



# Beacon of St. Stephen

December 25, 2011  
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**

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**GATHERING SPACE** (adults)

**9:45.** We are taking a break during the holidays, since we are all enjoying a single 10AM service. We will meet again on January 8.

While parents are at Spiritual Growth class, all Kids, age 4-grade 6, are invited to **KidZone Hour**

**CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME** in

our worship service. Our nursery (age 9 mo.-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 10:00 service.

There's a fun lesson & snack.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN THE FUN!

**5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> STUDENTS** meet **9:45AM 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY EACH MONTH** with Wendy Staup. **WE WILL MEET AGAIN JANUARY 8.**

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

meet the **EVERY OTHER SUNDAY** at **6:30PM** with Pr. Stadler. **WE MEET AGAIN, JANUARY 8.**

## **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**

**9:30 PRAYER**

**10:00 WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

**LARGE** print service bulletins available at usher's table

**WE WOULD LIKE 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 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Thursdays each month at Nautica at 6:30AM for coffee, study and discussion. Join us again January 12.

**\*OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S**

**CHRISTMAS**

**CONTINUES**

**JANUARY 1@10AM SERVICE**

CELEBRATING THE **NAME OF JESUS**

**MUSICAL ENSEMBLE** Scott will still have training sessions for anyone interested in participating with the musical ensemble Sundays at 11:00. See Scott or you may also call him at 419-475-8435 or email: [sballard@bex.net](mailto:sballard@bex.net).

## **GATHERING SPACE**

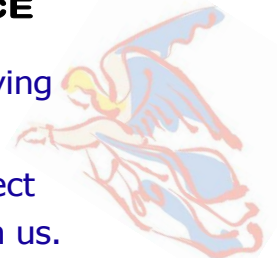
**A NEW ANGLE ON ANGELS**

Starting January 8, we will be studying angels in the Gathering Space.

Anyone who is curious about the subject or has knowledge on it, is invited to join us.

Jim Boldt has taught a class on angels before

but he has a new angle on the subject.



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Pr. Peter Martyn lost his camera when he was here. If you have found a small Panasonic camera in a blue camera case, please leave it in the office, so that it may be returned to him.



### THE MITTEN BASKET

Throughout December, January & into February, we will collect clean, gently used or new warm clothing

to be shared with children & adults who need them.

Look for the box in the Narthex to gather your items.

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

Think even

BOOTS, HATS, COATS,

SWEAT SHIRTS, AND SNOW GEAR

**Remember: Clean and Ready to Wear**



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“**A**nd the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory” (John 1:14, NKJV). Lord Jesus, we’re filled with wonder and praise at the miracle of your birth. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
- Marilyn Martin
- Jayne Pratt
- Jackie Ritzenthaler
- Sandy Sterba
- Synod’s Annual Appeal

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## GIFTS

General: \$4468.00  
for Monthly Operating Expenses  
Future Needs: \$0.0  
designated for future  
Building Fund: \$10,355.00  
for future "Building Growth  
Other Designated: \$535.00

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 You 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



### Next Noisy Offering January 1

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE FOR THOSE IN NEED.  
January Noisy Offering to  
REDEEMER & SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCHES

The NOISY OFFERING for **JANUARY** will go to Redeemer and Salem Lutheran churches. These are local Lutheran churches with ministries in areas of poverty. Thank you for a gracious year of giving to charities world -wide and close to home.

### LSS Food Pantry

ON-GOING LSS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

**December:** BOXED PASTA & CANNED PASTA SAUCE

**January:** PEANUT BUTTER

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

### The Giving Store

St Stephen has an ongoing collection of items for **The Giving Store** located in Glenwood Lutheran Church. We have been told that household items are much needed.

A complete list is on the bulletin board. Consider a donation of new or gently used items. The collection box is located in the Narthex



### SPORTS NIGHT

Come and join us all you sports fans for our family Sports Night

**JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>** at church from **5:00-7:00PM.**

Food, refreshments and **FUN** will be provided.

All are welcome.

### An NWOS Annual Appeal Update

As of the end of November, the synod's Appeal Leadership team reports that we have raised **\$84,707** towards our **\$200,000 goal**. These dollars will support affiliated ministries that are **PREPARING LEADERS, STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONS, AND REACHING AROUND THE WORLD**. If you haven't had a chance to give yet, please contact the synod office at 419.423.3664.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING** MEALS for—or TRANSPORTING — members of our congregation on request, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**THE EVANGELISM TEAM** is looking for people to send hand-written notes to visitors. For additional information please contact Beth Thomsen.

Celebrant : Rev. Glen Stadler — Music: Scott Ballard — Counter: Dave Haddix  
 Musicians: Jacob Pratt, Tim Tefft CD Recording: Marty McKelvey

<p><b>December 25-10AM</b>  <b>Council Person</b>                  Jerry Kunkel  <b>Lay Assistants</b>                  Cathy Gustafson  <b>Acolyte</b>                  Dan Gustafson  <b>Altar Preparation</b>                  Cathy Gustafson  <b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>                  T&amp;J Kunkel</p>	<p><b>January 1—10AM</b>  <b>Council Person</b>                  Kathy Aldrich  <b>Lay Assistants</b>                  Rod Hochstetler  <b>Acolyte</b>                  Sydney Seretsky  <b>Altar Preparation</b>                  Cathy Gustafson  <b>Greeters</b>                  C&amp;D Gustafson  <b>Ushers</b>                  C&amp;D Gustafson</p>	<p><b>REMINDER:</b>  <i>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.</i></p>	<p><b>2012 VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET</b> is available on bulletin board. Check your calendar &amp; SIGN UP for the <i>BEST TIMES</i> to ASSIST in our services. Or call <b>Cathy Gustafson</b> to volunteer for <i>Lay Assistant, Acolyte, Greeters &amp; Ushers.</i> Slots not filled in will be assigned as in the past.</p>
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**2012 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** Is on the bulletin board.  
 Dates available for Memorials, Remembrances, Celebrations



**ACTIVITIES**

**December 25—January 1**

ON-GOING LSS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

**SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:30AM Prayer  
 10:00AM Worship

**MONDAY: \***

**TUESDAY: \***

**WEDNESDAY: \***

**THURSDAY: \***

**FRIDAY: \***

**SATURDAY:**

**SUNDAY: NAME OF JESUS**

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
 9:30AM Prayer  
 10:00AM Worship

\*OFFICE CLOSED

**1ST** Quarter 2012 *Word In Season*  
 &  
**2012 POCKET & WALL CALENDARS**

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

**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 *As always, remember to call or send your changes to the office, so we may keep our records up to date & get in touch with you when needed.*

**January 1st READINGS**

**First Lesson:** Numbers 6:22-27  
**Psalm:** 8

**Second Lesson:** Galatians 4:4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

**MORE INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES**  
 ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

There are still **PLEDGE CARDS & 2011 ANNUAL REPORTS** available at the usher's table for anyone who didn't get one. You may fill out a pledge card today & place it in the offering or Tom Pfau's box.

**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.