



Beacon of St. Stephen

February 19, 2012
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
IN OFFICE: 10AM-1PM

PASTORAL CALLING 1-3PM

other appointments as scheduled

Thursday & Friday: Emergencies only

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY - 9:00AM—1:00PM

WELCOME.....

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign our guest book, take a visitor bag, a booklet, and fill out a visitor card so that we may get to know each other better.

ST. STEPHEN IS AN ACTIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SEEKING TO GLORIFY GOD BY SERVING OTHERS. WE FOSTER AN OPEN AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST AND ARE INSPIRED TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH EVERYONE.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 PRAYER

8:30 WORSHIP

9:45 SPIRITUAL GROWTH

11:00 WORSHIP & PRAISE

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

GATHERING SPACE (adults) 9:45. Jim Boldt concludes his series on angels today, February 19. Next Sunday, Dave Haddix begins a study on Genesis & Exodus. While parents are at Spiritual Growth class, Kids age 4-grade 6 are invited to **KidZone Hour**.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship service. Our nursery (age 9 mo. thru 3 yrs.) is also staffed & available for you during the service and our Spiritual Growth classes. *The worship service broadcasts into the nursery*

CHILDREN'S CLIPBOARDS, CRAYONS,
PENCILS, PAPERS
are inside sanctuary entrance

Sunday Lessons

Kids, PRESCHOOL—4TH GRADE
Get your name tag & join us for **SUNDAY LESSONS** after the Children's Sermon during the 11:00 service.

There's a fun lesson & snack.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN THE FUN!

5TH & 6TH STUDENTS meet **9:45AM TWICE EACH MONTH** with Wendy Staup. **WE WILL MEET AGAIN FEBRUARY 19.**

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS meet **EVERY OTHER SUNDAY** at **6:30PM** with Pr. Stadler. **We'll MEET FEBRUARY 19.**

LARGE print service bulletins available at usher's table

WE WANT TO CALL YOU BY NAME! Nametags are on the table. Replacements available upon request. *LET EVERYONE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!*

MEN OF FAITH meet the 2ND & 4TH Thursdays each month at Nautica at 6:30AM for coffee, study and discussion. Join us again **FEBRUARY 23.**

PANCAKE DINNER

at St. Stephen on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

5:30 to 7PM

YUMMY PANCAKES, EGGS & SAUSAGES

served by *talented council* team of cooks & waiters/waitresses.

Goodwill Offering proceeds for **FUTURE NEEDS FUND.**

sign up on the bulletin board

ASH WEDNESDAY is **FEBRUARY 22.** You are invited to bring in your palms from last year's Palm Sunday service and put them in the basket in the Narthex by **February 21.** These will be used to make the ashes for our **7:00PM ASH WEDNESDAY** service.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS FEBRUARY 29—MARCH 28

we will have a soup supper at **6:15PM EACH WEDNESDAY** followed by a short worship service. **Sign up on the POSTER in the Narthex to help with providing soup. & bread.**

THE MITTEN BASKET

Into February, we will continue to collect clean, gently used or new warm clothing to be shared with children & adults who need them. These items are being donated to the **FREE STORE** at Glenwood Lutheran. Look for the box in the Narthex to gather your items.

Shop for bargains, check the closet for clean items to be shared.

THINK BOOTS, HATS, COATS,
EVEN SWEAT SHIRTS, AND SNOW GEAR

Remember: Clean and Ready to Wear

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

GOODBYE TO PASTOR GLEN PARTY
watch for details

SUNDAY MARCH 18

INSTALLATION OF PR. BETH FERNE-JOHNSON
SINGLE 10AM SERVICE
followed by a potluck lunch

P R A Y E R P R A Y E R P R A Y E R P R A Y E R

Lord God, you have invited us here to listen to your Son, the Beloved. Clear our minds of distractions and help us turn our eyes on Jesus
Amen

PASTORAL CARE remains available throughout our transition. Pastor Stadler will respond directly to any concerns of pastoral care addressed to him; however, you may also contact Wendy Staup for the St. Stephen's care team which remains available in this time of transition.

SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS, you may fill out a prayer slip today (*inside the blue Friendship Registers at each row of chairs*), call 419-885-1551, or e-mail your requests to the church at sslcsecretary@bex.net. When the office isn't staffed, messages may be left on the church answering machine, (do **NOT** leave confidential requests on the answering machine). For crisis situations, when you want the entire congregation to join in prayer, contact the office during the day (419-885-1551) and Wendy Staup (419-474-3086 or wjstaup@aol.com) evenings & weekends to activate the Information Chain.

"INFORMATION CHAIN" Please keep the office updated with changes to your address, email and phone number, so we may keep in touch with you.

HEALING PRAYERS: anyone who wishes to have someone pray with them after service, please look for one of the Prayer Assistants: Nancy Pfau, Rod Hochstetler, or Lin McKelvey. They will be happy to go into the prayer chapel with you, anoint with oil and pray for your needs or concerns.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

(Cards & Prayers welcomed.)

Ervin Boelter @ Kingston
Richard Cutler
Chuck Estes
Dorothy Estes
Herb Hoehing
Elaura Maple
Jayne Pratt
Jackie Ritzenthaler
Sandy Sterba

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GIFTS

General: \$5899.00
for Monthly Operating Expenses
Thrivent Choice: \$651.00
Building Fund: \$615.00
for future "Building Growth"
Other Designated: \$622.75

DESIGNATE OUTSIDE ENVELOPE & IN CHECK MEMO, FUND TO APPLY DONATION.

NOTICE THRIVENT MEMBERS Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to whatever Lutheran organization in our area that you choose by calling 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice". When prompted again say, "Choice Dollars". Just follow the prompts given to you. It is a very easy procedure. Thank You.

Your St. Stephen Thrivent Advocates

SEE SCOTT BALLARD IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN OUR EASTER MUSIC REHEARSALS. WE WILL MEET WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING THE LENTEN SERVICE.

NEXT Noisy Offering March 4

for
Synod Companionship
Thank You for all your generous donations.

LSS Food Pantry

ON-GOING LSS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

February: CANNED SOUP

Donations may be placed in the white shopping cart in the narthex

LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE.

flyers were emailed to you.

The Social Outreach Team asks that you forward this email to your family, friends and co-workers inviting them to join us for worship.

If you did not receive the email or would like hard copies, **contact the office.**

EASTER SERVICE POSTERS

We have made several extra posters that display our Easter church services including Lenten services. If you know of or have a business to display the posters, please visit the church office and take as many as you would like.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

AN INFORMAL GATHERING AT NAUTICA

9:45 AM

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

DROP IN WHEN YOU CAN.

Jean Doeblner

2012 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

is on the bulletin board.

Dates available for Memorials &, Celebrations

Daily Reflections for Lent "**Not By Bread Alone**"

1ST Quarter 2012 **Word In Season**

2012 WALL CALENDARS

Available by the usher's table! Take one for yourself & a friend.

DINERS' CLUB Hopefully several groups will be made up for six months. One member will host seven other members in their home. The host for each group (who will be appointed differently each month) will choose the date, time and theme (Italian, Mexican, German) and prepare the main dish for the meal. The others in the group will be asked to bring an additional dish (appetizer, salad, wine, etc.) . If the host prefers, he/she may want to arrange the meal at a restaurant. The host would make the reservations and each member would be responsible for their own cost.

This is a fun and relaxed way to meet members of our congregation. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board. Any questions call Joanne Johnson, 419-843-3258.

Looking forward to meeting new members and getting reacquainted with the old.

DON'T HAVE EMAIL? Look for the latest edition of the **Newsletter, The Vision of St. Stephen**, in the information rack above the usher's table *Please call or send your changes to the office, so we may keep our records up to date & get in touch with you when needed.*

Celebrant : Rev. Glen Stadler ~ Music: Scott Ballard ~ Counter: Brad Alexander
Musicians: Jacob Pratt, Tim Tefft CD Recording: Marty McKelvey

February 19—8:30	February 19—11:00
Council Person Rod Hochstetler Lay Assistants Libby Boldt Acolyte volunteer Altar Preparation Linda McDonough Greeters C&D Gustafson Ushers C&D Gustafson	Council Person Lin McKelvey Lay Assistants Dave Haddix Acolyte Reed LaBo Altar Preparation Barb Davis Greeters M. McKelvey Ushers S&J Kahl

February 26—8:30
Council Person Jerry Kunkel Lay Assistants Nancy Pfau Acolyte volunteer Altar Preparation P&R Pearson Greeters P&R Pearson Ushers P&R Pearson

February 26—11:00
Council Person Beth Thomsen Lay Assistants Marilyn Scuralli Acolyte Sydney Seretsky Altar Preparation Kathy Ziegler Greeters M&C Williams Ushers S&K Marvin

February 22—7:00
Council Person Jerry Kunkel Lay Assistants Cathy Gustafson Acolyte Dan Gustafson Altar Preparation Pat Hoehing Greeters/Ushers P&H Hoehing

2012 VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET REMINDER: *If you are unable to serve on your day, you are responsible to get a replacement and call the church office with the updated information.*
is available on bulletin board. *to serve on your day, you are responsible to get a replacement and call the church office with the updated information.*
Check your calendar & SIGN UP for the BEST TIMES to ASSIST in our services. *information.*
Or call **Cathy Gustafson** to volunteer for Lay Assistant, Acolyte, Greeters & Ushers. *information.*
Slots not filled in will be assigned as in the past

ACTIVITIES
February 19—26
ON-GOING LSS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

SUNDAY:
8:00AM Prayer
8:30AM Worship
9:45AM 5th & 6th Grade class+
9:45AM Spiritual Growth +
11:00AM Worship & Praise #
6:30PM Catechism class

MONDAY:
8:30AM Regional Braille Competition Challenge

TUESDAY:
10:00 AM Employment Resource Center
7:00PM Pancake Dinner

WEDNESDAY:
7:00PM Ash Wednesday service

THURSDAY:
6:30 AM Men of Faith

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:
9:45AM *Saturday Mornings @ Nautica*

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8:00AM Prayer
8:30AM Worship
9:45AM Spiritual Growth +
11:00AM Worship & Praise #

+During the Spiritual Growth classes, children may visit the KidZone # Sunday Lessons after Children's Sermon thru Peace

MORE INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

THERE ARE STILL
PLEDGE CARDS & 2011 ANNUAL REPORTS
available at the usher's table for anyone who needs one.
You may fill out a pledge card today & place it in the offering or Tom Pfau's box.

February 26th READINGS
First Lesson: Genesis 9:6-17
Psalm: 25:1-10
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

MINISTRY HANDBOOKS are available for your planning convenience. You may pick one up by the usher table. Keep it on hand to check for upcoming events and activities. Any changes, corrections or additions will be posted in the monthly Newsletter & weekly Beacon.