

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.

Open letter to the congregation from Rod Firquin:

As I was sitting in worship a few Sundays ago, listening to Pastor Laura's message about the change Jesus saw coming for his disciples, I began to think about the changes St. Stephen Lutheran Church has gone through in the last few years. Planning, financing, and building a sanctuary and remodeling the existing building to allow us to continue and expand our ministry in Fern Creek. Celebrating with Pastor Swasko his 34 years of service to St. Stephen and welcoming our interim Pastor Laura Meier. The work of defining and identifying strengths and weaknesses in our mission as well as the strengths of congregation members. Exploring new ways to worship as well as new opportunities to share the Good News have been at times difficult. Change is always challenging. Many have been asked to take on new roles and some have volunteered for leadership positions without being asked. We have found many tasks were done for 34 years by Pastor Swasko that few knew the scope of or time it took to complete. One of Pastor Meier's roles as an interim was to identify, develop and foster new leadership and to assist us in defining what we wanted and hoped for St. Stephen. This started me thinking about WHO does all the tasks that must be done to keep St. Stephen moving toward the goals set forth by our original founders. I began writing a list of things I knew of that must be done to have worship as well as opportunities to serve. As you go through the list, do you name yourself? If not, why? Why have you not volunteered or said yes to the invitations to serve your congregation? All of us have gifts our God has placed upon us so we can carry out HIS will. I am afraid some see the church as only useful or needed in time of personal or

family difficulty or when the church can serve some need- baptism, confirmation, wedding, or funeral. Jesus' new commandment to his disciples prior to his crucifixion was to "love your neighbor as I have loved you". The best way I know to love your neighbor is to serve your neighbor, whether that neighbor worships with you or is struggling to survive down the street or in a faraway place. For our church to not only survive, but to flourish we all must search our hearts and determine what each of us can do to serve St. Stephen as well as the larger church. There are great challenges ahead, but God has put us here at this time for a reason. How will each of us take on Jesus' challenge to "love your neighbor as I have loved you"? Ask yourself, if not me, then who?

WHO...

- makes sure communion is ready for each service
- folds and puts together bulletins and newsletters
- prepares the sanctuary for worship, decorates for festival services
- teaches Sunday School and VBS
- prepares for fellowship following funerals and other events
- cuts the grass
- plans worship services throughout the year
- fill worship roles in services-deacon, acolyte, lector, usher, communion server
- contacts congregation members who have not been attending
- visits the sick and shut in
- visits the families at Ronald McDonald House monthly
- supports FCHUM by volunteering
- helps Habitat for Humanity to build houses
- sings in the choir
- volunteers on work days
- volunteers to work on committees
- accept requests to be council members
- invites nonmembers to worship
- welcomes visitors
- volunteers in the nursery
- works with the youth



JUNE
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2010 Council Members

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Summer Worship Schedule

Following the success of last summer's Sunday morning worship schedule, the Council accepted the recommendation of the Worship and Music Committee to hold a single morning service once again during the summer months. **Beginning on Sunday, June 6, we will hold only one Sunday morning worship service each week at 9:30 am.** The Saturday evening spoken service will continue at 5 pm. Please note there is no Sunday School during the summer. Mark your calendars now, and let's plan to worship together at these 9:30 am Sunday morning services!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) News

VBS Discovery Canyon will be **July 12-16**. **A light supper will be served from 5:15-6:00 pm and VBS will begin at 6:00.** A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Narthex in the sign-up binder and registration forms are available on a table in the Narthex with the VBS information poster. Please consider volunteering if your children come to VBS. We need about 20 volunteers to make VBS the success that it always is.



St. Stephen—American Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be on **June 13th from 9:00am through 1:00pm**. We intend to try to help the local blood drive about every 10 weeks, since it is safe to donate about every 10 weeks. The local need is great. Please consider donating. Please look for a sign up sheet in the binder in the Gathering Area.

Summer Congregation Council Meetings

Due to the reduced summer worship schedule, the congregation council meetings are scheduled for June 13th at 10:45 am and tentatively, for July 18th at 10:45 am. Watch the bulletins for updates.

St. Stephen Directory Update

If you have not returned your completed directory update page from the May newsletter, please complete it and put it in the box provided in the Gathering Area, or return it to the church via mail or email, (secretary-ststephen@insightbb.com) by **June 16th** so that we may print a new directory this summer. If you cannot find your form, there are extra forms in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your help.

Time and Talent Forms

If you have not returned your completed Time & Talent Form mailed to your family at the beginning of May, please complete it and put it in the box provided in the Gathering Area, or return it to the church via mail or email, (secretary-ststephen@insightbb.com) by **June 16th** so that we can get our volunteer lists completed. If you cannot find your form, there are extra forms in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your help.



Junior Youth Pool Party

On June 27th from noon to 3 pm the junior youth group will have a pool party at the Cooper Farms Clubhouse. Please bring \$5 each to cover the cost of admission to the pool and pizza and drinks. Meet at the clubhouse at noon. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Call Janet Utecht, 969-5262 for directions.

The Thoroughbred Chorus To Benefit FC/HUM

Friday, June 25th, 8:00 pm at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 7709 Bardstown Rd, the Thoroughbred Chorus will be singing their style of "a capella" harmony. Singing since 19945, the Thoroughbred Chorus is a group of men dedicated to excellence in singing, music education, and the preservation and enrichment of "a capella" harmony. The Thoroughbreds are a seven time international champion chorus that is a part of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They have also produced several championship quartets and many records and CD's. For tickets, call 762-9608 or execdir@fchum.org. **All proceeds benefit Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FC/HUM).**

Men's Luncheon on June 27th

A men's luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall on **June 27th at noon**. Bring your fathers, brothers, sons, and friends! There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. See you there!

Thrivent Habitat for Humanity House Build and Donations

We are still accepting donations for the Thrivent Habitat for Humanity house being built in the Newburg area this summer for a family of six.. The 18 Louisville area Lutheran churches have been asked to raise \$8,630.00, which will be used to fund this house and future Habitat homes in the Louisville area. If you would like to donate to this cause, please take a Thrivent Builds envelope on the table in the Gathering Area; place your donation in it; and put it in the offering plate. All checks should be made to: **"THRIVENT FINANCIAL"**.

*Please indicate on the check it is for Louisville Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your support of this cause.

St. Stephen is scheduled for work day on the weekend of **July 10**. If the work goes as scheduled, the work should include jobs like trim work, painting, cleaning, etc. See the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area.



Graduates To Be Congratulated

Several people in the congregation have recently completed advanced degrees. We would like to congratulate them in completing their endeavors and pray for their future:

Paul Kiser received a PhD in Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology from the University of Louisville Medical School. For now, he continues to teach anatomy and physiology at Bellarmine University.

Rachel Meier Laughlin graduated from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary with a Masters of Divinity Degree. She has been called to serve St. Matthew's Lutheran, Bridgeport, MI. Her husband, Chris, graduated from the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course at Ft. Jackson and has been called to serve Hope Lutheran in Marlette, MI. He will be assigned an Army Reserve unit this summer.

Amanda Thonen will graduate in September from Brown Mackie College with an Associate of Science & Healthcare Administrator Degree. She begins an internship in June.

Jonathon Warren graduated from Fairdale High School and plans to begin at Jefferson Community College in the fall and then transfer to Eastern Kentucky University to complete his Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice.

E J Kobiska graduated from Seneca High School and plans to attend Western Kentucky University in the fall.

Jonathon Morris graduated from Bullitt East High School and plans to study computer programming and engineering at ITT and JCC.

St. Stephen Youth Visit Wayside Christian Mission

Thirteen youth from the St. Stephen youth group participated in a community service project at Wayside Christian Mission called "Friday Night in the Streets". They went to Wayside on Friday afternoon, May 14th, and worked in the kitchen. They took turns serving food and preparing food under the supervision of the head chef, who is in the work therapy program at Wayside. After dinner, the youth took a tour of the facility and learned about homelessness in Louisville from the Development manager and a filmed documentary. They also had the opportunity to listen to the choir, which is made up of Wayside clients. Between songs, the choir members took turns giving testimonials about their lives. The choir was fantastic, and the testimonials were very moving. The youth spent the night at the facility and woke up at 6am to go back to work in the kitchen. They served breakfast and helped prepare food for lunch. All the youth are now skilled at peeling potatoes! So, Moms - take note. After breakfast, the youth put on a puppet show for the children at the Mission, followed by a related craft project. The theme was "The Golden Rule". The feedback the youth group received from the management and clients at Wayside was very positive. All of you would have been very proud to witness the actions of our youth. They were cheerful and willing to do whatever was asked of them. They pitched in and worked hard. They were friendly and helpful to the children at the Mission. As we were leaving, many of our youth asked if we could help again in the future. So, not only were we a blessing to the people at the Mission, but they were also a blessing to us.

Pentecost: "The Church Starts Today!" Forum Held

On Sunday, May 23rd, following a wonderful spaghetti lunch and fabulous desserts, Rev. Rudy Mueller, Assistant to the Bishop, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, led over 40 members of St. Stephen in an exercise to help us contemplate the future of St. Stephen. All who were present seemed to enjoy the fellowship and discussion. Conclusions reached in this thought-provoking experience will be discussed in the next newsletter.

Prayer Request Procedure

So that worship services can begin promptly, please give your prayer requests to the Pastor prior to the worship services in one of the following ways:

- Give her a slip of paper with the individual's name.
- Send her an e-mail with the individual's name.
- Place a slip of paper on the red padded bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

The prayer list will now be updated more frequently. If your loved one inadvertently "disappears" from the prayer list before you want him/her removed, please make the pastor aware of your concern. Thank you for helping us to make our services run more smoothly.

Welcome New Members

We welcomed several new members to St. Stephen's on Pentecost, May 23rd: Andrea, Bailey, and Emily Goebel; Tom, Mikayla, and Jacob Curtis; and Meg and Bill Thompson. Bailey Marie Goebel and Emily Claire Goebel were also baptized on that day and then celebrated their first communion.

Most Successful FC/HUM "Pennies From Heaven"

St. Stephen collected \$140.00 in pennies for FC/HUM's "Pennies From Heaven" gala. The bid on Pastor Laura's cake was \$175.00, coming in second to the bid of \$215 on St. Gabriel's cake. FC/HUM raised around \$21,000 overall from the gala. This is the most ever raised at this event! St. Stephen had two full tables (16) members present, and most bid on and walked away with baskets or silent auction items. There were many large live auction items, many of which brought over \$500.00 winning bids. It was a great evening of food, fun, and fellowship for a great cause. All of the food, entertainment, location, and banking services were donated, which left the Gala committee spending less than \$100 on decorations and dinnerware. Missy Schmonsees and Jennifer Morani played VERY large roles in collecting items for baskets and planning and carrying out the entire Gala. St. Stephen continues to exceed our commitment of time, financing, donations, and overall support of FCHUM. Great job by everyone!

Sunday School News

Sunday School for the 2009-2010 year ended on May 16th with a wonderful teacher appreciation breakfast provided by the Fellowship committee. 50 people attended. Thank you once again to the Fellowship committee for all of their hard work to help us show our appreciation for our dedicated teachers. Thank you to Miss Keena's class for a nice performance. Many thanks to the following teachers for their dedication this year: Ashley Thonen, Janet Utecht, Keena Kobiska and Paul Kiser. If you think you might be interested in teaching Sunday School next year, please see Tammy Utley. We still need someone to lead the adult class next year.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

In the May newsletter, we reported that we had collected a total of \$656.08 from St. Stephen for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal this year. We actually had some additional donations, and now the total stands at **\$910.18!!** Thank you so much for your generosity. ELCA World Hunger is a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies—[relief](#), [development](#), [education](#), and [advocacy](#)—to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world. Thank you for helping with this very worthy cause.

Ladies Luncheon Was Successful

The ladies lunch on May 15th was a lot of fun. There were 28 ladies present. Collectables were displayed by Betty Whittle, Carolyn Graham, Ellen Ullom, Kelly Hansen, and Judy Kiser. A special thanks to Bill Whittle and Bill Wise for serving and cleaning up.

We Still Need Help!

We are still looking for volunteers to come in during the week and help paint the fellowship hall and hallways in front of the offices. This isn't something that can be done on weekends due to Sunday school and Weight Watchers meetings. Please contact Herb Warren, 231-4238, if you can help.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2010

A meeting quorum was established and the meeting was called to order and an opening prayer was offered by Council President David Wigginton.

Members in attendance: J. Morani, B. Firquin, R. Sarson, T. Utley, H. Warren, D. Wigginton, T. Hanson

Members absent: G. Carstens, P. Kiser, Pr. Meier (vacation attending daughter's graduation from Seminary)

The minutes from the April meeting were presented. M/S (J. Morani/T. Utley) to accept the minutes as presented. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Meier

1. Tom Curtis, Mikayla and Jacob will be received as members, Meg and Bill Thompson request letter of transfer to St. Stephen. Andrea Goebel will affirm her faith, Bailey Marie Goebel and Emily Claire Goebel will be baptized. Emma Morris will celebrate first communion with Bailey and Emily. All will be received on Pentecost Sunday.

President's Report: D. Wigginton

1. Reported average weekly attendance for 2010 at 103 compared to 107 for 2009.
2. Weight Watchers group has requested use of the fellowship room for an open house on May 22. This is during their regular meeting time, but they expect a larger group and will need to set up on Friday.
3. Ernie Kobiska has asked for space to promote a financial planning/training session in the newsletter. This issue has been approved previously and members feel this service will be an advantage to many in the congregation. Watch for this announcement. There will be no cost to attend.
4. Bishop Stuck, upon his retirement, has set up a trust fund to support newly ordained ministers to assist in the financial hardships many face upon graduation. St. Stephen will collect a love offering to support this effort the last two weekends in May. Please follow the directions in the bulletin to make a donation.
5. The council welcomes Tim Hanson as council member. He will fill the remaining two years on the unexpired term of Carolyn Graham.

Church Committee Reports:

Finance: D. Wigginton

1. Committee chair, D. Wigginton, has been in contact with the heirs to the estate of Donna Vick Wick and has received a response from Donna's daughter. At this time, there is still no clear dispensation of Donna's requests as outlined in her will in regards to St. Stephen. Donna's daughter wants to bring this to a close as soon as possible. The church was to receive some of Donna's estate, so it may be necessary to hire an attorney to proceed. M/S (B. Firquin/T. Utley) to approve spending up to \$500.00 to pay for attorney fees if necessary. Carried.
2. The finance committee, as well as evangelism committee chair, has been looking at the cost of ordering items from Augsburg Press. The shipping costs as well as the per copy price of items could be an area where we may be able to save some money. Both committees will continue to look at these expenditures and make changes where savings can be gained.

Evangelism: R. Sarson

1. Chair reports many of the Lutheran literature we receive monthly or quarterly are not being used. She has already cut the number of the Lutheran Magazine from 10 to 5 monthly. She will continue to monitor the use of the other literature. If you wish to use these, you will find them in the magazine/display area in the Narthex as well as in the library. Rita will continue to monitor and make changes as warranted.
2. The attendance record keeping continues and Rita is contacting members we have not seen recently. Post cards will be sent to those we are missing. If you can help Rita with this, please contact her.
3. Rita will be working on replacing the visitor welcoming packets. These were done a few years ago and we have depleted the supply. Updates will be done and will be available soon.
4. Graduating seniors will be recognized and presented with devotion items in the next few weeks. Keep these youth in your prayers as they transition into post high school life.

Stewardship: G. Carstens

1. Stewardship and time and talent letters have been mailed. If you have not returned your time and talent information, please do so. There is a box in the Narthex labeled for these forms.

Fellowship:

1. Lunch for the Habitat home build will be provided on May 22.

Worship and Music: B. Firquin

1. The committee recommends beginning the summer worship schedule, Saturday evening service at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Morning Service at 9:30 a.m., on the weekend of June 5-6. The ending time of this schedule has not been determined. Recommendations from a committee do not require a second. The recommendation carried by voice vote. The committee chair will communicate

the service change to the church secretary and send out email to member list and coordinate all other communications for this change.

2. The signage throughout the church seems to be helpful to everyone. Any feedback on placement or description should be given to Brenda Firquin.
3. The altar guild is investigating the purchase of new deacon robes. The allocation to purchase, using un-designated memorial account funds, was approved at the April meeting. There was discussion of purchasing black robes to be used during appropriate festival services.
4. Pentecost service plans are completed. Rev. Rudy Mueller will preach at all three Pentecost services. Pat Hayden will lead the decorating of the sanctuary. Please contact her if you can help.
5. The committee has had discussion about the flow of the services. Issues raised included the carry-over of names on the prayer list from week to week, recognition of visitors, announcements, and requests for prayer. None of these issues were presented as a recommendation from the committee to change. The council members expressed their opinion that the Pastor should have input on how these issues are addressed and use her discretion in handling personal prayer requests. Pr. Meier has announced prayer list names will not be carried over from week to week and if someone has a name to offer up for prayer, please contact her or use the prayer board in the Narthex. Since no recommendation was presented, no council action was necessary. The committee chair will continue to have discussion on these items in the committee.
6. Prayer vigil was not as well attended as hoped, about 15 members participated, but those who did reported they felt moved and spiritually enhanced by the experience.
7. The Chicago Folk service will be used the third Sunday of the month beginning June 20.
8. One member has volunteered to update the message board in front of the church as needed. If you are interested in this, please contact Brenda Firquin.

Property and Grounds: H. Warren

1. Bids continue to be gathered for removal of the large tree at the rear of the property.
The neighbor has made some improvements to his property and the tree could damage them if it falls. While it is not completely dead, it has limbs that show some damage. Chair will continue to assess the bids and make a recommendation when appropriate.
2. The memorial garden around the concrete cross at the west entrance to the Narthex is being planned. Herb Warren will be working on the construction of a very nice place for meditation and reflection. If you can help, let him know.
3. Jim Brotzke has repaired the rotted window sills in the front of the church. Jim devoted many hours to this work and has done an excellent job. Pr. Meier primed the repairs and painting will bring this area back to a near original look. Great job Jim and Pr. Meier.

Christian Education: T. Utley

1. VBS will be the week of July 12-16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. A light dinner will be offered at 5:15 until 6:00 p.m. A sign up for volunteer helpers is in the Narthex.
2. Sunday school is still in need for an adult class leader for next year. If you are interested, contact Tammy Utley.

Social Ministry: J. Morani

1. July 18 and 25 will be Social Ministries special offering collection.
2. World Hunger relief offering brought in \$437.39.
3. FCHUM/Gala was a resounding success this year. St. Stephen not only supported the event with two full tables, but members were involved in planning, set-up, and clean-up of the gym at St. Gabriel.

Youth:

1. 13 of our youth volunteered at Wayside Christian Mission in downtown Louisville last weekend. They assisted in the kitchen in preparation and serving of dinner, spent the night in the mission and met with many who stay there, then served breakfast the next morning. The adults who were with them reported our youth represented the church and the mission of service to those in need admirably.

Special Committees:

1. The call committee chair, Brenda Firquin, reported the committee is awaiting new name(s) for interview. The SYNOD has indicated candidates are being screened and hopefully a candidate will be forwarded soon. Please continue to keep the call committee members in your prayers as well as candidates who may be led to St. Stephen.

Old Business:

1. The church's website has been updated and will go through continued changes. You can see the site by logging on at www.ststephen-louisville.com
2. Rev. Rudy Mueller will be preaching at the weekend services May 22-23. He will also lead members in a Pentecost discussion as it relates to St. Stephen following the 10:30 service. A spaghetti, salad, and desert luncheon will be served. Child care will be provided.
3. Blood drive will be June 13. Watch for the sign up in the Narthex.

Financial Reports: D. Wigginton

Treasurer's Report: April 2010

Regular Bank Accounts:		Republic Checking	Memorial Acct.	Social Ministries
Beginning Balance	\$5,057.42		\$876.05	\$320.64
Deposits	\$14,325.74		\$25.00	\$0
Disbursements	\$12,467.18		\$0	\$0
Interest Income	\$0		\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0		\$0	\$0
Adjustments	\$0		\$0	\$0
Ending Balance	\$6,916.28		\$901.05	\$471.14

General Savings:

Beginning balance	\$3,651.99
Deposits	\$0
Disbursements	\$0
Interest income	\$6.65
Transfers	\$0
Ending balance	\$3,658.64



M/S-(H. Warren/T. Utley) to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

Financial Secretary's Reports: B. Wise

(Reports were not available for Jan-March at previous meetings-those reports are included below)

	Jan. 2010		February 2010		March 2010		April 2010	
	Month & YTD		Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Sunday School	64.07		42.27	106.34	43.64	149.98	42.00	191.98
Church -loose	878.22		1,582.75	2,460.97	1,073.00	3,533.97	1,528.35	5,062.32
Church-envelopes	9,777.00		8,276.63	18,053.63	7,412.00	25,465.63	9,235.00	34,700.63
Sub total	10,719.29		9,901.65	20,620.94	8,528.64	29,149.58	10,805.35	39,954.93
Flowers/candles	63.50		100.00	163.50	171.00	334.50	189.00	523.50
FCHUM	781.00		149.06	930.06	0	930.06	702.00	1,632.06
Use of bldg.	175.00		165.00	340.00	105.00	445.00	150.00	595.00
Reimbursements	620.00		0	620.00	171.00	791.00	25.00	816.00
Misc.	0		240.00	240.00	109.35	349.35	0	349.35
Total	12,358.79		10,555.71	22,914.50	9,084.99	31,999.49	11,871.35	43,870.84

Total income	2009	2010
Jan	10,440.03	12,358.79
Feb.	8,202.80	10,555.71
March	11,238.01	9,084.99
April	10,659.52	11,871.35

M/S-T. Utley/T. Hanson- to accept the Jan-April financial secretary's reports. Carried.

Building Fund Report: M. Mills

April 2010		
Beginning Balance	\$5,109.24	
Deposits	\$1,120.00	
Debits	\$2,359.54	
Ending Balance	\$3,869.74	
Pledges	Original bldg. Fund appeal	2010 appeal
Pledges received	\$374,834.27	\$15,330.00
Pledges outstand	\$336,698.90	\$9,700.00
	\$38,135.37	\$5,630.00
Mortgage Balance	Balance	payment (monthly)
Loan	\$179,616.24	\$1,573.30
	\$106,703.46	\$786.24



M/S-(T. Utley/H. Warren) to accept building fund report. Carried.

M/S-H. Warren/T. Hanson to adjourn.

Recipe From Mother Daughter Luncheon

Several people requested the recipe for the Mississippi Cornbread Salad served at the Mother Daughter Luncheon in May. This recipe was taken from the Fern Creek Women's Club cookbook, 1995-2005. It was submitted by Susan Hashagen and Pat Schmidt:

Mississippi Cornbread Salad

- Ingredients:**
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| 1 (8.5 oz) Jiffy cornbread mix | 1/2 c. green bell pepper, chopped |
| 1 (1 oz) package ranch dressing mix | 1/2 c. green onion, chopped |
| 1 (8 oz) Lite sour cream | 1 (16 oz) can black beans, rinsed and drained |
| 1 c. lite mayonnaise | 2 c. low-fat shredded cheddar cheese |
| 3 large tomatoes, chopped | 10 crisp bacon slices, crumbled or 1 pkg. pre-cooked real bacon pieces |
| 1/2 c. red bell pepper, chopped | 1 (15 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained |

Prepare cornbread and cool. Stir together dressing mix, sour cream, and mayonnaise until blended. Set aside. Toss together tomato, peppers, and onions. Crumble half of cornbread in a 3 qt bowl. Top with half of beans, tomato mixture, bacon, corn, dressing and cheese. Repeat layers. Cover and chill 3 hours.

May Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

MAY SANCTUARY FLOWER DONORS*

2nd - Hanson family + In Honor of + those who have gone before

9th - Chuck Ullom + In Honor of + birthdays

23rd - Utecht family + In Honor of + Rachel Utecht's birthday

30th - Sarson family + In Honor of + Michelle Sarson's birthday

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

MAY SANCTUARY CANDLE DONORS*

9th - Sarson family + In Honor of + Jessica's birthday

16th - Elaine Peterson family + In Honor of + Matthew's birthday

30th - Sarson family + In Honor of + Michelle Sarson's birthday

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



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

God's blessing to these June birthdays:

Gregg Leard	1
Austin Carstens	2
Christina Clark	2
Julie Gall	2
Gene Sprowl	5
Renee Behmke	6
Rick Emberg	6
Dianne Brockman	7
Tim Hanson	7
Laura Meier	7
Adam Peterson	8
Rita Sarson	8

Megan Keenan	9
Linda Martin	11
Bailey Goebel	18
Elizabeth Sprowl	20
Shirley Benfield	21
Ally Hanson	22
Bobby Utecht	22
Jonathon Warren	22
Gavin Faue	24
Glenn Eisenbrey	27
Marilyn Mills	28
Tracy Hardin	29
Judy Kiser	30
Bryce Peterson	30



We celebrate with these couples having June anniversaries:

George & Marty Mercer	(8th/1962)
Pat & Merribeth Waskom	(11th/1966)
Marcus & Tammy Utley	(13th/1992)
Herb & Katie Edwards	(16th/1951)
Clifford & Patti Klumb	(16th/1984)
Laura & Scott Meier	(22nd/1974)
Pat & Cheryl Markley	(24th/1989)
Ray & Karen Christopher	(25th/1965)

Update from the Call Committee to the Congregation

May 25, 2010

Dear fellow members in Christ,

Some months ago the members of the Call Committee shared news with you about our completion of the Ministry Site Profile and the subsequent approval by the Synod. At that point, we noted that the length of time required to find the right candidate could not be predicted. We also asked you to trust us, but more importantly to trust God and to be open to his choice for our congregation.

As the process continues, we are aware that some of you are anxious and impatient. We understand. We have been asked to share details of the questions from our first interview -- both the questions we asked and those asked by the candidate. After discussion and guidance from the Synod, we need to remind everyone of the need for confidentiality. In order to protect the integrity of the call process and out of respect for the candidates, we are not able to share those specific details. We apologize. However, we ask that you consider this interview and selection process no differently than an interview and selection process for any other job. To make the interview questions available by publishing them could create an opportunity for unfair advantage if future candidates were to gain access to this information. Thus, we have chosen not to make that information available. Please be assured that we are following standard HR interviewing procedures. The formal interview questions we developed will help us get to know each candidate better and expand on his/her profile. Ultimately, these questions will help us identify the candidate who best matches the needs of our congregation.

What can we share about the first candidate?

We have completed the interview process. Our needs and the needs of the candidate were not a good match.

What happens next?

The Synod office is aware the first candidate did not work out. They have continued to look for potential candidates and have notified us of their efforts. We are expecting to receive additional candidate names very soon. We may receive more than one name at a time. Once name(s) are sent to us, we will review, assess, and interview each candidate in exactly the same manner we followed with the first candidate.

This time of waiting is challenging for all of us. We must remember God is in charge. It is His time frame not our own. He will decide when we are ready, and He will send us the shepherd He has chosen to lead us in *His time*.

Please be patient and understanding. We are working hard to do the very best we can for the future of St. Stephen, but more importantly, to carry out God's will, not our own.

Peace and the love of Christ to you.

The Call Committee:

Bill Wise, Jennifer Morani, Rev. Joe Kiser, Patti Klumb, Steven Sarson, Tim Hanson, and Brenda Firquin, Chair

"O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which one you have chosen." – Acts 1:24

Holy Land Trip With Ascension

A Holy Land Tour lead by Pastor Paul and Julie Hegele is offered November 8-18 through Ascension Lutheran Church. The trip visits all of the key sites of the life of Jesus—Jerusalem, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Caesarea, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Bethany, Jericho, as well as Masada, Haifa, Tel Aviv, and the Dead Sea. A full day will be spent with Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem to learn of the ministry of Palestinian Christians. Cost—\$2799 includes all travel, lodging, tours, breakfasts, and dinners. For a brochure or to learn more, call Ascension Lutheran Church, 244-1856.



Newsletter Now Available on Website



The ***St. Stephen Scroll*** is now available on our website ststephen-louisville.com in pdf format. Please check it out, and let the secretary or David Wigginton know what you think. If you have problems or questions, please contact Cheryl Markley at 239-7778 or David Wigginton at 649-4277.

June 2010 Servants of the Church

Saturday - 5 p.m.

	06/05/10	06/12/10	06/19/10	06/26/10	07/03/10
Lector	Pat Hayden	Ron Griffin	Patti Klumb	Clifford Klumb	Pat Hayden
Communion Table	Pat Hayden	Rosemary Griffin	Pat Hayden	Rosemary Griffin	Pat Hayden
Worship Coordinator	Clifford Klumb	Rosemary Griffin	Patti Klumb	Rhonda Troutman	Ron Griffin

Please note that Sunday servants have changed from May newsletter due to reduced summer worship schedule and additional new servants.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

	06/06/09	06/13/09	06/20/09	06/27/09	07/04/09
Lector	Steven Sarson	Tim Hanson	Matthew Davis	J. Schmonsees	Rev. Joe Kiser
Ushers	Jim Brotzge Herb Warren	Pat Markley Ernest Kobiska	Bill Whittle EJ Kobiska	Rev. Joe Kiser Chuck Ullom	Barry Mills David Wigginton
Acolyte	Adam Utley	Ben Hanson	Kaitlyn Kiser	Reagan Morris	Sophia Samora
Communion Table	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Marilyn Mills Kay Bunner	Jonathon Warren Herb Warren	EJ Kobiska Ernest Kobiska	Denise Wigginton Marilyn Mills
Communion Deacon	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Rod Firquin	Kay Bunner	Cheryl Markley
Nursery	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*	Needed*
Worship Coordinator	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Ernest Kobiska	Steven Sarson	Rita Sarson

* See sign-up sheet outside of nursery.

For this season:	before 06/13	before 06/20	before 06/27	before 07/04	before 07/11
Grass Mowing	Needed**	Pat Markley	Rod Firquin	Needed**	Sean/Andy Morris

** See sign-up sheet in binder in Gathering Area.





Pastor Meier Will Be Away

Pastor Laura Meier will be attending the 2010 I-K Synod Assembly in Covington from Friday, June 4th through Sunday, June 6th. If you need the services of a pastor during that time, please call Rev. Joe Kiser, (502) 964-2700. Rev. Kiser will be preaching at both services on the weekend of June 5th/6th.



June 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Upcoming Calendar Reminders: Vacation Bible School, July 12-16 Habitat for Humanity Workday, July 10</i></p>		<p>1 6:00—Worship & Music Committee</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 5:00—Holy Communion</p>
					<p><i>Pastor Meier is at 2010 I-K Synod Assembly</i></p>	
<p>6 8:45 Fellowship Committee 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 9:30—Holy Communion</p>	<p>7 6:30—Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:00—Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>Pastor Meier is @ Assembly</i></p>						
<p>13 9:00—1:00 Blood Drive 9:30—Holy Communion 10:45 Council</p>	<p>14 6:30—Bible Study</p>	<p>15 5:30 Finance Committee</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 5:00—Holy Communion</p>
<p>20 Fathers' Day 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 9:30—Holy Communion, Chicago Folk Service</p>	<p>21 6:30—Bible Study</p> 	<p>22 5:00—Ronald McDonald House</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:00—The Thoroughbred Chorus @ Cedar Creek Baptist</p>	<p>26 7:00— "Unfailing Light": Holy Communion</p>
<p>27 9:30—Holy Communion Noon—3:00 —Jr. Youth Pool Party Noon—Men's Lunch</p>	<p>28 6:30—Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			

Don't forget to sign up to help mow grass at St. Stephen! Call Herb Warren for info, 231-4238.

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 5903 Bardstown Road
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Worship Services
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Education Hour 9am

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

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July 2010 Servants of the Church

Saturday - 5 p.m.	07/03/10	07/10/10	07/17/10	07/24/10	07/31/10
Lector	Pat Hayden	Ron Griffin	Patti Klumb	Clifford Klumb	Pat Hayden
Comm. Table	Pat Hayden	Rosemary Griffin	Pat Hayden	Rosemary Griffin	Pat Hayden
Worship Coord.	Ron Griffin	Pat Hayden	Clifford Klumb	Rosemary Griffin	Patti Klumb
Sunday - 9:30	07/04/10	07/11/10	07/18/10	07/25/10	08/01/10
Lector	Rev. Joe Kiser	Marilyn Mills	Joe Kirschbaum	M. Schmonsees	Ellen Ullom
Ushers	Barry Mills David Wigginton	J. Schmonsees Rod Firquin	Jim Brotzge Jonathon Warren	Tim Hanson Herb Warren	Pat Markley Ernest Kobiska
Acolyte	Sophia Samora	Cole Summer	Sabrina Samora	Adam Utley	Ben Hanson
Comm. Table	Denise Wigginton Marilyn Mills	Kay Bunner Herb Warren	Steve Sarson Rita Sarson	Jonathon Warren Ernest Kobiska	E J Kobiska Denise Wigginton
Comm. Deacon	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Rod Firquin	Kay Bunner	Cheryl Markley
Nursery	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed
Worship Coord.	Rita Sarson	David Wigginton	Herb Warren	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin

For this season:	before 07/11	before 07/18	before 07/25	before 08/01	before 08/08
Grass Mowing	Sean/Andy Morris	Needed	Needed	Rod Firquin	Needed