

The Courier



of Saint Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church — Wilmington, Delaware July-August 2008

From the Pastor..

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many of us are on our way to different points of the compass this summer. I find myself thinking about a number of different things

Good things are happening here at Saint Stephen's. Really good things. One of the frustrations of parish ministry is that much of the truly important stuff is "classified." Not as in ads, but as in secret. In my previous parish and friends, with folks who worked with and around the NSA, CIA, DIA and other parts of the alphabet soup tasked with keeping us safe, there is a saying, "*Those who don't know talk, and those who don't talk know.*"

Suffice it to say, I say thank you to God for the work of our Congregation Council, and for their prayer work above and beyond the call of duty.

I give thanks to God for Jane Conlon, Susan Heiss & Sally Dudderar for the work they did in organizing our Sunday School for this year. And thanks go out to Linda and Stacey Spivak, Suzanne Hamilton, John Campbell, Dave Culley, Gary and Sue Gooden who gave of their time and of themselves in teaching.

I give thanks to God for the Passionate Spirituality Ministry Team and for their continued work, in helping to get our two spirituality events up and running, and for helping to organize our Intercessory Prayer Team (about which more later) and our events for the fall of 2008 and winter of 2009. They are also looking to get a number of Bible Study/Prayer

Groups started in and around the Saint Stephen's Parish. Our Downtown Bible Study has been in operation now for a while and we want to repeat that success in other places.

I give thanks to God for the Intercessory Prayer Team that has committed to meeting once a month to lift up important issues, and to keep those issues in heart during their private orisons.

I give thanks to God that I am preparing for the first Baptism to come out of our SonRise program. Some things take time to nurture and grow.

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Council Corner #1

By Lydia Turner

Is That a Sin?

As I get older, temptation lessens. All sins must start with a thought. I am not sure what thoughts are sins.

I like the little Mini-Cooper; no, not your Mini-Cooper, I would like one of my own. That cannot be a sin against the 9th commandment. I also begrudge the taxes I have to pay. (Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.) I pay the taxes but I have evil thoughts about it. Is that sinning? I criticize very short skirts on people that don't look good in them. Thoughts like that just float in and out of my head as I am relaxing or driving.

President Bush's war can leave me with unkind thoughts about him. Now I do believe that must be a sin. I get angry with my son when he leaves a trail of debris everywhere he has been; he thinks it is my job to clean that clutter away. Very evil thoughts there. I love all animals: I can't feel sorry

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And so because we have these good things going on, we have needs:

- Sunday School Teachers
- Bible Study/Prayer Group Leaders
- Participants in the Passionate Spirituality Activities
- Worship Helper Coordinator(s)

.....to name just a few. All of these listed are important, but I am hoping that God is working in the hearts of people here to be one of our Bible Study/Prayer Group leaders. This is the next step for us. We are called to be people of the Book. At our National Assembly last year, and at our Synod Assembly this year, that has been stressed. It is from God's Word that we draw our sustenance. Don't be scared by the title — give me a call and I can tell you all that is involved. And there will be training.

So God be with you in these summer months. May you experience refreshment and renewal of your body, mind and spirit. And so I return to the words of Saint Paul that we have heard so often:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 6:4-7)

**In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Matt+**

Backpack Ingathering and Blessing of the Backpacks

Help us support Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center with an ingathering of school supplies: backpacks, notebooks, papers, pencils, pens, etc. Think ahead, take advantage of back-to-school sales. In order to have supplies ready for the beginning of the school year, collection will begin in early August and continue throughout the month of August.

Walk Run for Hunger

This is the only fundraiser specifically for the food distribution program of LCS. Requests for food have gone up drastically during the last 18 months, as have food costs. Help support this fundraiser by participating as a walker, or sponsoring the St. Stephen's team. Ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers to also support this effort to provide assistance to those less fortunate.

Downtown Bible Study

Last Gathering before Summer Break — Resumes Sept. 9th
Tuesday, June 24th — 12:00 Noon — YMCA Conference Room, 11th
Floor, Community Services Building, 10th & Orange
For more information, Pastor Hummel, pastormatt@ststeph.org

Council, cont.

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when one hunter shoots another hunter in the wild.

I know you can sin just in your mind. My question is, how do I stop these bad thoughts from coming through?

Council Corner #2

By Sharon Mutschler

During refocusing there was a lot of interest in regards to renovating the kitchen. Many members felt that there are many good things we could do with a functional kitchen.

There are many of us who can remember all the events, such as dinners and pancake breakfasts, that took place that involved the kitchen. I remember the youth group doing a "sweetheart dinner" where they made 60 or 70 Cornish hens with all the trimmings. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to do those types of events again.

James Conlon (Jane's husband) was kind enough to take a look at the existing kitchen and into some of the situations we will have to face if and when we go forward with the renovation. He pointed out that there are many issues we will face due to the building being so old and code changes that have taken place over the past many years. A difficult undertaking but the one thing we do know is that anything is possible with God's help and guidance.

There will be a committee meeting coming up soon to get the ball rolling on this long overdue project. We will need some volunteers to serve on and head this committee. Please give your prayerful consideration to serving or heading this committee. If you are interested or have any questions please talk to any council member.

Music Update for the Season of 2008-2009

I have been encouraged to expand the Music Series during the academic year and have been working on a scenario that will hopefully provide St. Stephen's greater visibility in Wilmington's sacred music culture.

To make this more affordable, I will develop a Vesper-Concert Series that requires musicians to provide about 30 minutes of concert music, as opposed to over an hour. I'll design the Vesper service to highlight the concert aspect with less service material, though each service will follow the traditional Vesper format. Each concert-service will last about an hour and I will endeavor to be as creative as possible in order to make these events enjoyable for all. I will be requesting volunteers for coordinators, greeters, ushers, readers and perhaps include receptions after the services so that you can gather in a social setting with your invitees as well as meet the artists who will be presenting music for you.

I have also included two Saturday Music Seminars with the same instructors as this past year: Kate Mallon-Day, a well known Philadelphia vocalist and teacher (Settlement Music School, Philadelphia Opera, etc.) and Kathleen Ebeling-Thorne, hand-bell instructor (professor at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ). These seminars are an opportunity for anyone who is interested in learning how to sing better and/or how to play hand-bells. These seminars are advertised all over the Wilmington area.

The *Music Series* may also be combined with the *Art Loop Series* so that we have may advertise as "The Arts at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church" – with a concentrated vision of outreach towards the community surrounding us. These events will be a wonderful opportunity for you to invite family, friends and neighbors to St. Stephen's so that they will be introduced to the friendly people and warm environment of our parish apart from the traditional Sunday worship services.

Thus far, I have commitments from all invited artists except one, the one scheduled for April 2009. Plans for the following season (2009-2010) are also in the beginning stages and one or two will highlight an organ recital.

Plans thus far include:

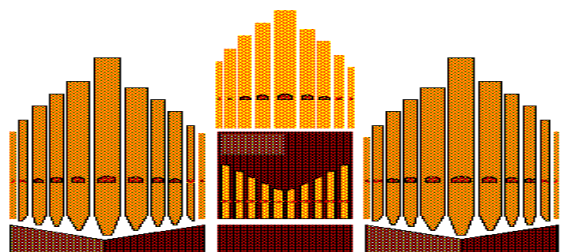
- Jason Markzon, percussionist — Autumn Concert-Vespers on September 21, 2009
- Kate Mallon-Day, Instructor — Vocal Saturday Seminar on October 11, 2008, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Jonathan Sills, Baritone — "American Spirituals" for an All Saints on November 2, 2008
- The Choirs of St. Stephen's — Advent Concert-Vespers on December 7, 2008

- Kathleen Ebeling-Thorne, Instructor — Hand-bell Seminar on January 17, 2009, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Adrienne Bishop, Lyric Mezzo Soprano — Epiphany Concert-Vespers on February 15, 2009; Music of Mahler & Schubert
- Marisol Rampolla, Classical Guitar: Music of Spain and Puerto Rico — Lent Concert-Vespers on March 15, 2009
- Tentative Choral Concert-Vespers on April 26 or April 27.

I'll be developing a visually appealing brochure, with information on each of the artists, in order to advertise these events and hope to have those ready for distribution by mid-late August. Each Vesper-Concert will occur on Sundays at 4 p.m., with the possible exception of Saturday, April 26, and a requested donation will be \$10.00 per adult. Children, up to the age of 18, will have free admission. The donation is requested in order to cover costs for the musician(s) and energy costs in the church building.

I apologize for having not provided more Buxtehude information last month but will continue a *Courier* article in the Fall about vocal music (solo and choral) of the Baroque era from the foremost German composers, including Buxtehude, Schütz, Telemann, Scheit, Praetorius and Bach. This may have to run into a series as there is so much information regarding the styles employed and carried from the High Renaissance to the early Classical eras (1600-1800 A.D.). Most of this will fall under the Lutheran traditions that will focus on the widespread use of the ancient German chorales and will also investigate stylistic influences of neighboring countries in Europe.

**Wishing all of you a refreshing and wonderful
summer,
Dan**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This is in addition to the piece I wrote earlier this month.

On Monday the week of this writing, I enrolled my mother Paula in the Compassionate Care Hospice program. Just because something is the right thing to do doesn't make it easier. Her dementia is progressing at a rapid pace. As was explained to me at the time, hospice care means that roughly speaking the best medical prognosis is approximately six months to live. And so that last journey has begun in earnest with her.

I want to publicly thank the Council and Officers, especially our wonderful President, Betty Sperati, whose kind words and thoughtful actions have made this experience more bearable. Just as John Rodammer was so supportive when I had to work out moving my mother down to Wilmington last summer, so too Betty has been a wonderful and kind support. So thank you, Betty, especially as you have had some tremendous burdens of your own at this time.

The tough part of all this is (I hope) all the work that one does at the beginning of the process so that at the end, there is only the spiritual work of grieving. The end of May and first half of June have been filled with that. It should settle down now.

I wish you could have known my mom as she was. She was the person who gave me the gift of logophilia. She was the one who made sure I was at Saint John's, Merrick Sunday School and worship. She was the one who introduced me to C.S. Lewis. Any gift I have in prose is a pale reflection of hers.

I am glad that she has made the plans she did. I wish we as a family had made a few more. So my advice to you is talk, plan and write it down.

I ask only your prayers in the weeks and months to come, and an understanding that if my mind seems elsewhere at the moment, it very well might be. Just gently call my attention to the present.

Thanks!
Pastor Matt+



Thank You!

To our St. Stephen's Family:

Thank you all for your prayers for healing during my recent surgery and recuperation! Thank you Pastor Matt, Sharon and Dave Potter, and Lynn Splittorff for the prayer service for healing prior to my surgery. Thanks also to Lynn for the wonderful meal for the whole family, and thanks to Sharon for being surrogate "Mom" for Andy the night of the surgery (feeding, transporting, attending his spring band concert). These actions were special blessings to us!!!

I am continuing to progress. I started back to work part-time from home the second week of June, then made it into the office part-time the following week. I also began physical therapy (stiff ankle) the third week of June. The plastic surgeon continues to watch a small area of skin to see whether I will need a skin graft.

I have been referred to a medical oncologist for continued treatment and will be placed in a clinical trial in early July. Depending on placement in a "randomized" group, I may receive drug therapy for the month. Please continue to pray that God will guide the hands of my doctors and nurses and for ongoing strength throughout this ordeal.

Peace be with you all,
Tom Brenneman (and Pam, Andy & Matthew)

Dear Friends at St. Stephen's,

We are enjoying the flowers from the church. Thank you for remembering us. On these dark rainy days they are a cheerful reminder of God's beautiful world and our church.

Sincerely,
Mildred Cook
Ellen Viden's Family



Habitat for Humanity Moving Inside

By Dave and Ann Warner

Summer Volunteering

Summer has begun. By the time the season is over the two Habitat for Humanity houses we are supporting through Thrivent Builds should be completed. Be a part of this meaningful work by volunteering to help complete the interior of the homes.

St. Stephen's next assigned days are:

- Tuesday, July 15
- Saturday, August 9
- Friday, August 22.

But, there are several other building opportunities that may better meet your schedule:

- Saturday, June 29
- Saturday, July 15
- Tuesday, July 22
- Tuesday, August 5
- Friday, August 8

For the St. Stephen's days, please sign up on the sheets in the gathering area. If you can build on the other days listed, please contact David Warner at david.warner@comcast.net or at 302.762.2389

The homes are located at the corner of 14th and Claymont Streets, just two blocks from last year's Greenbridge development. New Castle is the only group in Thrivent's mid-Atlantic region (MD, VA, WV, DE) that is sponsoring two homes. One of the homes is a four-bedroom, and the other is a three-bedroom.

Fundraising News

Soon a few more blocks will be added to the column in the gathering area. Thanks to your generous support, we have reached our goal of \$2,200, and even have raised a few extra dollars. Any extra funds will be held for 2009 when we hope to sponsor another house along with other Lutheran churches in New Castle County.

The Most Important Person: A Homeowner

On Sunday, July 13, during the 10:30



St. Stephen's Food Pantry Meets the Need

Just like all of the LCS food pantries, St. Stephen's Food Pantry, at 13th and Broom Streets in Wilmington, is experiencing extremely high levels of demand and distribution. In April 2008, the pantry served 1,354 people. A year earlier, in April 2007, that pantry served 1,082 people. That's a 25% increase. Wednesdays, when there is an LCS free produce distribution outside the church, demand is highest. Volunteers have really been feeling the pressure. A recent meeting of volunteers was well attended and some solutions were developed to help relieve the pressure. More volunteers are being scheduled and more are needed. If you are interested – remember you don't have to attend St. Stephen's – call Dara Snyder at 654 8886 x 104 or email her at dsnyder@lcsde.org.

In-Kind Donations ... Canned, From the Garden etc.

The increased number of recipients at the LCS pantries takes a toll on the LCS budget, too. This is exacerbated by rising prices and supply problems. One strategy we are embracing is to step up in-kind donations. By this we mean any donations of nonperishables – and produce!

First, consider the nonperishables (cans, pasta etc). LCS wants to be on the receiving end of as many food drives as possible. In addition to LIFE collections from Lutheran churches, we currently get donations from about 20 schools, organizations, non-Lutheran churches, and businesses. We want to double that. Staff has found that many organizations collect food for the hungry but are not always sure where to take it. Our goal is to have food drive organizers think of LCS first. We are looking for help with developing this strategy.

Secondly, all you gardeners, can you plant an extra row or two and bring us the fruits of your labors? We would love to have and pass on to our food clients all your zucchini, tomatoes, peppers etc.!

Walk Run Supports the Hungry – September 20, 2008

Another way to help LCS feed the hungry is to compete in the annual Hunger 5K Walk Run. This event is the single biggest source of support for the LCS Food Pantries. By joining in, you are helping us keep our programs going during a tough time. Lots of prizes and drawings! All youth get free T-shirts and so do adults who bring in \$50 or more. So sign up and walk or run. Sponsor someone. Bring a friend or neighbor. Bring your dog and take it for a walk in the park. They'll love you for it. It's only 5K which is a 45 minute walk. But if you are a young runner, consider the **Third Annual Delaware High School Hunger Classic**. This is a competitive race and fun to watch. The winners will be finishing long before the walkers. Check our website for info and to download a registration form for the Walk Run and the High School Classic: www.lcsde.org.

a.m. service you will have a chance to meet Juanita Gonzalez, one of "our" homeowners. She will tell our congregation what the opportunity to achieve the dream of home ownership means to her and her family.

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM Mission Team Meetings	2 7:00 PM Evening Worship	3	4 Fourth of July	5
6 LIFE Sunday 8:15 AM Early Service 10:30 AM Primary Worship	7	8 7:00 PM Church Council	9 7:00 PM Evening Worship	10	11	12
13 8:15 AM Early Service 10:30 AM Primary Worship 2:00 PM SonRise Service	14	15	16 7:00 PM Evening Worship	17 4:30 PM Stephen Ministers	18	19
20 8:15 AM Early Service 10:30 AM Primary Worship	21	22	23 7:00 PM Evening Worship	24	25 11:45 PM Emmanuel Dining Room	26
27 8:15 AM Early Service 10:30 AM Primary Worship	28	29	30 7:00 PM Evening Worship	31	1	2

August 2008

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Please note: ingathering of school supplies for Hilltop will continue throughout August						
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Hilltop: Summer Camp and Teens

By Eric Mease



Summer must be here because the Summer Camp at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center is up and running at full throttle. Children are enjoying recreational and learning experiences both at the Center and through field trips to a number of regional locations. Those field trips include: Bellevue State Park, the Wilmington Library, Wilmington's Amtrak Station, local fire stations, the Brandywine Art Museum, and the Grand Opera House just to name a few. We thank all the staff members and volunteers who help make this summer a special time of year.

Speaking of special times of year, we don't want to mention the "S" word too loudly, but school will be back in session in less than 60 days and the Hilltop Center is gearing up for the new school year already. One aspect of that preparation is the intention to revitalize the Teen Program this fall. We have been without a teen outreach program for several months now, mostly due to budget constraints. However, the staff, management, and board of the Center are working to bring the program back with new employees, a fully functional gym program, two game rooms, a multi purpose room, computer room, and tutoring room.



The toughest part of the proposal is security. This requires at least five people to keep an eye on each activity room, the stairwells, and the front door, which is one reason why a revitalized Teen Program will require about \$100,000. In these trying economic times, this is truly a challenge, but a challenge the Center is committed to meet to create a safe, recreational, and learning place for the teenagers in the Hilltop area of Wilmington.

Please keep the center in your thoughts and prayers as well as on your list of United Way organizations when the fall campaign begins. This is the last time we're allowed to mention that donation due to United Way rules, so don't forget!

Have a great summer...

**The Board of Directors
The Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center**

Lutheran Campus Ministry

By Shirley Glines

Life at the University of Delaware has slowed down for most of the campus for the summer, but at Paul's Chapel there has been lots of activity. Pastor Bruce and Matt Kazmar moved odds and ends of furniture out of the porch area to make room for Ann, LCM Administrative Assistant, Jason, LSA President and LSA Peer Counselors to have office space. Pastor Bruce's office furniture will move into the space on the porch and he will be selecting some new furniture being donated by a very generous person. Thanks for shampooing the carpet in the porch area, Jason. New renters will be painting inside the house as we welcome three renters for the summer.

At the June meeting Karen Peterson (St. Paul's) was thanked for her years of service to LCM. The following officers were elected to serve for 2008-09:

- Co-Presidents: Kathy Kazmar and Janet Mease
- Vice President: Matt Kazmar
- Secretary: Shirley Glines
- Treasurer: Tina Guerrette
- Board Members: Gene Zaiser, Dough Smythe, Chris Ebert and Pastor Matt Hummel
- Student Representative: Jason Day

Save the date of October 25th 2008, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for the Third Annual Lutheran Campus Ministry Fund-raising Dinner at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We Are Called will be the theme for the event. Student speaker will be Jason Day. The evening will feature wonderful food and silent auction items. Please come to learn more about the Lutheran Students Association, Lutheran Campus Ministry and the FISH food distribution program.

To volunteer to weed, help with one-time repairs or to provide a meal for the LSA students for the Tuesday evening summer meals call 368-3078. All helpers are welcomed for any amount of time you can give. Have a restful and wonderful summer. The Beginning the Semester Cook-out is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

The mission of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware is to express our faith in God through fellowship, outreach and service.

Praying-Caring-Thinking-Daring in the Name of Jesus

Note from the Financial Secretary

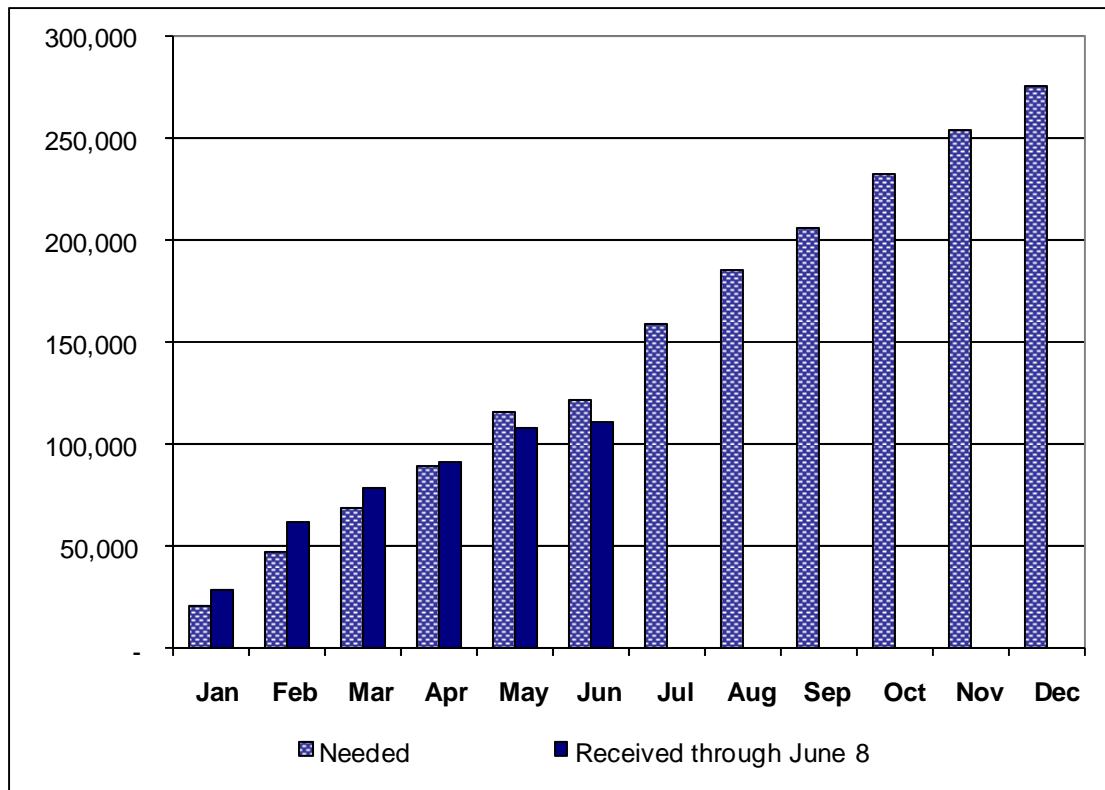
As of June 8th 45% of our members are behind in their 2008 pledge, in the amount of approximately \$6,500.

With the summer months looming ahead of us, I would hope that everyone will make a concerted effort to bring their pledge up to date since summer is usually our lowest giving period.

We have already had to borrow from the repair fund to pay our bills and if we fall much further behind we may run out of non-interest options. Remember that although most of us take vacations in the summer the church's bills do not. Thanking you in advance for your anticipated help in this matter.

2008 Contribution Status: Year To Date Through June 8th				
	Cash Received	Cash Needed: Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)	Cash Received as % of Cash Needed
Operating	\$111,195.36	\$121,873.02	(\$10,677.66)	91.2%
Debt Reduction	\$20.00			
Memorials	\$820.00			
	Cash Received	Cash Expected	Ahead/ (Behind)	
Operating	\$111,195.36	\$109,540.40	\$1,654.96	

Just a reminder — please consider tithing 10% of your Economic Stimulus rebate from the IRS. The monies collected will be contributed directly for building maintenance and repair only.



People With Important Dates in July & August

July Birthdays

- 1 Samantha Knauer, Rosemary Krill
- 2 Yvonne Lehm, Muriel Lloyd, Sarah Zimny
- 5 Ken Nicholson, Karen Weber
- 6 Allison Atry
- 10 Sarah Mack, Ellwood Mutschler Jr., Sharon Potter
- 12 Mary Herlihy
- 13 David Culley
- 14 Kristine LaPorte, John Sperati
- 15 Sonnie Sperati
- 16 Pam Alexander, Frank Nickel Jr.
- 19 David Blackwelder
- 22 Christopher Camaratta, Daniel Howe
- 24 Thomas LaPorte
- 27 Nancy Graves
- 30 John Wilkes

July Anniversaries

- 23 Kevin & Kate Fillingame
- 27 Robert & Sue Linderman

August Birthdays

- 3 Michael Hazuda Jr., Kara Hazuda, Lynn Splittorff
- 4 Pamela Brenneman, Sean Hamilton
- 7 Alice Detwiler, Robert Gooden
- 8 David Warner, William White III
- 9 Caitlin Aber
- 10 Meghan Campbell, Nicholas Krill
- 11 Jane Conlon, Robert Detwiler, Mike Graves, Kimberly Rollins
- 13 Jennifer Rodammer
- 14 Kevin Fillingame
- 16 Dorothy Davis, Matthew Helman, Thomas Linderman
- 16 Adam Graham, Grace Mason, Althea McDowell
- 20 Janice Losito
- 21 Anne Prince, Betty Thomas
- 23 Mildred Cook, Debra Helman
- 27 Ralph Heiss, Kathryn Mack
- 29 Janet Rossiter

August Anniversaries

- 2 John & Kathy Rodammer

- 14 William & Elizabeth Sperati
- 21 Charles & Jane Baddorf
- 23 James & Elizabeth Wolf
- 26 David & Lynn Splittorff

July Volunteers

July Greeters

- 6 Douglas Wood
- 13 Lila Hall
- 20 Sally Dudderar
- 27 Ursula Kroll

July Gathering Time Hosts

- 6 Anne Hummel
- 13 Carol Lay
- 22 Sharon Mutschler
- 27 Sharon Potter

July Ushers

- 6 Team 2, Dave Potter, Capt.
- 13 Team 1, Mike Hazuda, Capt.
- 22 Team 5, Fred Altergott, Capt.
- 27 Team 3, Dave Culley, Capt.

July Sound System Operators

- 6 Lou Jackson
- 13 John Gordon
- 22 [New SSO Needed — see Lou]
- 27 John Gordon

July Flower Delivery

- 6 Susan Mack
- 13 Lydia Turner
- 20 Ann Wagner
- 27 Clarice & Dale Wolf

July Altar Guild

- 6 Lisa Campbell & Jane Baddorf
- 13 Lisa Campbell & Lydia Turner
- 20 Lisa Campbell & Susan Mack
- 27 Lisa Campbell & Susan Mack

July Food Pantry Packers

- 6 Dick Parker
- 13 Marvin & Cynthia Stouffer
- 20 Sue Heiss
- 27 Susan Mack

July Lectors

- 6 Helen Cripe
- 13 Dave Culley
- 20 Ralph Heiss

- 27 James Cook

July Cantors

- 6 Ralph Heiss
- 13 Lynn Splittorff
- 20 Helen Cripe
- 17 Ann Wagner

July Acolytes

- 6 Tyler Heiss
- 13 Charles Hummel
- 20 Sarah Mack
- 27 Abby Jones

July Chalice Bearers

- 6 Dave Culley & Marvin Stouffer
- 13 Dave Warner & Lydia Turner
- 20 Sue Culley & John Rodammer
- 27 Jane & Chick Baddorf

July 8:15 Assistants

- 6 Ann Warner
- 13 Gary Gooden
- 20 John Rodammer
- 27 Dick Parker

August Volunteers

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- 3 John Campbell Family
- 10 Debra Helman
- 17 Betsy Zimny
- 24 Douglas Wood
- 31 Thelma Neugebauer

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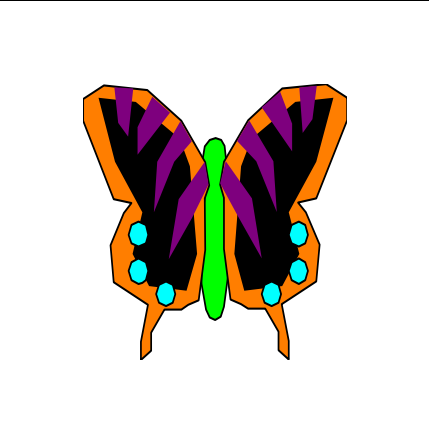
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August 8:15 Assistants

- 3 Gary Gooden
- 10 Ann Warner
- 17 John Rodammer
- 24 Dick Parker
- 31 Ann Warner



St. Stephen's History Corner

This item was contributed by Jane Baddorf:

Guess What Couple Have Walked 3120 Miles to Saint Stephen's Over the Years???

Why did they do all that walking! Because they have been involved with their children, Luther League, Women's groups, men's groups, cooking, sewing, polishing, weddings, baptisms, shoveling snow, counting money, Food Pantry, Boy Scouts, funerals, music festivals, church services, altar guild and making long time friends.

All these activities and friends at St.Stephen's have added much to their diamond anniversary of their marriage.

They are still walking!!Answer next month.



How about some Nursery volunteers by September?

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 or call me at 234-1862.Thanks to everyone who has volunteered already!

Kristine LaPorte

Courier Deadlines for 2008

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

Celebrate July 4th by attending Winterthur Museum Free! Ann Wagner's exhibition, **Silversmiths to the Nation**, will open at 10:00 a.m. with free admission for everyone. She would love to see anyone from St. Stephen's who wants to visit.

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- + 10:30 AM Primary Worship

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