

ST. STEPHEN SCROLL

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

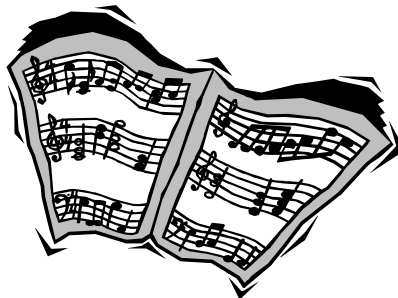
- *share his love through words and actions;*
- *welcome others into the family of Christ.*

"Sing to him, sing praises to the Lord, tell of all his wonderful works." – 1 Chronicles 16:9

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

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

I want to thank everyone who shared their favorite hymns with me. As of this week, twenty-two sheets have been filled out and returned. Some folks shared one or two favorite hymns. Others compiled longer lists. Some folks even needed two sheets in order to share all of their favorites! It has been great fun reading through your Lutheran hymnal greatest hits lists.



In just the green and blue hymnals there are 800 hymns from which to choose. 70 of these hymns made it onto at least one person's favorites list plus 12 hymns that aren't in our hymnals. Some hymns received lots of votes while others received 1 or 2 votes. Almost all of the hymns people chose are familiar to me and I am guessing they will be familiar to many of you. Some folks' favorites may encourage us to learn a new hymn or two.

Starting on Palm Sunday, we will be including at least one of your favorite hymns in our Sunday morning worship service each week as our hymn of the day.



If you haven't already shared your favorite hymns with me, there is still time. I will gladly add your requests and favorites to the list. Just grab one of the bright orange sheets off of the table in the Gathering Area, fill it out, and return it.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." – Psalm 100:1

In Christ –
Pastor Kerri

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McFarland**
**Pastor Emeritus,
Thomas D. Swasko**

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*We are on the web!!
ststephen-louisville.com*

St. Stephen Directory Update

It is time for new phone books! We need your help to make sure the listings we have are correct. **Please fill out this information sheet (below) and place it in the box outside the office door marked "secretary", or place it in the box provided in the Gathering Area anytime in May.** Even if you believe that we have all of your current contact information, please complete this form anyway. Please also provide birthday and anniversary information. There is a list of current contact information in the Gathering Area for you to check. If you have a relative or friend who does not often attend, please provide their contact information and birthday and anniversary information so that we may stay in contact with them. **Please print clearly.**

Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____ If any, how many children? _____

Children(s) Names _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home and Cell Phone: (H) _____ (Cell 1) _____

(Cell 2) _____

Email Address: _____

Anniversary: _____ / _____ / _____ (M/D/Year) Spouse Name (if not member) _____

Birthday(s): Name _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

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Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically (pdf format) instead of the printed copy? Yes No (Circle one)

Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home because you are unable to attend church? Yes No (Circle one)

If you are not active in the church, do you want us to remove you from the membership rolls? Yes No (Circle one)

Shepherd Block Party

Members of the church have been grouped by zip codes that will be "managed" by members (shepherds) in the Evangelism Committee. In an effort for the members of each group to get to know each other better, there will be shepherd **block parties on May 21st and 22nd following the worship services.** At the worship services, you will sit with your shepherd group. Before these events, your shepherd will contact you for your food preferences. Come and enjoy getting to know your fellow church members and those who live in your neighborhood better .

A MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA

will be held on Saturday, May 21st at 2:00 pm.

The theme will be weddings, and the Fellowship Committee is asking if women from the church would like to bring their wedding dresses to show or model. If you can share your wedding dress for this event, please get it to Ellen Ullom, 762-0775, before May 11th so that it can be steamed. We would love to have you model the dress, or we may be able to provide a model. However, if you prefer that it only be displayed, we appreciate that as well. We would also love to see brides' maids dresses as well as flower girl dresses, if you have them. In years past, weddings were reported in newspapers with full descriptions of the bridal gown. If you have such a description, please furnish it with your dress.



Also, we would like to see your wedding photos and anything else you would like to share from your wedding. There are sign up sheets in the Gathering Area for both sharing dresses and for attendance at this event. Please sign up so that we will know how much cake to provide.

The Fellowship Committee: Carolyn Graham, Kay Bunner, Judy Kiser, Marilyn Mills, Debbie Steines, Ellen Ullom, Keena Kobiska

Sunday School News

The 2010-2011 Sunday School year wraps up with a **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, May 22**. A big "thank you" to our teachers this year - Ashley Thonen (Pre-k and Kindergarten), Janet Utecht (grades 1-3), Keena Kobiska (grades 4-6), Paul Kiser (high school), Glenn Eisenbrey (confirmation class) and Cheryl Markley and Pastor Kerri (adult class.) Another "thank you" to the adults who bring the children to Sunday School each week so that they may continue to grow in and understand their Lutheran faith and build relationships within the St. Stephen family.

New Member Weekend

We will be having a new member weekend on **Saturday and Sunday May 21st and 22nd**. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are interested in becoming a member of Saint Stephen please **speak with Pastor Kerri by Sunday, May 15th**.

Jr Youth Car Wash June 25th

The St. Stephen junior youth group will have a car wash on **June 25th from 9am to noon** to raise money for Youth Quake and other junior youth activities. Since all of us could use a good car wash anyway, why not help the youth? See you there!

Confirmation Class Lock-In

The confirmation class will have a lock-in at the church on **Friday, May 13th, starting at 7 pm through 8 am on Saturday morning**. Please bring the following:

- One or two eggs
- One friend, if you want
- One 2-liter bottle of your favorite drink
- One munchie to share

There is a sign-up sheet on the confirmation room door. Please let us know if you are coming to join us. It will be fun!

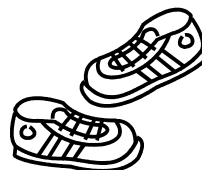


Golden Sneakers Outing to Farmington

The next **Golden Sneakers** outing is to **Farmington Historic Home at 3033 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40205 on Wednesday, May 18th. Meet at the church at 10:30 am to carpool there.** The tour will start at 11:00 am, and lunch will follow. The 14-room Federal style home was built for John and Lucy Fry Speed and their 13 children in 1815-1816. Join us to

view this architecturally interesting piece of history influenced by Thomas Jefferson.

There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area to let us know that you are coming. If you have questions, please contact Ellen Ullom, 762-0775.



Property and Grounds

It has been a busy month at St. Stephen.

Work Day a Success: We had the spring work day and had a great showing of support. We had 22 members there in spite of the bad weather. I would like to thank the following people, because without their help, there is no way we could have completed the jobs that we did: Chuck Ziemba, Ron Griffin, Steve and Rita Sarson, Buddy and Peggy Zimmerman, Pat, Cheryl, Kenna and Ella Markley, Joe and Judy Kiser, Paul Kiser, Ellen Ullom, Bill Whittle, Jason and Pastor McFarland, Carolyn Graham, Jim Brotzge, Dave Hayden, Ernie Kobiska, and if I have for gotten anybody I am extremely sorry as my list got wet.

Door locks: I have been getting quotes on the re-keying of all the door locks, since we have changed some of the hardware and now use multiple keys. If you have a key and feel that you need frequent access to the church, please get with me so that I can add you to my list and order enough copies. I have checked all of the companies that have given me bids with the Better Business Bureau and have gone with a company named A Cheaper Locksmith Inc. They are a local business. Their quote beat all of the others by 25%. I hope to have this done on **Saturday, April 30th.**

Grass mowing: I would really like to ask the members of St. Stephen to please consider signing up to mow the grass. I have had only 1 person sign up, and that was on the workday. I try to cover the weeks that no one signs up, but there is no way that I can do it every week. It is much easier if more than one person volunteers per week. It goes much faster.

Thanks for your help, *Herb.*



Junior Youth Service Project

On **June 10th-11th** the junior youth group will do a community service project for Wayside Christian Mission. Friday evening, they be **leaving from the church around 4:30 pm** and will serve dinner to the women and families and stay over night at the center. Saturday morning, they will serve breakfast to the women and families and then do a project with the children from the center. The youth group will likely return to the church late morning on Saturday. Listen during the announcements after the worship services for more details and timing. If you have questions or timing problems, call Karen Davis, 231-1756.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! St. Stephen VBS is always a wonderful week of music, games, crafts and more that help us grow in our Christian faith, so don't miss out! The theme this year is "**Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus was a kid**" and the dates are **July 18-22**. Registration forms for children ages **4-completion of 6th grade** will be available in the Narthex in May. Volunteer forms will also be available for 7th graders-adults. Spread the word now to friends and relatives!

Opportunity To Represent St. Stephen

Saint Stephen is still looking for two people (hopefully a married couple) to represent our congregation at the 24th Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly **from Friday, June 3rd – Sunday, June 5th in Fort Wayne, Indiana**. The Assembly kicks off around 2:00 pm on Friday and ends around 1:00 pm on Sunday. Please consider serving Saint Stephen and the wider church by attending the Synod Assembly. You will come home inspired and uplifted. If you are interested in serving our Lord in this way, please talk to Pastor Kerri as soon as possible.

Children Celebrated Their First Communion in April

We join in celebration with thirteen children who celebrated their First Communion in the month of April. On April 3rd, **Abigail Dakin**, daughter of Amanda Inscho, celebrated her First Communion. On Easter, April 24th, the following 12 children celebrated their First Communion:

Madeline Elise Allen, daughter of Greg and Jessica Allen
Thomas Jacob Donald Curtis, son of Tom and Brandie Curtis
Ella Hope Markley, daughter of Pat and Cheryl Markley
John Stuart McFarland, son of Jason and Pastor Kerri McFarland
Emma Grace Morris, daughter of Sean and Wendi Morris
Lilly Louise Morris, daughter of Sarah Morris and Kenneth Jones
Kaitlin Rose Morrow, daughter of Heather Morrow
Alissa Renee Scott, daughter of Jessica Krugman and Thomas Scott
Ellerie Anne Seifert, daughter of Elizabeth Sprowl and Robert Seifert
Brennan Lane Summers, son of Jennifer and Steve Summers
Rachel Ann Utecht, daughter of Janet and Bobby Utecht
Caroline Elizabeth Zimmerman, daughter of Forest "Hank" and Julie Zimmerman

Have you noticed?

Our total weekly attendance at the weekend worship services is now posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Watch our church grow!

Baptisms Celebrated

Two infants entered into the family of God through the rite of Holy Baptism on April 16th: **Alissa Renee Scott and Hailee Jane Scott**, daughters of Jessica Krugman and Thomas Scott., and granddaughters of Lisa Fedenko. Serving as godparents and sponsors were Becky and David Figueroa. May they both grow in God's grace their whole lives long!

The Stations of the Cross Project Update

As mentioned in the last newsletter, during her ministry at St. Stephen, Pastor Laura Meier created fourteen original paintings representing the Stations of the Cross. We have included this beautiful artwork in our Good Friday services over the past few years. Upon the conclusion of her Interim Ministry, Pastor Laura donated these paintings to our church. The Church Council made a decision to have each painting framed. We extended an invitation to the congregation to offer financial support for this project in the form of donations. The total cost for framing each painting is \$87, which means that the **total cost for the project is \$1218**. So far, **\$713 have been donated for this project**. If you would like to sponsor one complete framing in honor or memory of a loved one, please note the name of the loved one in the envelope with the payment. If you prefer to contribute a different amount, all donations, no matter what size, will be greatly appreciated. You may place your donation in the basket near the framed painting in the Gathering Area or alternatively, it may be placed in the offering plate. Our goal is to raise enough donations to finance the total framing cost of all fourteen paintings. Thank you for your contributions.

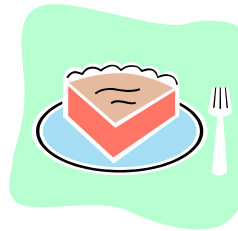
Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries

"Pennies From Heaven"

Annual 2011 Gala Auction & Dinner
Saturday, May 14th, 2011 @ 6:30 pm
St. Gabriel Catholic Church
5505 Bardstown Road

**Activities include silent auction,
 live auction, catered dinner, concert**
Tickets \$25.00

**Please see Bill Whittle, 239-1475,
 if you would like to purchase tickets.**
**There are only a total of 200 tickets
 available for the entire event.**



Special Offering for Social Ministry & FCHUM

Our quarterly offering collection for social ministries and FCHUM will be on the weekends of **April 30th / May 1st and May 8th**. As a reminder, the offerings received will be divided with 75% for direct support for the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) <http://www.fchum.org/> and 25% for other social ministry activities, like our monthly visits to the Ronald McDonald House. Please keep these dates in mind. This offering is critical for carrying out our congregation's commitment to service.

13th Annual Lutheran Family Golf Scramble

You are invited to participate in the Thirteenth annual Lutheran Family Services Golf Scramble:

12:30 pm registration & lunch
Tee off at 1:30 pm
Saturday, June 25th, 2011

Enjoy a day of golf and refreshments with friends or business associates at the beautiful Tanglewood Golf Club in Taylorsville, KY. While you are enjoying the camaraderie and fellowship of this "scramble" golf event, you can feel confident that the proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit Lutheran Family Services. Entry costs include greens fees, cart rental, a barbecue dinner, plus a number of other goodies. The tournament also includes a longest drive contest, a closest to the pin contest, and putting contest with cash prizes.

Individual players \$55
Foursome entry \$220

For more information & registration forms, please contact Lutheran Family Services (502) 899-5991 or Dale Breitenstein (502) 454-6807.

Goodwill Donations Can Benefit FCHUM

If you have articles to donate to Goodwill, you can get tax credit and help FCHUM with your donation. If you tell Goodwill that you would like your donation credited to the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, they will give you a receipt for it. Make a copy for your tax records, and give a copy to Bill Whittle to take to the Ministries office. The Ministries staff keeps track of the poundage donated. If a family needs clothing or household items, the Ministries will write them a voucher to take to Goodwill for the articles they need. The Ministries gets pound for pound what we donate. There is an envelope on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area marked for Goodwill receipts, and Bill Whittle will take them to the Ministries when he makes our food deliveries. This will save you a trip to FCHUM.

Ronald McDonald House Book Box

We are collecting gently used magazines and books for all ages for **Ronald McDonald House**. Most families are there for more than a month, and it is nice for them to have a little distraction. The Book Box for your donations is in the old narthex.

Saint Stephen's Favorite Hymns:

Hymn #	Hymn Title
39	Joy to the World
40	What Child is This
70	Go Tell it on the Mountain
92	Were You There
104	In the Cross of Christ I Glory
106	In the Hour of Trial
107	Beneath the Cross of Jesus
108	All Glory, Laud, and Honor
123	Ah, Holy Jesus
128	Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia
131	Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
165	Holy, Holy, Holy
174	For All the Saints
212	Let Us Break Bread Together
229	A Mighty Fortress is Our God
260	On Our Way Rejoicing
262	Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
290	There is a Wideness in God's Mercy
293/294	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
296	Just as I am
327	Rock of Ages Cleft for Me
328	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
346	When Peace Like a River
352	I Know that my Redeemer Lives
355	Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow
369	The Church's One Foundation
370	Blest be the Tie that Binds
377	Lift High the Cross
389	Stand up, Stand up for Jesus
390	I Love to Tell the Story
406	Take My Life
431	Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old
439	What a Friend We have in Jesus
448	Amazing Grace
492	O Master Let Me Walk with You
501	He Leadeth Me! Oh Blessed Thought
509	Onward Christian Soldiers
518	Beautiful Savior
532	How Great Thou Art
557	Let All Things Now Living
558	Earth and All Stars
559	Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
562	Lift Every Voice and Sing
627	My Lord, What a Morning
630	Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
651	Shine Jesus Shine

656	By the Babylonian Rivers
670	When Israel was in Egypt Land
690	Shall We Gather at the River
699	Blessed Assurance
705	As the Grains of Wheat
707	This is My Body
710	One Bread, One Body
721	Go My Children with my Blessing
731	Precious Lord Take my Hand
734	Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
748	Bind us Together
752	I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
755	We are All One in Mission
764	Blest are They
770	I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry
771	Great in Thy Faithfulness
779	On Eagle's Wings
780	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
781	How Can I Keep from Singing
784	You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
789	Now the Feast and Celebration
791	Alabare
795	Oh, Sing to the Lord
798	Bless the Lord O My Soul
ELW 500	Now We Remain
	The Old Rugged Cross
ELW 595	Jesus Love Me
ELW 720	We are Called
ELW 723	Canticle of the Turning
ELW 810	Oh Jesus I have Promised
	Nearer My God to Thee
	God Himself is Present
	In the Garden
	His Eye is on the Sparrow
	They'll Know We are Christians
	Pass It On

St. Stephen Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2011

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by council vice president, Brenda Firquin. She informed the council that Ernie Kobiska, council president, was called into work earlier this morning and would not be able to attend the meeting. Members present: Pr. Kerri McFarland, Brenda Firquin, Jennifer Morani, Pat Hayden, Cheryl Markley, Connie Miller, Tammy Utley, Herb Warren, Rod Firquin (recording secretary).

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Pr. McFarland.

Secretary's Report:

1 The minutes of the March council meeting were printed in the April newsletter. No changes or corrections were presented. M/S-J. Morani/P. Hayden to accept minutes as printed. Carried

Pastor's Report: Pr. K. McFarland

1. During Pr. McFarland's vacation the week after Easter, Rev. Joe Kiser will be on emergency call and will lead the services Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.
2. Discussed participation in the FCHUM Gala.
3. The South/Central Conference will be Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark. Pr. McFarland will be attending.
4. New members will be accepted on May 22nd.
5. The granddaughter's of Lisa Fedenko, Alissa and Hailee, will be baptized on April 16.
6. We will celebrate first communion with 11 youth on Easter Sunday morning, April 24th.
7. Abigail Dakin received first communion on April 3rd.

President's Report:

1. The attendance report from the usher's record was presented. Current weekend attendance average is 102.
2. Our insurance carrier, Zurich, has notified the church they will no longer be our carrier. We will be receiving a quote from our new carrier in the near future. We have been assured by letter the new carrier intends to continue providing insurance, if we choose to do so. As this change occurs the financial committee will make recommendation to the council concerning insurance coverage for the church buildings and property.

Church Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: C. Markley reporting

1. The committee has not met yet this month.
2. In reviewing the 2011 budget, the finance chair has found a mathematical error. The council requests the finance chair send clarification to the council members explaining the error so it can be reported to the congregation.
3. See financial reports at the end of the minutes.

Evangelism: R. Sarson

1. "Good luck on finals" cards will be sent to our youth attending college and facing the stress of final exams. Please keep E.J. Kobiska, Kellye Firquin, Jonathon Warren, Michelle Sarson, Christine and Jessica Wigginton in your prayers.
2. The committee has provided "Discovery" literature for the Lenten season. Pick one up in the Narthex.
3. There will be a "shepherding gathering" on May 22nd at the 10:00 a.m. service and the May 21st Saturday service. Watch for information about this exciting event in the May newsletter.

Stewardship:

1. This committee is in need of a chairperson. The council discussed possible members who might be a good fit to lead the congregation as we grow in size and need. Please be open to council members if approached and prayerfully consider taking on this challenge. The council members commit their full support to the person(s) taking this leadership position.
2. The council discussed posting the previous weekend worship attendance on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The church secretary and B. Firquin will work on an appropriate way to keep members informed of weekly attendance numbers.

Fellowship: C. Miller

1. The mother/daughter tea will be held on May 21st.
2. Sunday school teacher appreciation will be held on May 22nd during the Sunday school time. The council wishes to thank the Christian education chair, Tammy Utley, for her work in organizing and leading the Sunday school program.
3. June 12th- Father/Son (child) luncheon will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service.
4. September 11 will be Sunday School Rally day for the new Sunday school year.
5. November 20th – annual Thanksgiving Dinner
6. December 12th- annual Christmas Ladies Luncheon
7. Council discussed fees charged for luncheons and social events at the church. **M/S – (R. Sarson/T. Utley) –There should be no fees charged for attendance at social events at the church. A free will offering can be accepted for a specific reason or to help defray costs. This does not preclude a cost to attend a function or as a special fund raising effort. Carried**

Worship and Music: B. Firquin

1. Regular meeting will be Monday, April 11.
2. Currently, \$365.00 has been donated for the cost of framing the Stations of the Cross paintings given by Pr. Laura Meier. All have now been framed and the council has committed paying for them from the general fund and memorial undesignated funds. If you wish to donate for the cost of the framing, you can use one of the “love” giving envelopes found in the pockets on the sanctuary chairs. Please mark the envelope “stations of the cross framing”.

Property and Grounds: H. Warren

1. Chair noted 22 members worked on Saturday at the first work day for this year. Many tasks were accomplished. Many thanks for all who braved the weather and helped get the grounds into fine condition.
2. The spot light on the Christ figure will be replaced. Replacement will result in cost saving and extended bulb life.
3. Bill Whittle has constructed a stand for the seasonal outside banners. They are now stored in the confirmation room. Having them stored there will make it easier and safer getting them to the front lawn for display. Thanks to Bill for this addition.
4. New door locks and hardware have been installed on the front doors leading into the Swasko Library. All outside doors will soon be re-keyed. **M/S-(B. Firquin/T. Utley) to approve allocation of up to \$300.00 for re-keying all outside doors to one key as well as a set of key for outside doors and the church office door. Carried**
5. The mowing list is now out. Please consider signing up for a few weeks to cut the grass. If two or three join together weekly, the time to do the work will be significantly less. Be reminded, you must be over 18 to operate the power equipment on the property. If you need instructions to operate the equipment, contact Herb Warren or Rod Firquin.

Christian Education: T. Utley

1. Vacation Bible School is set for July 18-22. The setting will be “Hometown Nazareth...where Jesus lived”. Areas of the church will be transformed to be as near what Nazareth looked like during the time of Jesus. Volunteer sign up sheets and information will be coming out soon. Please consider helping during this week of Christian Education in the church.

Social Ministry: J. Morani

1. Special offerings for social ministry will be April 30th and May 1st and May 7th and 8th.
2. The “Pennies from Heaven” Gala will be held on May 14. This is a fundraising event for FCHUM. See Bill Whittle for tickets. If you have never attended, you have missed a great evening of food, fun, and fellowship.
3. The toilet paper mountain is growing!!! Continue to bring any non-perishable items for donation to FCHUM. The need continues to be great.
4. Information for the next Habitat for Humanity home build will be coming soon. No funds will need to be raised for seed money for this house. Watch for information if you are interested in this outreach ministry.

Youth:

1. Jr. Youth will have a laser tag event on April 17. Will leave following the 10:00 am service.
2. Easter breakfast will be hosted by the Sr. Youth with assistance from the confirmation class. Both of these groups and the Jr. Youth will assist in the Easter egg hunt following the 10:00 am Easter Service.

Old Business:

No one has expressed interest in representing St. Stephen at the KY/IN Synod Conference the first weekend in June. This is a great opportunity for a member couple to attend and become involved in how the Synod makes decisions as well as meeting members of other congregations experiencing similar issues in their churches. If interested, please contact Pr. McFarland as soon as possible so early registration can be completed.

New Business:

1. The council discussed a problem with groups using the church and not replacing tables and chairs back as they found them. Herb Warren will meet with Kim Thonen to discuss and make plans to communicate with groups using the church.
2. Herb Warren will be getting bids to update the church sign board in the front lawn. Any major structural changes to the sign would have to meet current metro government signage ordinances. Adding Pr. McFarland's name and designation of Pr. Swasko as emeritus will be investigated and discussed at a later date when bids are acquired.
3. Suggested committee chairs submit reports prior to the council meetings. Doing so would limit discussions to questions and clarification and possibly shorten the council meetings. Tabled until next month meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:**Treasurer's Report:** B. Zimmerman

March 2011	Regular Bank Accounts				
	Republic Checking	Memorial	Social Ministries	Building Fund	General Savings
Beginning	8,016.09	596.13	324.12	20,299.55	3,686.38
Deposits	10,103.10	0	0	0	0
Disbursements	12,450.54	0	0	1573.30	0
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0
Adjustments	525.00*	0	-144.27**	0	0
Ending balance	6,193.65	596.13	179.85	18,726.25	3,686.38

*account mistake corrected – duplicate entry in Feb.

** check written in Feb. 2011 not included in Feb. Treasurer's report
M/S-T. Utley/P. Hayden to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried

Financial Secretary's Report: B. Wise

February /March	Month Feb / March	year to date Feb / March
Sunday School	30.55/ 44.10	62.95/107.05
Church-loose	1,312.00/868.00	2,020.00/2,888.00
Church-envelopes	7,060.00/8,786.00	15,277.00/24,063.00
Flowers/candles	66.00/40.00	132.00/172.00
FCHUM	0/0	375.00/375.00
Use of bldg.	105.00/105.00	680.00/785.00
Reimbursements	0/0	0/0
Misc.	0/191.00	25.00/216.00
Total	Feb= 8,573.55 Mar= 10,034.10	18,571.95 28,606.05



Total Income	2010	2011
Jan	12,358.79	9,998.40
Feb	10,555.71	8,573.55
March	9,084.99	10,034.10

M/S (T. Utley/H. Warren) to accept February report. Carried

M/S (T. Utley/R. Sarson) to accept March report. Carried.

Financial Chairman's Report:

The first quarterly budget Report (Jan-March 2011) was presented. Actual cost to budget were reviewed and discussed. No items in first quarter were out of expected budgeted amounts.

M/S- (T.Utley/P.Hayden) to accept the first quarterly 2011 budget report. Carried.

M/S- (H.Warren/T.Utley) to adjourn. Carried

May 2011 Servants of the Church

Saturday - 5 p.m.					
	4/30/11	5/07/11	5/14/11	5/21/11	5/28/11
Lector	Patti Klumb	Clifford Klumb	Rev. Tom Swasko	Pat Hayden	Ron Griffin
Deacon	Pat Hayden	Pat Hayden	Rev. Tom Swasko	Pat Hayden	Pat Hayden
Worship Coordinator	Pat Hayden	Clifford Klumb	Rosemary Griffin	Patti Klumb	Rhonda Troutman
Sunday - 10:00 a.m.					
	5/01/11	5/08/11	5/15/11	5/22/11	5/29/11
Lector	Cheryl Markley	Pat Markley	Steven Sarson	Matthew Davis	Joe Kirschbaum
Ushers	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Rev. Joe Kiser Chuck Ullom	Rod Firquin Jim Brotzge	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Rev. Joe Kiser Chuck Ullom
Acolytes	Sophia Samora	Cole Summers	Sabrina Samora	Adam Utley	Kaitlyn Kiser
Communion Table	Michelle Sarson Kay Bunner	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Kay Bunner Herb Warren	Buddy Zimmerman Peggy Zimmerman	Michelle Sarson Herb Warren
Communion Deacon	Rod Firquin	Kay Bunner	Cheryl Markley	Rev. Joe Kiser	Steven Sarson
Nursery	Connie Miller	Tammy Utley	Jennifer Kiser	Cheryl Markley	Connie Miller
Worship Coordinator	Pat Markley	Steven Sarson	Rita Sarson	Herb Warren	Rod Firquin
For this season:	before 05/08	before 05/15	before 05/22	before 05/29	before 06/05
Grass Mowing	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*

* See sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Gathering Area.

May Birthdays

God's blessing to these May birthdays:

Jason McFarland 2	Clifford Klumb 12	Hank Zimmerman 16	Brad Zimmerman 18	Erin Zimmerman 25
Wanda Ferguson 5	Mario Samora 12	Andrew Hoke 17	Keena Kobiska 20	Matthew Collini 30
Peter Eisenbrey 8	Renate Wiedewitsch 13	Florence Loy 17	Michael Craig 22	Emily Goebel 30
Ellen Ullom 8	Sharon Acuña 16	Ian Kirschbaum 17	David Wigginton 23	Michelle Sarson 31
Matthew Peterson 10	Gary Reynolds 16	Kim Williams 18	Tracy Fajardo 24	Rachel Utecht 31



April Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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24th - Brenda Firquin in memory of John Larkin

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

April Sanctuary Candle Donors



17th - Kim Thonen & Family in honor of Amanda's birthday

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



May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:00—Fellowship Committee 9:00—Education Hour 10:00—Holy Communion, Special Ministries Offering</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 9:00—2:00 Fairview Homemakers 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group 6:30—Worship & Music</p>	<p>4 6:30—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8:30—Weight Watchers No worship service.</p> 
<p>8 Mothers' Day 9:00—Education Hour 10:00—Holy Communion, Special Ministries Offering</p> 	<p>9 3:00—Evangelism Committee</p>	<p>10 9:00—2:00 Fairview Homemakers</p>	<p>11 6:30—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 6:00—Daisy Troop</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:30—Weight Watchers 5:00—Holy Communion 6:30—FCHUM Pennies from Heaven Gala</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>7pm Fri - 8am Sat - Confirmation Class Lock-In</p> </div>
<p>15 9:00—Education Hour 9:15—Altar Guild 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Council</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00—2:00 Fairview Homemakers</p>	<p>18 10:30—Golden Sneakers to Farmington 6:30—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:30—Weight Watchers 2:00—Mother Daughter Tea 5:00—Holy Communion 6:15—Shepherd Block Party</p>
<p>22 9:00—Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Shepherd Block Party</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 5:00—Ronald McDonald House</p>	<p>25 6:30—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 6:00—Daisy Troop</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 8:30—Weight Watchers 5:00—Holy Communion</p>
<p>29 10:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p> 	<p>31</p>	<p>Upcoming Events: June 3 - 5—ELCA IN-KY Synod Conference June 10 - 11—Jr Youth Project at Wayside Christian Mission June 12—Father / Child Luncheon June 12—Confirmation Sunday June 25th—Jr Youth Car Wash July 18 - 22—VBS</p>			
<p>Don't forget to sign up to cut grass! Grab a buddy, & enjoy the fellowship!</p>						

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

Worship Services
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Education Hour, 9:00 AM



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June 2011 Servants of the Church

Saturday - 5 p.m.	6/04/11	6/11/11	6/18/11	6/25/11	7/02/11
Lector	Patti Klumb	Clifford Klumb	Rev. Tom Swasko	Pat Hayden	Ron Griffin
Deacon	Rev. Tom Swasko	Linda Craig	Pat Hayden	Rev. Tom Swasko	Linda Craig
Worship Coord.	Ron Griffin	Pat Hayden	Clifford Klumb	Rosemary Griffin	Patti Klumb
Sunday - 10:00	6/05/11	6/12/11	6/19/11	6/26/11	7/03/11
Lector	Ellen Ullom	Herb Warren	Rod Firquin	Olivia Utley	Rev. Joe Kiser
Ushers	Herb Warren Pat Markley	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Rev. Joe Kiser Chuck Ullom	Rod Firquin Jim Brotzge	Herb Warren Pat Markley
Acolyte	Reagan Morris	Sophia Samora	Cole Summers	Sabrina Samora	Adam Utley
Comm. Table	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Buddy Zimmerman Peggy Zimmerman	Kay Bunner Michelle Sarson	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Michelle Sarson Kay Bunner
Comm. Deacon	Rod Firquin	Kay Bunner	Cheryl Markley	Rev. Joe Kiser	Steven Sarson
Nursery	Michelle Sarson	Tammy Utley	Jennifer Kiser	Cheryl Markley	Connie Miller
Worship Coord.	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Steven Sarson	Rita Sarson
For this season:	before 06/12	before 06/19	before 06/26	before 07/03	before 07/10
Grass Mowing	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*

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