

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.*

“If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.” – Isaiah 58:10

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

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

Did you know Super Bowl Sunday is the second largest food consumption day in our nation? We only eat more food on Thanksgiving Day.

On Sunday, February 5th, Americans will eat 1.3 billion chicken wings which comes out to over 3 wings per man, woman and child living in the US. Football fans will also eat 12.5 million pounds of bacon, 11.2 million pounds of potato chips, 8.2 million pounds of tortilla chips, 4 million pounds of pretzels, 3.8 million pounds of popcorn, and millions upon millions of slices of pizza.

It probably won't surprise any of you to learn that on Monday, February 6th antacid sales are projected to soar by 20%.

Super Bowl Sunday means football, food, and festivities. It also means it is time for Saint Stephen's annual "Souper" Bowl of Caring. (Because you can never have too much of a good thing, especially when it means helping our neighbors, we will be celebrating Souper Bowl of Caring throughout the entire month of February at Saint Stephen.)

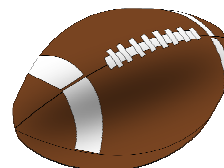
While most of us will be enjoying plates piled a bit too high with yummy pizza, wings, and chips, some of our neighbors will be hungry. In March 2016, the Fern Creek-Highview United Ministries food pantry helped 350 families with groceries which means, they helped feed 1,111 hungry people who live right here in our community. Of those folks, 433 were children and 95 were seniors.

We can help feed and bless our neighbors by collecting canned soup, tuna, peanut butter, and canned pasta for the food pantry at FCHUM. Every can, box, and bag matters and means one more hungry person will have a nutritious meal. You may place your donations on the display table in the narthex.

Please help us score big in our collection of nutritious food for the Fern Creek – Highview United Ministries Food Shelf.

May God bless you and keep you today and always.

In Christ –
Pastor Kerri



“Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” – Romans 12:13

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the website!**
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Annual Meeting & Chili Cook-off

St. Stephen's annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 19th following the 10:00 am worship service and the annual chili cook-off.** Please plan to attend, and bring your muffin pans so that you can try every chili recipe! The 2017 Chili Champ will be announced after the annual meeting. Please sign up in the narthex to let us know that you will be attending. Also, please let us know if you will be providing chili or a dessert.

Golden Sneakers Will Dine at Hibachi Sushi Buffet

The Golden Sneakers will be dining at the Hibachi Sushi Buffet Chinese & Japanese Restaurant at 5316 Bardstown Rd, (behind the old Ryan's Steakhouse in Fern Creek) on **Wednesday, February 8th.** We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30am. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know who is coming. Also, if you have questions, please call Charlie or Phyllis Boston, 502-239-3637, after February 1st. If school is cancelled due to bad weather, we will not meet.

First Communion

First Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 12th** during our 10:00 am worship service. I am very proud of this wonderful group of young Lutherans. They have studied and worked very hard for this special day.

Pastor Kerri



New Member Sunday

I have heard from some wonderful folks who would like to join Saint Stephen, so I am thrilled to announce that I am planning a new member Sunday for **Sunday, March 5, 2017.** If you aren't a member of Saint Stephen and would like to make your relationship with us official, please let me know. The more the merrier and the greater the blessings to us all!



Pastor Kerri

Burning Palms

Have you ever wondered where the ashes we use for Ash Wednesday come from? You are invited to join us on **Sunday, February 26th at 9:15 am** in the parking lot closest to the sanctuary doors when we will burn last year's palms to make the ashes we will use during our Ash Wednesday worship service.

First Qtr Special Ministries Collection

On **Sundays, February 26th and March 5th at worship services** at St. Stephen, we will hold our first quarter social ministries collections. 50% of the money collected will be sent to Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, and 50% will be kept for other social ministry needs. Thank you in advance for helping us to help others in need!

Ash Wednesday

On **March 1st** we will gather in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday worship service with Holy Communion at **7:00 pm.** I realize some folks will be unable to attend our evening Ash Wednesday worship service, but would like to receive ashes. As a result, I would like to offer the imposition of ashes at other times on Ash Wednesday. All I ask is that you call me or send me an e-mail before March 1st so that we can schedule a time to meet together.

Pastor Kerri

Start Saving for the Yard Sale!

Saint Stephen will be having a yard sale this spring. Although the date has not yet been determined, we wanted to give you the opportunity to think about saving and donating items to the sale as you do your spring cleaning. Look in upcoming newsletters and bulletins for a sale date and a date when you can start bringing items to the church. Also, start thinking about how you can help. This can be a fun social event in addition to a benefit to the church.

“Souper” Bowl of Caring

Super Bowl Sunday is February 5th, and we are having our own “Souper” Bowl of Caring to collect cans and boxes of food for needy people in the area. We can help feed and bless our neighbors by collecting canned soup, tuna, peanut butter, and canned pasta for the food pantry at the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, (FCHUM). Every can, box, and bag matters and means one more hungry person will have a nutritious meal. You may place your donations on the display table in the narthex. We already have a good start! So that we can collect as much food as possible, **we will be celebrating Souper Bowl of Caring throughout the entire month of February at Saint Stephen.**

We Offer Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to families and friends of **Lucile Duke, George Morris, Marie Pfau, and Joan Silliman**, who died recently. Marie was a charter member and Lucile was a long-time member of Saint Stephen. George was the husband of Paula Morris, a long-time Saint Stephen member, and Joan was Paul Morris' sister. Lucile Duke died on December 15th, and her funeral was on January 21st. Marie Pfau died on January 7th, and her committal service was on January 12th. George Morris and Joan Silliman died on December 23rd and 29th, respectively, and their funerals were held on December 29th and January 3rd, respectively. May all their families and friends find peace.

Send a Note to Our Shut-ins

The Saint Stephen shut-ins, (those people who are members but cannot attend church, usually for health reasons), would love to receive notes from you to chase away the winter blues. Think about sending a note to wish them well. Our shut-in list includes: **Liz Chapman, Nancy Davidson, Andrea Eshenaur, Florence Loy, Norma Steiner, Tom & Maxine Swasko, Catherine Thonen, Rueben Zander.** Their addresses can be found in the 2016-2017 directory in the box in the narthex.

Council Elections

Thank you to our 2016 Saint Stephen Church Council. We offer a special thank you to Cheryl Markley, Connie Miller, and Julia Davis who have fulfilled their terms on our Church Council. These three women were (and will continue to be) a wonderful blessing to Saint Stephen. At our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 19th we will be electing 3 new Church Council members. Glenn Eisenbrey, Sean Morris, and Elaine Peterson have agreed to be nominated for the open positions on the Church Council.

Youth Quake Fun

Six St. Stephen youths and two chaperones, (Cheryl & Kenna Markley), enjoyed Youth Quake in Cincinnati on January 13th-15th. They all participated in seminars, celebrations, concerts, and devotions to help strengthen their faith while having a lot of fun. The Youth spoke of their experiences at the event during the 10am Sunday worship service on January 22nd. Special thanks to Kenna and Cheryl for their help!

Theme: I am found

Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.
-Luke 15:6b



February 2017 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	2/5/17	2/12/17	2/19/17	2/26/17	3/5/17
Lector	Pat Markley	Steven Sarson	Ellen Ullom	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride
Ushers	Adolphus Kahn B. Zimmerman	Rod Firquin Teta Thompson	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Marcus Utley Barry Mills
Acolyte	Lilly Morris	Ella Markley	Lucy Zimmerman	Maddie Allen	Kayleigh Kiser
Communion Table	Brennan Summers Jennifer Summers	Sean Morris Kaitlyn Kiser	Wendi Morris Reagan Morris	Adolphus Kahn Teta Thompson	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson
Commun. Deacon	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer	Rod Firquin	Cheryl Markley	Tammy Utley
Nursery	Cheryl Markley	Elizabeth Seifert	Teta Thompson	Jessica Allen	Julie Zimmerman
Cantor	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride
Worship Coord.	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley
Greeter(s)	Carolyn Graham	Ellen & Chuck Ullom	Marilyn Mills	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Phyllis Boston
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Steines	McFarlands	Chili Cook-Off	Teta Thompson	Needed

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

As of 1/26/2017, we have many openings on the sign up sheets in the narthex to host coffee hours for March & April. Please consider sharing samples of a new recipe or your favorite grocery store snacks while we share some fellowship. Thanks to all of our volunteers!

Reminder: Bad Weather Communication

If the Saint Stephen worship services are being cancelled due to bad weather, an e-mail will be sent, and the website will be updated. We will also try to communicate through local TV stations.

God's Blessings to these February birthdays:

Katelynn Clark	1	Jessica Allen	12	Olivia Utley	16
Karen Davis	2	Carolyn Graham	12	Julie Zimmerman	16
Kim Thonen	2	Mark Sprowl	12	Judy McBride	19
Jim Brotzge	4 (90th!)	Don Wells	12	Candace Thonen	19
Everett Seifert	5	Fred McBride	14	Emma Morris	20
Phyllis Boston	6	Lincoln Fajardo	15	Diane Post	20
Mallory Allen	9	Kylie Miller	16	Sarah Morris	26
Lora Farmer	11				

We celebrate with these couples having February anniversaries:

Toni & Don Wells	(11th/2012)
Gary & Patricia Reynolds	(12th/1972)
Herb & Regina Warren	(29th/1988)



January Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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15th - the Markley family in honor of Pat Markley's birthday
22nd - Barry & Marilyn Mills in honor of Andy Morris' birthday
29th - Connie Clark in honor of Katie Clark's birthday

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

January Sanctuary Candle Donors

1st - Kim Thonen in honor of Ashley Thonen's birthday
15th - the Markley family in honor of Pat Markley's birthday
22nd - Carolyn Graham in honor of our Lord
29th - the Thonen daughters in honor of Kim Thonen's birthday

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



February 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	2 	3	4 8:30—Weight Watchers 11:00 - 5:00—Reserved
5 Souper Bowl of Caring 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:30—1st Communion Class 5:00—Holy Communion	6 6:00 - 8:00 pm— Creative Hands Sew Group	7 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group 6:30—Worship & Music Committee 6:30—Christian Education Committee	8 11:30— Golden Sneakers Meet at Hibachi Sushi Buffet 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 8:30—Weight Watchers
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19 Ronald McDonald House Collection 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30— Annual Meeting & Chili Cook-off 5:00—Holy Communion	20	21 6:00— Finance Committee	22 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 8:30—Weight Watchers 7:00—Wine Tasting
26 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion	27	28 4:30— Ronald McDonald House Visit	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Upcoming Events: March 1—Ash Wednesday March 12—Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> </div>			

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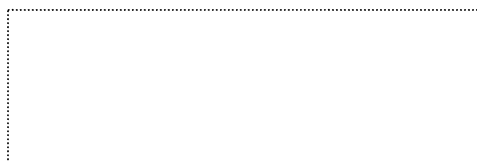


Worship Services:
Education Hr (during school yr) 9:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 5:00 PM

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

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