

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.

Vacation Bible School was a wonderful experience again this year. 33 awesome children joined us for our adventures in God's barnyard. I saw many smiling faces, heard lots of happy laughter, and many excited conversations. We sang super songs and learned fantastic choreography. I am still singing "I am a C." We dined on delicious cuisine like lemon chick cookies, loaves and fishes, and yummy straw bales. We made fun crafts like heart magnets and fish keychains. The games certainly rivaled what will take place at the Olympics next month in Brazil in their demand for agility and athletic skill. Most importantly, we learned about God's amazing grace, love, and mercy.

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS such a wonderful success:

Our dedicated Christian Education Committee: Julia Davis, Glenn Eisenbrey, and Sean Morris.

Ibosh Chertmanov and Brenda Firquin for teaching music with awesome choreography.

Jack McFarland for sharing his artistic talents by leading crafts.

Karen Davis, Jennifer Kiser, Cheryl Markley, and Pat Markley for preparing delicious snacks.

Jeffrey Davis and Kayleigh Kiser for fearlessly leading games.

Our group leaders and helpers: Maddie Allen, Emiliya Chertmanov, Susan Johnston, Kaitlyn Kiser, Connie Miller, Marilyn Mills, Emma Morris, Reagan Morris, Elaine Peterson, Marcia Peterson, Janet Utecht, Rachel Utecht, Tammy Utey, Caroline Zimmerman, and Peggy Zimmerman.

Our Fellowship Committee for manning/woman-ing the kitchen every evening.

Kim Thonen for keeping the entire church sparkling all week long.

To everyone who prepared meals, help build and design our VBS barnyard, donated supplies, and helped in any way.

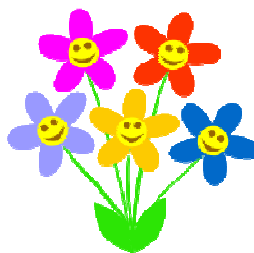
All of the parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors who brought friends to VBS.

Everyone who prayed for us and encouraged us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I am already looking forward to VBS 2017.

May God bless you and keep you today and always.

In Christ –



Thank You!

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the website!*

ststephen-louisville.com

Sunday School Rally Day & Potluck

Sunday School Rally Day is on Sunday, September 11th this year. Traditionally, we have had a breakfast to welcome all of the Sunday school teachers. This year, we will instead have a potluck after the 10:00 am worship service to welcome the Sunday school teachers and enjoy fellowship as a church. Look for a sign up sheet for this event in mid August.

The first day of Sunday school is on September 18th, and it starts at 9:00 am. Ages 4 through adult are welcome. Bring your friends!



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Starting on **Sunday, September 18th**, coffee hours after the 10:00 am worship services are back! Everyone is welcome to enjoy coffee hour after worship, but we need volunteers to provide the treats. If you have a favorite recipe to share or want to try one out on the rest of us,



please consider signing up for one of the Sundays this fall. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you in advance for helping us to continue this fellowship opportunity.

Time to Make

Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

While you are out buying school supplies with your children or grandchildren, consider buying a few extra items for building Operation Christmas Child boxes. The Final Collection Sunday for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at St. Stephen is November 20th, so there is plenty of time to get your shoebox(es) together. These shoeboxes are sent to one of the eight distribution centers around the USA and then shipped to children in war zones, disaster areas, and areas of extreme poverty around the world. In 2015, over 11 million OCC shoeboxes were sent to children in 109 countries. If you have never packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, start by

1. Getting a cardboard or plastic shoebox with removable lid (average size). If the box is cardboard, wrap the lid and box separately. If the plastic box is clear, line the plastic box with fabric, a bandana, wrapping paper, or a T-shirt.
2. Select a toy that a child will cherish, like a doll or plush stuffed animal.
3. Fill the box with other fun small toys, hygiene items (toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs), and school supplies (pencils, sharpeners, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books).
4. Pray for the child(ren) receiving your box(es).
5. Include a \$7 donation (check preferred) to cover shipping costs for each box.
6. Secure your box with one or two rubber bands. (We have them at the church, if you don't.)
7. Bring your box to St. Stephen before November 20th with either a "Boy" label or a "Girl" label taped to the top. You can get labels in the brochures that will soon be available in the narthex. Check the age group on the label that is most appropriate for the items in your box.

Join in the fun and start building your box now! Watch for the brochures and display table to appear in the narthex soon.



FCHUM Food Pantry Needs

As you know, the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) has a food pantry which allows them to help needy people in the local community. FCHUM member churches and Dare to Care help provide food for this pantry. Items that are always in need at the pantry are as follows:

- Cereal
- Mac & cheese
- Canned meats
- Dish liquid
- Paper grocery bags
- Gallon ziplock bags

If you can help with any of these items, please place them in the basket under the table in the narthex. Items in the basket are periodically delivered to FCHUM. Thank you in advance!

Give Local Louisville

From the givelocalloouisville.org website, Give Local Louisville is described as “a 24-hour online giving day created to inspire people to give generously to the nonprofits that make our community a better, more vital place to live”. **Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM)** is participating in this day of giving this year, which will take place on **September 15th, 2016, from 12 am to 11:59 pm**. Also from the website, “Give Local Louisville is hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville (<http://www.cflouisville.org>). The Community Foundation of Louisville is the largest charitable foundation in Kentucky with over \$430 million in assets and more than 1,350 different funds, each with a charitable purpose defined by the donor”. On September 15th, you will be able to go to the givelocalloouisville.org website and search on “Fern Creek Highview United Ministries” to give to FCHUM using your credit card for a minimum donation of \$10. Throughout the day, there will be giving incentives and random prizes. Tell all of your friends, and encourage others to participate! Mark your calendar now!

James O. Leach Hunger Awareness Dinner

The annual James O. Leach Hunger Awareness dinner is on **Saturday, September 24th at Saint Alban's Episcopal Church**. We need a member or two from St. Stephen (along with others from other churches) to provide soup for this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Michelle Sarson, 502-303-0896, by August 14th and let her know what type of soup you will be providing.

The Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk in Louisville is presented by Aramark, and it is a 5K walk and run that benefits Dare to Care Food Bank. This year, it will take place on **Sunday, September 25th at E.P. “Tom” Sawyer Park**. If you would like to be on a Saint Stephen team to walk together in this event, contact Michelle Sarson, 502-303-0896. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and announcements.



Sanctuary Sound System

Have you noticed the improved sound in the sanctuary? Early in July, Brenda Firquin met with the sound engineers who originally installed our sound system and organ in the new sanctuary. The service call was placed because problems with the main monitor made it impossible to use. After considerable testing, the engineers determined the problem was the result of many improper and unnecessary adjustments made to our sound system. After several hours of intense work, the system has been adjusted and all sound components recalibrated, including the microphones. PLEASE NOTE: Our sound system is simple to operate and requires the use of ONE power switch. The only adjustments that should ever be necessary are to *increase or decrease volume*, using ONLY the slider buttons clearly marked on the sound board. Please do not make any other changes to the sound board or any of the components, including the CD player. The main power switch controls the entire system and is clearly marked. All other power switches should be left in the “on” position. If you feel something needs to be adjusted, please speak to Brenda Firquin or one of the Worship Coordinators. They have received information on properly operating the sound system. Thank you for your assistance.

Krogers Rewards Program Re-enrollment Required

Krogers has informed us that everyone who is participating in the Kroger Rewards Program must re-enroll this year. The Re-enrollment Period is August 1 to August 31, 2016. Supporters currently enrolled must re-enroll in August.

How to **RE-ENROLL** in Kroger Community Rewards

(if currently participating):

- Go to www.Kroger.com
- Click the blue **Sign In** tab at top of the page.
- Enter your **email address and password** and click the blue **Sign In** tab.
- From the department menu, click Community, then Community Rewards
- From **Community Rewards**, click on the **Edit or Re-enroll** button.

Then,

- Find Organization** (Saint Stephen's NPO number is **29675**.)
 - Select Organization** (Click the button to the left of the organization.)
 - Save your Selection** (Click the **Save** button to save your selection.)
- Call 1-800-KROGERS, Option #3, with questions.

If you have not previously participated in this program and would like to help our church, please pick up a flyer with instructions on the table in the narthex. Thanks!

School Supply Drive Success!

We celebrated Christmas in July by providing school supplies to the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) so that they can distribute them to needy children in our area before the upcoming school year. We collected the following totals:

125	erasers
66	packs of crayons
9	highlighters
56	spiral notebooks
225	folders
21	packs of notebook paper
64	composition notebooks
10	packs of markers
20	packs of colored pencils
42	pairs of scissors
282	ink pens
14	pencil boxes and pencil pouches
119	glue sticks
834	pencils
21	backpacks (More than twice as many as last year!)

Thank you to all who participated to make this school year start on a bright note for many local needy children!



Yard Sale Final Total

In the last newsletter, we reported that "over \$1400" was raised at the Saint Stephen yard sale held in June. All of the transactions are now complete and counted. **The total was \$2134.65.** Thanks again to all who contributed and bought items, provided bake sale items, sold food, priced items, set up and took down tables, or helped during the sale.

New Youth Rep on Council

Kenna Markley has been the Saint Stephen congregation council youth representative for the past 3 years. Now she is at college. We thank her for her faithful service. **Reagan Morris** has now volunteered to be the Saint Stephen youth representative on the council. We welcome her to the council!

New Directory Is Here!

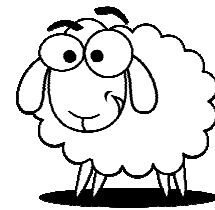
The 2016-2017 Saint Stephen Directory is now available in the narthex. Help yourself to the new directory with the cheery blue-green cover. Directories have been mailed to Saint Stephen shut-ins. If you would like a directory and cannot pick one up and you were not mailed one already, please call the church office, 239-7778, and let us know.

We understand that this is a "snapshot in time", and people continually change things. If you are changing any of your contact information soon, please send it to secretary.ststephen@gmail.com or call the church office at 239-7778. We will make the updates in our records, even though the next directory will not be published until next summer.

Vacation Bible School Thanks & Call for Sunday School Volunteers

I just want to thank everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School and all of the families that brought their wonderful kids (**33 total**) to learn, play, and grow in God's barnyard. We had a fun-filled week full of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and snacks. It truly was a blast to watch our little Lutherans run through the church sharing the good news! As we recover from the festivities from Vacation Bible School, it is time for us to start gearing up for school – which means Sunday school. I want to ask everyone to start thinking about how they feel called to help, whether that is leading a Sunday school class, planning youth outings, or singing with our youth in the mornings (the more voices, the merrier). If you feel like you would like to help, **please contact me, Julia Davis, [850-454-6246](tel:850-454-6246)**.

Thanks,
Julia Davis



August 2016 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	8/07/16	8/14/16	8/21/16	8/28/16	9/04/16
Lector	Paul Kiser	Marilyn Mills	Connie Miller	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson
Ushers	B. Zimmerman Barry Mills	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Pat Markley Jim Clark	Glenn Eisenbrey Carolyn Graham
Acolyte	Lilly Morris	Jack McFarland	Brennan Summers	Ella Markley	Lucy Zimmerman
Communion Table	Peggy Zimmerman Nicole Legg	Marcia Peterson Sarah Giles	Cole Summers Jennifer Summers	Sean Morris Kaitlyn Kiser	Wendi Morris Reagan Morris
Commun. Deacon	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer	Cheryl Markley	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson
Nursery	Morgan McCauley	Jennifer Kiser	Elaine Peterson	Carol Ochs	Connie Miller
Cantor	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride
Worship Coord.	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Brenda Firquin
Greeter(s)	Marilyn Mills	Phyllis Boston	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Jan Wilkins	Darlene Clark
For this season:	before 08/14	before 08/21	before 08/28	before 09/04	before 09/11
Grass Mowing	Needed	Summers	Sean & Andy Morris	Needed	Needed



God's Blessings to these August birthdays:

Karen Eisenbrey	3	Hanna Allen	11	Michael Fajardo	21
Kenna Markley	4	Jacob Curtis	17	Norma Steiner	23
Wendi Morris	6	Elaine Peterson	17	Autumn Thonen Crume	24
Mara Legg	8	Jack McFarland	19	Zach Firquin	29
Bill Wise	8	Matthew Clark	20	Marcus Utley	31
Teta Thompson	10	Lucile Duke	20		

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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- 3rd** - Elaine Peterson in honor of Bryce Peterson's & Jennifer Summers' birthdays
- 10th** - Gary & Suzanne Hansen in memory of Nellie Hansen
- 17th** - Duane & Deb Steines in memory of Joyce & Edward Whitney
- 24th** - Sarah Morris in honor of Lilly Morris' birthday

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

July Sanctuary Candle Donors

- 3rd** - McFarland family in honor of Gary Manning's birthday
- 10th** - Candace Thonen in honor of Jacob Kanipe's birthday
- 24th** - Duane & Deb Steines in memory of Edward Whitney

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



August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30—Christian Education Committee	3	4 7:00—SCC Council Meeting	5	6 8:30—Weight Watchers
7 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Fellowship Committee 5:00—Holy Communion	8 6:00—Creative Hands Sew Group	9 6:30—Worship & Music Committee	10 JCPS First Day of School	11	12	13 8:30—Weight Watchers
14 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion	15	16 6:00—Finance Committee	17	18	19 Evening—Milburn/Hobbs Wedding Rehearsal	20 8:30—Weight Watchers 4:30—Milburn/Hobbs Wedding
21 Ronald McDonald House Collection 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	22	23 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	24	25	26	27 8:30—Weight Watchers
28 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	29	30	31	<p>Upcoming Events: September 11th—Sunday School Rally Day Picnic September 11th—Social Ministry Collection September 18th—First Day of Sunday School September 18th—Social Ministry Collection September 24th—James O. Leach Hunger Awareness Dinner @ St. Alban's September 25th—The Hunger Walk</p>		

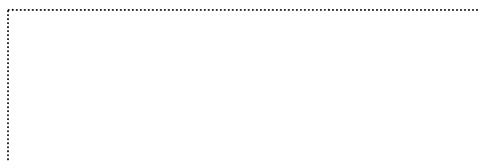
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Worship Services:
Education Hr (during school yr) 9:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 5:00 PM

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September 2016 Servants of the Church					
Sunday - 10 a.m.	9/04/16	9/11/16	9/18/16	9/25/16	10/02/16
Lector	Steven Sarson	Pat Markley	Ellen Ullom	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride
Ushers	Glenn Eisenbrey Carolyn Graham	Andy Morris Fred McBride	Bill Wise Vivian Wise	Rod Firquin Adolphus Kahn	Teta Thompson B. Zimmerman
Acolyte	Lucy Zimmerman	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert	Jacob Curtis	Peace Kahn
Communion Table	Wendi Morris Reagan Morris	Adolphus Kahn Teta Thompson	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Michelle Sarson Deb Steines	Marilyn Mills Madeline Allen
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Cantor	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey
Worship Coord.	Brenda Firquin	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser
Greeter(s)	Darlene Clark	Bill & Vivian Wise	Teta Thompson	Carolyn Graham	Ellen & Chuck Ullom
For this season:	before 09/11	before 09/18	before 09/25	before 10/02	before 10/09
Grass Mowing	Needed	Summers	Sean & Andy Morris	Needed	Needed