Deb & Duane Steines in memory of Edward Whitney

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



August 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Upcoming Events: Sept 7—Sunday School Rally Day Sept 14—Hunger Walk Sept 28—SCC Lutheran Church Picnic</p>		<p>Don't forget to bring your St. Stephen Kitchen Shower items!</p> 		1		2 8:30— Weight Watchers
3 10:00—Holy Communion, 5:00—Holy Communion	4	5 6:30—Worship & Music Committee 6:30—Fellowship Committee 6:30—Christian Education Committee	6 7:00—South Central Conference (SCC) Council Meeting 7:30—SCC Annual Picnic Planning	7	8	9 8:30— Weight Watchers
10 10:00—Holy Communion, 11:30—St. Stephen Kitchen Shower 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion	11	12	13 Noon—Golden Sneakers' Potluck JCPS School Starts	14	15	16 8:30— Weight Watchers
17 10:00—Holy Communion, 5:00—Holy Communion	18	19 6:00—Finance Committee	20	21	22	23 8:30— Weight Watchers
24 10:00—Holy Communion, 3:00 - 7:00—SCC Youth Pool Party 5:00—Holy Communion	25	26 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	27	28	29	30 8:30— Weight Watchers
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Coffee Hour Coming Back for the Fall

Later in the month, look for sign ups in the narthex for opportunities to host an after-church coffee hour in the fall. Consider sharing your culinary skills or favorite grocery finds with the congregation as we all get to know each other a little better. **After-church coffee hours will start on the first day of Sunday school, September 14th.**

Schedule Reminders

Prayer Shawl Group & Women's Bible Study will not meet until September. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you in the fall at these activities!

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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 is always the 17th of the month before.
 Send to:
 secretary.ststephen@gmail.com

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