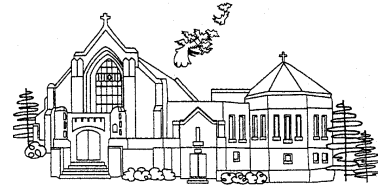


# The Courier



of Saint Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church — Wilmington, Delaware May 2008

## From the Pastor..

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

It was a wonderful Easter. Thanks to all those who made it so!

There was, for me as a pastor of the ELCA, one little cloud on the horizon as we went into our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. And I am not sure whether to be happy or disappointed that my concerns came to naught.

On the Thursday before Palm Sunday, the National Church released the first draft of the ELCA's Social Statement on Human Sexuality. Needless to say there were a number of people who were less than happy about the timing. Here was our Church going into its most holy, solemn time of year, and the world would be focusing not on our message of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, but on sex.

Here is where the sad part comes in. Apparently, the outside world cares not a whit what the ELCA is thinking about these matters. That perhaps should be the sobering take home point in all our discussions to follow.

I commend the document to your reading. It can be found on line at <http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney/draft/>. There is much to be happy with it. However, I will tell you as a pastor there are some issues that I find problematic in its methodology. It places the locus for all our ethical decision making in the redemptive work of Jesus. But matters of sexuality are located not in redemption, but creation. Somewhere, I recall reading someone saying something to the effect of "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

Redemption, and with it, the new creation we have (2 Corinthians 5:17) is a good thing and I am for it. But that is not where we should ground our ethics. One, because as Lutherans, we start with the basics. Think of the Apostles' Creed and what it says. Now think of your self. Your body, and all that it entails. Which article of the Creed deals with those issues? The answer is the first. By making the shift from the first article to the second article as a foundation for ethical decision making in these issues, we open the door to confusion. When we are grounded in the first article, we can speak with what our Roman sisters and brothers call "people of good will."

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## Council Corner

*By Ralph Heiss*

Why go to church? I mean, why go to church at all? Consider the fact that going to church takes another morning when you have to get up, brush your teeth and get out. Perhaps you can't be too sure about these things but you really don't have to go to church to be all that religious. Certainly, you can pray anywhere, even in the middle of a forest, if you are of a mind to do so.

Well, I go to church because I like it. I like singing hymns and listening to the sounds of the organist and of the choir. I like drawing inspiration from the readings. I like finding strength in the sermon. I like taking the time to reflect on my walk in faith in the presence of God. I like greeting my neighbors in the exchange of the sign of peace. I like saying hello to Calie, who is not quite two years old, and to Chick Baddorf, who is a bit more than two years old. I love the tangible symbolism in the sharing of Holy Com-

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That is to say, we may not see eye to eye on Jesus, but we can agree that these ethics are good. You do not even have to be a theist to be in agreement (though it does help).

By grounding ethics in our status as justified sinners, we actually close the door on dialogue with those who do not agree with us. I know it is the farthest thing from the minds of those who drafted the statement, but this type of thinking leads to a rather exclusivist mindset ethically. That, in and of itself is not necessarily wrong. But if you want to see the logical conclusion to this direction, I suggest you take Newport Gap Pike out to Rt. 30 and turn left. This is Amish ethics. There is much to be admired in the stance of our Anabaptist sisters and brothers, but it comes at a price.

The other difficulty in grounding our ethics in justification is that if we are not extremely careful and vigilant, we open the door to problems that beset the Church almost at the very beginning. The first issue is Docetism. In the early Church there were those, the Docetists, who held that Jesus only seemed to be fully human and have a body with all that that meant. Perhaps the best ELCA scholar of Lutheran ethics, Robert Benne, had this to say about the Draft, “*One of the noticeably odd features of the new draft is its absence of “males and females,” “women and men,” “husbands and wives,” “boys and girls,” and “mothers and fathers.” Instead, one reads of “couples,” “partners,” “engendered persons,” “parents,” and “children.”* ([http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/?ft\\_skip=2#skip\\_hp](http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/?ft_skip=2#skip_hp)) It is always a problem when we shy away from concrete language of embodiment. We worship the One who is the Word made flesh, who came and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

The second issue is Marcionism. Marcion was someone who looked at the Old Testament and the New Testament and decided that there was no real connection between them. Jesus was the Son of the God of the New Testament, who pretty much came to save the world from the god of the Old Testament. So Marcion used just some of Paul’s letters and a heavily edited version of Luke. There is no unpacking in the draft of what the Ten Commandments mean for us, nor what it means that we believe, teach and confess, “*In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*”

**Wite-Out™** is never an effective tool for studying the Scriptures.

All that being said, there is, as I said, much to commend itself in this document. It speaks out clearly against sexual exploitation. I believe that the Spirit must be moving in the Church at large on these issues, because our document, at greater length, reflects the thoughts of the Bishop of Rome, who in his address to the American bishops said, “*Children deserve to grow up with a healthy understanding of sexuality and its proper place in human relationships. They should be spared the degrading manifestations and the crude manipulation of sexuality so prevalent today. They have a*

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munion. I love saying the Lord’s Prayer, having said it a few thousand times and yet it is always somehow new, and hearing the voices of those around me doing the same. And there are lots of other things.

I can’t do all that stuff with a bunch of trees.

I go to church to be of church. We pray, with joy, for the presence of God in our lives.

*right to be educated in authentic moral values rooted in the dignity of the human person. This brings us back to our consideration of the centrality of the family and the need to promote the Gospel of life. What does it mean to speak of child protection when pornography and violence can be viewed in so many homes through media widely available today? We need to reassess urgently the values underpinning society, so that a sound moral formation can be offered to young people and adults alike. All have a part to play in this task — not only parents, religious leaders, teachers and catechists, but the media and entertainment industries as well.”* ([www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/speeches/2008/april/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20080416\\_bishops-usa\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2008/april/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20080416_bishops-usa_en.html))

And, ultimately, this is a draft, which is to say it can be changed where necessary. When you read the document, there is a response form. Those are read and noted. And on Saturday 11 May from 9 AM to 12 Noon there will be a meeting at St. Andrew’s, Dover at which our bishop will be listening to concerns about the Statement. Remember — it is about the statement, and not necessarily about the topics covered. But it will not be a debate. Everyone will be listened to. My daughter’s rowing schedule permitting (*Go WYRA!*), I intend to be there.

There are so many other issues which we as Saint Stephen’s are called to address, locally and globally. But this is a matter with which disciples of Christ are called to deal. There is no aspect of our humanity that Jesus did not take on fully, and therefore there is no aspect of our humanity which we cannot and should not discuss. My prayers for the ELCA, for our Synod, and for us, is that we will all be “*speaking the truth in love, [and] grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.*” (Ephesians 4:15-16)

**In Christ’s Peace, Pastor Matt+**

# Dieterich Buxtehude

By Daniil Howe, Director of Music

I first read about Buxtehude, when I was in undergrad school, in a famous story about J.S. Bach walking 200 miles to hear a series of his musical services in Lübeck, Germany. Buxtehude had continued a series of Abendmusik (evening music) at Marienkirche (St. Mary's Church) from the tradition set by Franz Tuder, his predecessor. Bach was a young musician – highly gifted and from a respected musical family. He had not been at his Arnstadt (Germany) church post long before he asked permission to attend Abendmusik. The time approved for this trip was granted but was not liberal; however, Bach spent three months in Lübeck attending services and working with Buxtehude to help develop his artistic craft. When Bach returned to his post, he was duly reprimanded for his long absence and then was challenged by his superiors; his hymn playing had become confusing because, as in the movie *Amadeus* about W.A. Mozart, he added “too many notes”. Apparently, Buxtehude inspired Bach to great improvisational heights but didn't instruct him on issues about common sense in church music.

Most scholars have agreed to accept Buxtehude's birth date as 1637 and that he lived about 70 years. What is not agreed upon is his birthplace: some believe he was born in Helsingbor, Skåne (at that time, in Denmark but now part of Sweden) but others claim he was born in Oldesloe (then in Denmark but now part of Germany). He was an organist for his entire life and worked in only three places: Helsingborg (1657 1658), Elsinore (Helsingor — 1660 1668), and then for the remainder of his life at Marienkircke in Lübeck where he succeeded the famous Franz Tunder. He married Franz's daughter, Anna Margarethe the same year he took the job – and probably marrying the daughter was a required part of the deal. While in Lübeck, he developed the Abendmusik services which were famous and attracted not only a regular and established attendance from the towns and cities around Lubeck, but also many musical scholars, such as J.S. Bach. Close to his retirement in 1703, both G.F. Handel and Johann Mattheson, more famous at that time than Bach, traveled to Lubeck. Buxtehude tempted them with the same deal he received: “Marry my daughter and you can take over my position in Lübeck.” Reportedly, both Handel and Mattheson turned the offer down and left the next day. Since their reasons are not reported, something about the deal apparently didn't appeal to these aspiring musicians.

Buxtehude's compositions focus mostly upon his career as a church musician – vocal/choral and organ works. His chamber works were very few in comparison and only fourteen were published. Much of his work has been lost and this is unfortunate especially as his German oratorios were probably the model for later composers such as J.S. Bach and Bach's more famous contemporary at the time, George Philipp Telemann.

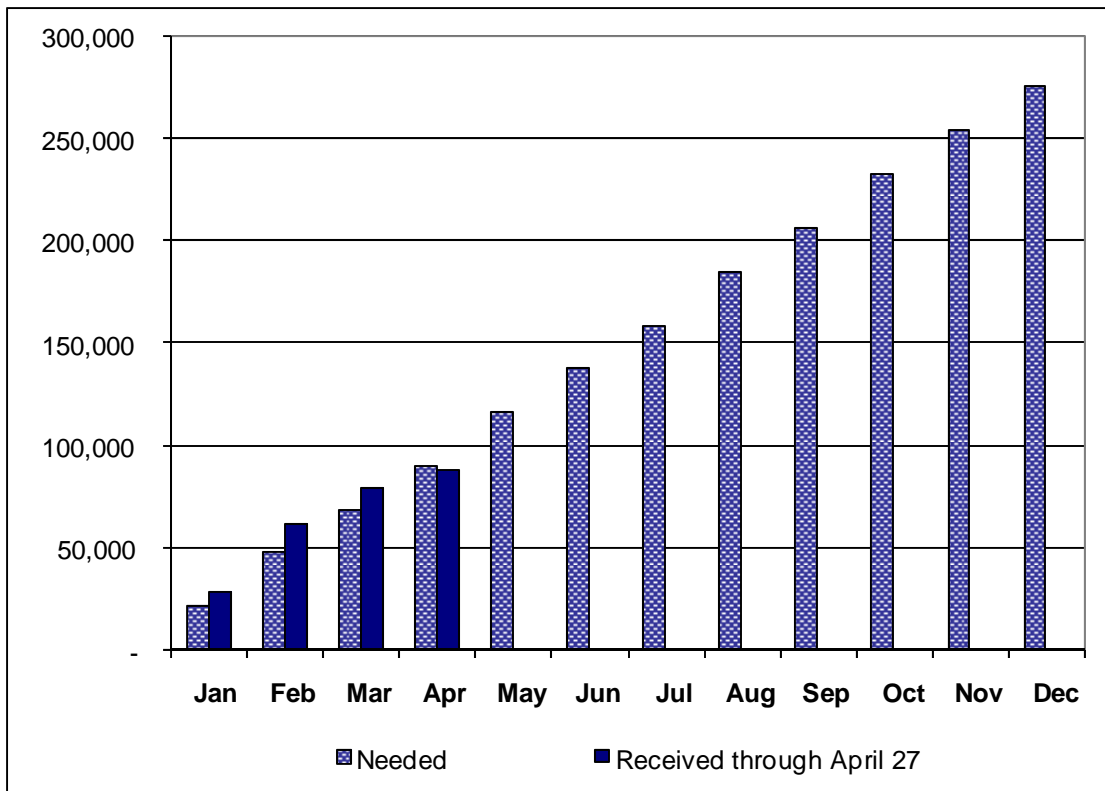
Out of the organ works, the *preludia* (*preludes*) and fugues, *toccata(s)* and *fantasia(s)* as well as the chorale preludes (elaborate hymn arrangements) are most numerous and idiomatic of the literature. They employ the pedals extensively – something that continues to influence the genre even today. The preludes, like toccatas and fantasias, vary greatly but what holds them together are two alternating elements. Parts were to be played as if they were improvised; and contrapuntal parts (different voices imitate or copy each other) as well as homophonic parts (all of the voices are played together) were to be used. The second parts of these works were fugues: a short tune (subject) is repeated throughout the piece from different places in the same key or closely related keys. One of the more unique pieces is the *Prelude & Fugue in f# minor* because of the key, unusual for the time. It was apparently written specifically for the organ at Marienkirke, as the tuning worked successfully on that instrument. At that time, the tuning of keyboard instruments was different than today. Today we are blessed with universal equal temperament — every note is equally and sequentially tuned. In Buxtehude's day, that was not the case, and so you couldn't walk up to any given instrument and expect a piece to sound the same as on a different instrument.

The Chorale Preludes are comprised of three types: chorale preludes, chorale fantasias and chorale variations. The chorale preludes will play through one verse of the chorale (hymn) with a fairly elaborate and ornamented rendering of the melody and equally elaborate accompaniment played on a separate manual (keyboard) and pedals. Usually, the hymn tune is played in the top part (soprano) so it can be heard most easily. The chorale fantasias are large-scale, virtuosic, and can cover the whole text and employ tone painting by endeavoring to convey the contrasting texts from each verse. Of this kind, *Wie shon leuchtet der Morgestern* (*O Morning Star How Fair and Bright*) is one I play at St. Stephen's at some point during the Epiphany season every year. The Chorale Variations are similar to the Fantasias except they are broken up more clearly in specified verses.

Again, this report is an extremely revised one but I hope that you have enjoyed reading it and that it will help you understand some of the pieces I play for preludes and postludes during the year.

Next month, I'll extend the Buxtehude study to his vocal and choral works. If you remember back to the Advent Vespers though, the choir sang his *Magnificat* (Mary's Song from Luke 1), and has sung other works of his throughout the choir season.

2008 Contribution Status: Year To Date Through April 6th				
	Cash Received	Cash Needed: Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)	Cash Received as % of Cash Needed
<b>Operating</b>	\$81,793.57	\$74,183.58	\$7,609.99	110.3%
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	\$20.00			
<b>Memorials</b>	\$670.00			
	Cash Received	Cash Expected	Ahead/ (Behind)	
<b>Operating</b>	\$81,793.57	\$73,164.21	\$8,629.36	



# McClellan Scholarship

The McClellan Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year. This scholarship is for those who are continuing their education after high school and are planning to attend either college, nursing school, technical school, or any approved program beyond high school.

Although there is no formal application blank, persons interested in applying for financial aid from this scholarship fund may do so by furnishing the committee with the following information: **all information given will be held in strictest confidence.**

1. Applicant's name, home address and telephone number
2. The major course of study and the degree or certificate for which said applicant is a candidate, and the date said degree or certificate is expected to be awarded
3. Transcripts of last semester's grades, and any additional comments applicant wishes to make
4. A commentary on costs and needs:
  - Expected costs for the year
  - Expected amount applicant may earn during the current summer
  - Any events which may bear upon the ability of the parents of said applicant to meet the costs of said schooling
  - Any loans which the applicant or the applicant's parents have previously obtained for the purpose of defraying said schooling costs

The deadline for all applications is May 31, 2008. Please send applications to the church office, clearly marked "For the McClellan Scholarship."



## New Logo, New Directions

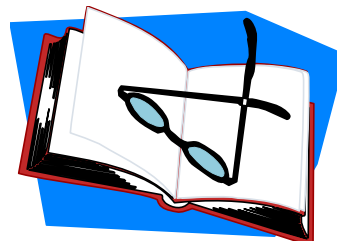
If you look at the top of this little article you'll likely notice something different – a new logo. We have been working on and off on this project for over a year, but officially rolled it out at the annual meeting April 17. We sincerely hope you like it. Cost? We've kept it down by using up existing supplies before reordering. And the design work was generously donated by Miller Mauro Group. We think they did a fabulous job. Why did we do it? We wanted to create a graphic identifier that put the emphasis on service rather than on our name. In effect we have rebranded Lutheran Community Services (which is a bit of a mouthful) as LCS. The hand symbolizes the helping hand – not a hand out but a hand up – which we offer our disadvantaged neighbors. We incorporated the fish icon – an ancient symbol of Christianity – to keep the focus on our faith. And we added the tag line "Emergency Food, Housing, and More" for several reasons. First, because it outlines our main service groups. Second, note that the use of "More" is all encompassing, and includes not only what you might call "miscellaneous services," but faith, prayer, and programs we may have not yet dreamed of.

## Miscellaneous Services?

The LCS "More" services include helping seniors of all income levels with modest home repairs. The most needy seniors get "scholarships" for free home repairs. And don't forget our work in smoking cessation assistance. Last year, we helped almost 7,000 people get free of nicotine addiction. Then there's free clothing distributions, medical rides for Luther Tower residents and admin support for the Retired Men's Luncheon Club. We do all that in addition to loans & grants to people facing eviction or foreclosure, and operating food distributions at 10 separate locations.

## Don't Forget!

Our *Room at the Table Free Fundraising Breakfast* is Wed. 5/7. Call **654 8886 x 105** for info. The *Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament* is 5/16 and benefits LCS, Habitat and Sojourners Place.



## A Little More from the Director of Music

By Daniel Howe

I am endeavoring to contact musicians for a more extended vespers and concert season at St. Stephen's next year – hopefully including the Gleeksman-Kohn Children's Choir (about 70 children) from the school I teach at, Settlement Music School of Philadelphia.

Settlement is the largest community music school in the United States and I teach piano and music theory there as well as accompany the children's choir. During the summer, I have been acting as music director in one of the City of Philadelphia Recreational Department's Performance Camps for young people. I teach them vocal instruction, lots of international folk songs and specific pieces for a 20-25 minute musical performed in August at the Annenberg Performing Arts Center in University City, Philadelphia.

### ART LOOP at St. Stephen' s!

**When:** Friday, May 2, 2008, 5:00-8:00 PM

**Why:** To acquaint our friends, neighbors and art lovers in the surrounding area with St. Stephen's facilities, services, programs and great ART, hosted by members of St. Stephen's.

The featured artist is Shelley Dawson Hendershot, with an encore presentation of floral and nature subjects.

**Needed:** Members and friends of St. Stephen's to host the event and act as ambassadors of St. Stephen's. Refreshments will be served.

**Contact:** Fred Altergott at (302) 655-6034 (home); (302) 984-6026 (office); [faltergott@potteranderson.com](mailto:faltergott@potteranderson.com); or see me in church!

## St. Stephen's History Corner

Every week we use **two pedestals** in our 10:30 AM service. Both are at the front of the sanctuary; one is used for the communion trays and the other is used for flowers in the altar area.

Jane Baddorf has given us some information about the pedestals. They were given to the church in 1908, 100 years ago. There is a brass plate which says that the pedestals were given in 1908 by the St. Stephen's League.

On the underside of the pedestals is a note saying that they were refinished by John Stracker in 1968, when they were 60 years old. Now there is another note on the undersides saying that Charles Baddorf refinished them in 1908, for their 100th birthday.

More history, anyone? What was the St. Stephen's League? Who was John Straker? Just send in any historical tidbits you know of, and we can have a regular history column!

### \*\*\*SPRING PROGRESSIVE DINNER\*\*\*Welcome to FRANCE...OOH LA LA!\*\*\* Saturday, May 10, 2008 – First Course Begins at 5:00 PM

Please join your St. Stephen's congregation family as we progress between homes to enjoy a celebration of Family, Spring, and good food! This year's theme will be French...mmmmm!

Everyone will gather at one home for appetizers and drinks, then we will divide into several smaller groups for a more intimate dinner setting at several other homes, and finally we will all gather again at still another home for desserts and after-dinner beverages.

Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Area by Sunday April 27, and your assignment will be given to you on Sunday May 4. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting any portion of the three-course dinner, i.e. appetizers, dinner, or dessert.

If you need more information, please talk with Sharon Potter (302-239-3896)

If you've previously participated in this event, then you know how much fun we always have. If you have not participated, you should definitely join in this year! You don't want to miss this wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. One other note, please: this dinner is for adults so please leave children at home.

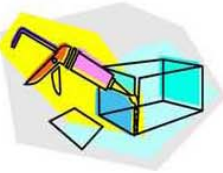
It costs \$110,000 for Habitat for Humanity to build a house sponsored by Thrivent Builds. St. Stephen's Lutheran Church has committed to providing at least \$2,200 to support Thrivent Builds in 2008. Materials and furnishings don't come cheap. On this page are several items that are purchased for the construction and finishing of a Habitat for Humanity house. Please consider "purchasing" one or more of these items.

Donation envelopes can be found in the gathering area, and can then be placed in any Sunday offering envelope or handed to David or Ann Warner. Thank you for helping to build affordable housing.



Box of Nails: \$25

Pallet of 2x4s: \$500



Case of Caulk: \$35

Bucket of Paint: \$75



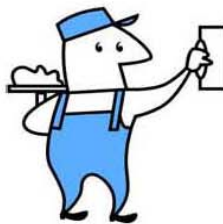
Interior Door: \$100

Bathtub/Shower: \$200



Window: \$150

Exterior Door: \$200



Drywall (1 room): \$300

Ceiling Fan: \$50



Kitchen appliances:  
(\$150-\$250 each)



Whole House  
Electrical Wiring:  
\$1,000

# May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 <b>LIFE Sunday</b> 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service 12:00 PM Handbell Choir</p>	5	6 7:30 PM Mission Team Meetings	7 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service	8 6:30 PM Dinner and a Movie	9 5 PM Art Loop	10 5 pm Progressive Dinner
<p>11 <b>PENTECOST SINGLE SERVICE</b> 9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	12	13 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study 7:00 PM Church Council	14 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service	15 4:30 PM Stephen Ministers	16 11:59 PM <b>Courier Deadline</b>	17
<p>18 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service</p>	19	20 9:30 AM <i>Courier</i> folding	21 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service	22	23	24
<p>25 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Breakfast 10:30 AM Traditional Service 11:45 AM Emmanuel Dining Room</p>	26 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	27 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study	28 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service 7:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Team	29	30	31



## Lutheran Campus Ministry

Lutheran Campus Ministry, where we show our faith in God through Fellowship, Outreach and Service is pleased to welcome Ann Iona Warner to the staff. Ann is a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Wilmington. Ann serves as the Communications Coordinator at St. Stephen's, serves as Chair of the Lutheran Community Services Board and is the Parliamentarian for the Delaware-Maryland Synod. Ann will be LCM part-time Administrative Assistant to Pastor Bruce. Welcome, Ann!

Lutheran Student Association members will be participating in Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society on May 3rd and 4th. What a wonderful way to participate actively in an event and live all of the components of our LCM Mission statement.

It will soon be time to study for finals, and snack bags are a wonderful way to show the students we are thinking about them and supporting their hard work. Zip lock bags containing a juice box or water bottle, individual snack items, fruit cups, plastic spoon and napkin are always needed. We need meals for Tuesday evening Worship, too. As always, we are in need of volunteers for a once in a lifetime chance to help with needed repairs, mailings, clean-up, or to serve on the Board of Directors. To volunteer or to get additional information, call 368-3078.

**LCM: Praying-Caring-Thinking-  
Daring in the Name of Jesus**

**Shirley Glines  
Secretary LCM Board**

## Hilltop News

### Welcome Spring!

The birds are chirping in the trees. Flowers are blooming in the gardens. And the list of **maintenance items** at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center exploded in March!



A computer system that helps control temperature in the main heating system failed. Replacement cost: \$2,100.

A pump failed, at a cost of over \$1000.

In preparation for our annual early education review, carpet was replaced at a cost of \$950.

Kitchen flooding from the dishwasher caused mold in and under other carpet. Replaced with tile at a cost of \$950.

A water pipe broke in a bathroom and a faucet had to be repaired.

Other maintenance had to be done to windows and foundation to keep rodents out, at a cost of \$2000.

We at the Hilltop Center were glad when April first came around... even with its usual April fool pranks. But in all seriousness, we face these maintenance issues with increasing frequency. As our building increases in years, so too do our repair bills and so does our vigilance over the center budget. It's just another reason to keep the center in your prayers, in your benevolence budgets, and on your list of charitable donations throughout the year.



**Thank you.**

**Your Board of Directors**

**The Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center**



## People With Important Dates in May & June

### May Birthdays

- 2 Rebecca Metzner
- 3 Christine Werneth
- 4 Sue Linderman, William Taylor, Jr.
- 5 Samantha Culley, James Ropp
- 6 Carol Faedtke, Toomas Wilson
- 7 Robert Linderman
- 10 Carolyn Hartmann
- 12 Kyle Nance
- 17 Carol Lay
- 20 Catherine Herlihy
- 21 John Gooden
- 22 Timothy Detwiler
- 23 Russell Wagner
- 25 Jayden Biesenbach, Charles Hummel
- 26 Linda Anderson
- 27 Tommy Derrickson
- 29 Marilyn Knodel, Jean Marcali
- 30 Christine Eastburn

### May Anniversaries

- 21 Kristal & Brian Hall
- 26 Susan & Michael Mack
- 30 Michael & Leanne Detwiler

### May Volunteers

### May Greeters

- 4 Linda & Stacy Spivak
- 11 Betty Howard
- 18 Jane & Bob Volkman
- 25 The Heiss Family

### May Ushers

- 4 Team 3, Dave Culley, Capt
- 11 Team 2, Dave Potter, Capt.
- 18 Team 1, Mike Hazuda, Capt.
- 25 Team 5, Fred Altergott, Capt

### May Sound System Operators

- 4 John Gordon
- 11 Tom Brenneman
- 18 Lou Jackson
- 25 John Gordon

### May Flower Delivery

- 4 Carol Lay
- 11 Susan Mack
- 18 Potter Family
- 25 Lydia Turner

### May Nursery Caregivers

TBA

### May Gathering Time Hosts

- 4 Sharon Mutschler
- 11 Sharon Potter
- 18 Bill Sperati
- 25 Lynn Splittorff

### May Altar Guild

- 4 Joyce Bukovsky & Sue Cullet
- 11 Joyce Bukovsky & Sue Cullet
- 18 Joyce Bukovsky & Sue Cullet
- 25 Joyce Bukovsky & Sue Cullet

### May Food Pantry Packers

- 4 Marvin & Cynthia Stouffer
- 11 Sue Heiss
- 18 Susan Mack
- 25 Sue Gooden

### May Lectors

- 4 Ralph Heiss
- 11 James Cook
- 18 Ann Warner
- 25 John Gordon

### May Cantors

TBA

### May Acolytes

- 4 Sarah Mack & Abby Jones
- 11 Katie & TJ Potter
- 18 Charles & Jessamy Hummel
- 25 Ryan & Tyler Heiss

### May Chalice Bearers

- 4 James Cook & Dave Culley
- 11 Marvin Stouffer & Dave Warner
- 18 Fred Altergott & Lydia Turner
- 25 Jane & Chick Baddorf

### May 8:15 Assistants

- 4 Ann Warner
- 11 Dick Parker
- 18 Gary Gooden
- 25 John Rodammer

### June Volunteers

### June Greeters

TBA

### June Ushers

- 1 Team 3, Dave Culley, Capt
- 8 Team 2, Dave Potter, Capt.
- 15 Team 1, Mike Hazuda, Capt.
- 22 Team 5, Fred Altergott, Capt
- 29 Team 3, Dave Culley, Capt

### June Sound System Operators

- 1 Lou Jackson
- 8 Tom Brenneman
- 15 John Gordon
- 22 Lou Jackson
- 29 John Gordon

### June Flower Delivery

- 1 Ann Wagner
- 8 Jane & Chick Baddorf
- 15 Lila Hall
- 22 Lou Jackson
- 29 Carol Lay

### June Nursery Caregivers

TBA

### June Gathering Time Hosts

- 1 Lisa Campbell
- 8 Helen Cripe
- 15 Dave Culley
- 22 Gary & Sue Gooden
- 29 Lila Hall

### June Altar Guild

- 1 Sue Heiss & Fran McKewen
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### June Food Pantry Packers

- 1 Dick Parker
- 8 Marvin & Cynthia Stouffer
- 15 Sue Heiss
- 22 TBA
- 29 Sue Gooden

### June Lectors

- 1 Helen Cripe
- 8 Dave Culley
- 15 Ralph Heiss
- 22 John Gordon
- 29 Ann Warner

**June Cantors**

TBA

**June Acolytes**

- 1 Sarah Mack & Abby Jones
- 8 TJ Potter & Charles Hummel
- 15 Ryan & Tyler Heiss
- 22 Jessamy & Charles Hummel
- 29 TJ Potter & Abby Jones

**June Chalice Bearers**

- 1 John Rodammer & Ann Wagner
- 8 Sue Culley & Betty Sperati
- 15 Ralph & Sue Heiss
- 22 Bob Linderman & James Cook
- 29 Dave & Lynn Splittorff

**June 8:15 Assistants**

- 1 Gary Gooden
- 8 Ann Warner
- 15 Dick Parker
- 22 John Rodammer
- 29 Gary Gooden



**Courier Deadlines for 2008**

**June 2008 issue — due date is May 16**

**July-August 2008 issue — due date is June 20**

**September 2008 issue — due date is August 15**

**October 2008 issue — due date is September 19**

**November 2008 issue — due date is October 17**

**December 2008 issue — due date is November 14**

**January 2009 issue — due date is December 19**

**Nursery Volunteers!**

I am currently looking for volunteers in the nursery. All are welcome to sign up. I volunteered to coordinate the nursery to benefit the church. Without a nursery, the younger generation will not join our church. We need to keep the church going for years to come. So anyone who would like to volunteer, please email me at [tenderheart572@aol.com](mailto:tenderheart572@aol.com) or call me at 234-1862. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered already!

Kristine LaPorte

**Dear St. Stephen's Family & Friends,**

Thank you for all your prayers and support during a very difficult time. It is with a grateful heart that I say thank you to all of you who prepared casseroles, sent cards, well wishes and offers to help in any way they could. Pastor Hummel and some members of the choir, who became available at a moments notice, for the Service of Commendation for Jim, were also appreciated and provided some comfort.

I too have been blessed by the healing prayers of the Congregation regarding my unfortunate accident and am now delighted to be healing and I think a little more rapidly than expected.

Hoping to see you all soon, Shalom, **Ann Ammerman**

**Leisure Lunch**

History buffs!!

Do you know the name of the first Swedish Lutheran Missionary, who in 1699 preached at Old Swedes Church? Come join the **Leisure Luncheon** group on **May 1st at noon time**. After lunch at church (brown bag), we will travel to **Old Swedes Church** for a tour and an answer to the above question. We'll also view the famous 1719 Swedish communion wafer holder. Call Jane Baddorf for info.

**Downtown Bible Study**

Join us twice a month at noon for Downtown Bible Study. We meet in the YMCA Conference Room on the 11th floor in the Community Services Building, 10th & Orange Streets. We invite anyone who works and/or lives in downtown Wilmington to come and participate in this study, which examines a Bible lesson each session in terms of its Biblical context and relation to current life. Our May meeting dates are on the calendar and in the Sunday bulletins.

Due date for copy for the **June 2008 Courier** will be **May 16 at midnight**. Please email your *Courier* items to the editor at [cripehl@itrcorporation.com](mailto:cripehl@itrcorporation.com), [me@hlcripe.com](mailto:me@hlcripe.com), [helen.cripe@itrtechservices.com](mailto:helen.cripe@itrtechservices.com), fax to 302-425-4646, or leave them in the newsletter's box in the church office. Thank you!



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- + 8:15 AM Early Service
- + 9:00 AM Christian Education
- + 10:30 AM Primary Worship

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