

The Courier



of Saint Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church — Wilmington, Delaware April 2009

From the Pastor..

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One hopes that T. S. Eliot is incorrect about April. When you read this, we will be two weeks shy of Easter. For those who have been part of our regular worship during this Lent, you know what that means. We are asking everyone to invite one person whom they know who does not have a Church home to come and worship with us. Given the fact that over 50% of New Castle County is unchurched, it means that you have a better than even chance in inviting someone who really needs to be here. And the funny thing about this type of invitation is that it works as often as not.

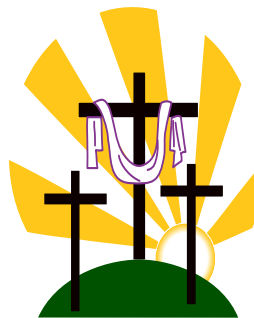
I know we have a number of engineers in the congregation who like to dial in a margin of safety in calculations, so let's do that. Let's say one hundred of us invite one person. And let's say of that of the hundred invitees, fifty do not already have a church home to which they will go on Sunday April 12 (9 AM Breakfast and 10:30 Worship). So we have fifty people to draw upon. Of that fifty, twenty five come and worship. Twenty five people! That is extraordinary.

Twenty five people come to worship in the beauty that is Saint Stephen's, and experience the richness of the liturgy. That is an interesting thing to note. Sociologists of religion have found that the type of worship that is experiencing the most sustained growth is traditional worship. That is one of our core strengths as a congregation. People are looking to be

connected to something larger than themselves. They are looking to be part of something that has deep and sturdy roots in a time of real stress. And that is what the Church is. It is more than Saint Stephen's, it is more than our Synod or even the ELCA. The Church is one holy, catholic and apostolic, and so in entering into it, we are connected to those who have gone before us, and with those who will be when our bones are but dust.

And so our invitations are an invitation into fellowship that stretches back all the way to those events we will celebrate in two weeks.

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Council Corner

By
Ralph Heiss

What is your favorite season of the year? I'm guessing that most people would give their nod to Spring. It seems to me that Winter has hung around much too long this year, so maybe Spring is getting a few extra votes anyway. Most everyone looks forward to the days when we can go outside without the heavy coats, when the sun shines longer and brighter, when we will perhaps take a walk just because we want to walk. Take a good look around. You can see some flowers and plants starting to emerge. Many lawns are gradually turning from brown to green. Leaves are beginning to poke out from branches that have long been bare. We see signs of life returning, signs of renewal.

The Lenten season, from the dark reminders of Ash Wednesday to the colorful brightness of Easter, is a special time for reflection. Many people observe the custom of giving

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So take the card that you find in this *Courier*. Pray for a person to give it to. Pray for the person to whom you will give it. And join with your sisters and brothers in celebrating the profound joy that is Easter.

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

Attached with this month's *Courier* is an invitation postcard for Easter events at St. Stephen's. Please use this to invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker who does not currently attend church.

Council, cont.

up something they like, something simple like chocolate or desserts. It serves as a measure of fasting through which we can remind ourselves of the days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. The end of Lent is marked by Easter Sunday. It is a day of celebration, as we recall and exclaim the resurrection of Jesus. Just as with the flowers and the leaves, we are witness to renewal. We believe in the triumph of life over death itself.

Your church council discussed some signs of renewal here at St. Stephen's. As a church body we are looking to restore and protect the beauty of our stained glass windows, a major project for the future of our church worship setting. We reviewed ways we can help the Delaware-Maryland Synod Council to strengthen the Mar-Lu Ridge retreat camp and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. We talked about replacing the lights in the chapel and the sanctuary. I believe such matters, and others, all carry the same weight, as there is indeed nothing small in our service to God's calling.

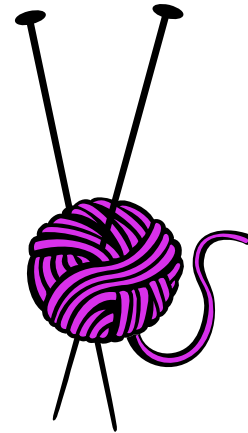
Signs of life, signs of renewal, may be seen everywhere. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

Matthew Warner currently works as a software developer for Lockheed Martin. The software program he has been working on since last summer was selected by the producers of the television show NCIS to potentially be used in a spinoff show scheduled for next fall. There's another Lockheed Martin software program that was also selected.

Matt had the terrific opportunity to spend time on the NCIS set while they taped part one of the two-part NCIS program which will introduce the characters and scenario for the new show. It was a working trip ("the shortest 14-hour days I've ever worked"), but he had the opportunity to meet everyone from the cast(s) and get a sense of how a television program is put together.

The computer output which Matt was responsible for is apparently in the first minute of the show (the other software program gets more airtime throughout the show). If you're interested in watching, the show is (as far as we know) scheduled for April 28, Tuesday, 8 pm, on CBS.

**Leisure Luncheon
Thursday, April 2nd**
Lunch at noon at church,
then on to Valero Refinery
for a tour.
Please contact
Ann Ammerman by March
19th for reservations,
and any questions.



Care Wear Project

Desperate need for yarn! Any amount, any color.

The project supplied thousands of garments: scarves, sweaters, hats, mittens, baby items, blankets, lap robes, afghans, hand knit and crocheted by area senior citizens.

We are almost out of yarn!

Please consider donating yarn today. Call Evelyn Smith, 302-220-1937 and leave your name and phone number. I will get back to you regarding pickup.

God Bless!

Evelyn Smith

Holy Week Hymn: Of the Glorious Body Telling

(Pange Lingua, gloriosi corporis) Text: Thomas Aquinas

By Daniel Howe, Director of Music

Thomas Aquinas, son of Landulph, Count of Aquino and a nephew of Emperor Frederick I, and of Theodora, a wealthy Neapolitan lady, was born in 1227 and sent at the age of five to be educated at the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino. Seven years later he was sent to the University of Naples, where he came to know some of the Fathers of the Dominican Order and decided to become a member of that order. The decision displeased his mother greatly, and she caused him to be apprehended on his way to Paris and held him a prisoner for over two years, until the Pope at last influenced Emperor Frederick to order his release.

Thomas studied with Albertus Magnus, first at Cologne, then at Paris. In 1248 he was appointed second professor to a new Dominican school established at Cologne. He received a doctor's degree from the University of Paris in 1257, and thereafter had a series of important appointments. He was a member of Louis IX's Council of State, a member of the commission appointed to establish uniformity in the Dominican schools, and an aide to Pope Urban IV in his project for uniting the Eastern and Western churches. He held a chair of theology in the Dominican College of Rome, and was sent as a "definitor" of the Roman Province first to London and then to Paris. Other positions he refused – offers of the patriarchate of Jerusalem, a cardinal's hat, and the archbishopric of Naples. In 1272 he became a lecturer at the University of Naples. Two years later, he was summoned to the Second Council of Lyons on the differences of the Greek and Latin Churches. On the way, however, he became ill and died at the Benedictine Abbey of Bossa Nuova on March 7, 1274.

Thomas wrote voluminously. His principal work, the *Summa Theologiae* carried such authority that it was placed alongside the Scriptures and papal decrees at the Council of Trent. In 1263 he was commissioned by Pope Urban IV to compose the special Mass and Offices for the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Thursday following Trinity Sunday in the Roman calendar). He also wrote several hymns for these services, two of which are included in the LBW – the present hymn, and "Adoro te devote" (LBW 199).

The tune *Pange Lingua*, is a plainsong melody and the setting in LBW is by Carl Schalk. (LBW 120)

Of the Glorious Body Telling

- 1 Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its myst'ries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal king,
in a noble womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 Giv'n for us, for us descending,
of a virgin to proceed,
with us all in converse blending,
scattered he the gospel seed,
till his sojourn drew to ending
which he closed in wondrous deed.
- 3 At the last great supper lying
circled by his chosen band,
meekly with the law complying,
first he finished its command;
then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself with his own hand.
- 4 Word made flesh, by word ordaining
very bread his flesh to be;
we, in wine Christ's blood obtaining,
and, if senses fail to see,
faith alone will wake those straining
to behold the mystery.
- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father and the Son;
honor, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever, too, the Spirit blessing,
who, from both, with both is one. Amen

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; tr. composite





By Steve Tindall

Walk Run T-Shirts Go to Navajo Nation

Thanks to Phyllis Bierstedt from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 35 excess T-shirts from last year's Hunger Walk Run, along with an equal number of Thrivent T-shirts left over from last year's Join Hands Day, are going to an ELCA mission on the Navajo reservation in Arizona. LCS generally gets a few extra T-shirts to make sure they don't run out of a specific size. The extras then go to needy spots around the globe, where American style T-shirts are much prized and appreciated. In recent years, Walk Run T-shirts have gone to an orphanage in Poland and a Lutheran church in Africa. Phyllis is handling and paying for the shipping to the Navajos.

LCS Smoking Cessation Assistance for All!

A new promotion by the State of Delaware and the American Cancer Society will temporarily eliminate the income requirements on the pharmaceutical smoking cessation assistance program that LCS is a part of. Under the new program, any state resident over 18 can call the Delaware Quitline for counseling and get nicotine replacement vouchers from LCS – regardless of their income. Except for special promotions like this one, the program was designed for low income people only. This free-for-all program will likely run for only a few months, so folks who want to free themselves of nicotine addiction should call the Quitline now – **866 409 1858**.

LCS Celebrating 50th Anniversary at Annual Breakfast May 6

It's been 50 years since LCS was founded! Originally intended to help seniors with their independent living needs, the agency now boasts a wide range services – **food, housing and more!** We're going to celebrate that heritage and our 50 years of work at our Annual Free Fundraising Breakfast at the Dupont Country Club on May 6. Table Captains are out and about inviting folks. All are invited! If you would like to come, contact **Steve Tindall at 654 8886 x105 or via email at stindall@lcsde.org**. This year's breakfast promises to be a great event with new speakers, new people and new dreams.

2009 LCS Program Services Report

Established in 1959, LCS provides a variety of food, housing and other programs for people with low incomes mainly in Wilmington and New Castle County, and to a limited extent in other areas of the state. In December 2008, LCS merged with the FAITH Center, which allowed LCS to expand its range of crisis alleviation services. Through all of its programs, LCS helped over 66,000 people in 2008.

LCS FAITH Center: As a result of the merger, the LCS FAITH Center continues to operate at its Walnut Street location in downtown

Wilmington, offering grants for emergency **housing and utilities assistance** as well as a limited number of **back-to-work** grants for working poor. The FAITH Center has a multi-denominational support base comprised of 14 churches.

Housing Programs: Traditional LCS Housing Assistance includes **zero interest loans and grants** to families who are behind in their rent or mortgages as well as to those who need security deposits for decent housing. A **home repair service** provides small-scale home repairs for older homeowners.

Emergency Food & Mobile Pantries: LCS's Food Pantries provide groceries for people who cannot afford to buy their own. Packages provide families with food sufficient to last three days. To help get food closer to people who have difficulty accessing other emergency pantry locations, LCS developed a **mobile pantry**. It stops at Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington and at Hope Lutheran in New Castle.

Fresh Produce Distribution: LCS provides fruits, vegetables and other perishable items at two locations to help low income families balance their diets.

Grocery Clubs: The newest LCS Grocery Club is sponsored by Grace of God in Millsboro, our first Sussex County service site. Each of the eight LCS Grocery Clubs serves between 25 and 50 families.

More Services: LCS also provides **medical rides** for seniors to get to their appointments, regular **free clothing** distributions, and help for **low income smokers** through a partnership with the state and the American Cancer Society.





Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Working for Social Justice
Living in Intentional Community
Exploring Simplified Sustainable Living
By Judy Zahnow

Meet another local Volunteer. "My Name is **Steven Hays** and I am working this year with Lutheran Community Services as their Food and Shelter Assistant. I facilitate operations of their food closets and produce distributions and also do intakes and meet with clients for LCS's housing assistance program for low-income families.

I was initially drawn to the Lutheran Volunteer Corps because I was interested in working in the non-profit sector and liked the idea of living in community alongside others who were doing similar work. I also was attracted to the simple living component, which is important for me as an individual and for our society as a whole.

I am a graduate of Berry College, a small liberal arts school in northwest Georgia, where I studied history and minored in Spanish. I was born in New York but I grew up in a suburb of Dayton, Ohio. My family consists of my father and mother and a younger sister and brother, both of whom are in college.

Some of my interests are running, hiking, spending time outside, reading and listening to lots of music. I also have interest in issues pertaining to Latin America and have visited in Chile, Argentina and Peru. My two trips provided broadening experiences and new cultural perspectives.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware

Our mission is to show our Faith in God through fellowship, outreach and service.

On February 28th the members of the Directing Committee for Lutheran Campus Ministry participated in a Retreat. During our time together we shared our thoughts on Lutheran Campus Ministry. We also spent some time looking at our "four year plan" in preparation for our review due in 2010.

LCM/LSA will be hosting the Synod Council meeting on Sat. March 14th. LCM will be providing meals. Pastor Bruce will be leading Bible Study for the day. The Lutheran Student Association members have a busy spring planned. On March 21 they will be participating in Habitat for Humanity. Mid-April they will be camping. Later in April they will be participating in a Joint Ministry Event. May will see all of us doing Spring clean-up on the 2nd and the students will be entered in the Relay For Life on the 2nd and 3rd.

Preliminary plans were discussed for the Fourth Annual Fund-Raising Dinner to benefit the FISH program. Watch for details and save the date — Information in May.

Every Tuesday evening the students worship at the Chapel and share a meal. We are in need of meals for Tuesdays. Are you involved with a Church group looking for a service project? Do you love to cook and enjoy sharing the calories with others? The U of D students are thankful to have home cooked meals or donations for pizza nights. For details call Pastor Bruce at 368-3078. You can check out our LCM website at www.lutheransatud.org.

The annual meeting for the Board of Directors will be June 7th at 6 p.m. We would love to welcome new members on the board or on several committees. Please consider joining us in this exciting Ministry. Our meetings are every other month on Sunday evenings during the U of D semesters—usually no meetings are held in the summer.

Shirley Glines LCM Secretary

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

Mint Cookies Makes 65

1 cup softened butter
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
65 Andies Mints

Mix butter and sugars until well blended. Add eggs, vanilla, flour, salt, and baking powder. Refrigerate for 2 hours (it will be easier to work with). Take 1 T. cookie dough and shape around mints. Put 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes at 375. Melt remaining mints and drizzle over the top.



Sanctuary Stained Glass Window Stabilization

Latest Status
3/21/09

We have almost reached our goal of \$45,000 to fund the restoration of the exterior protective covers of the our stained glass windows. If you have been waiting to donate, **don't wait any longer!** With work due to begin in just a few weeks, we'd love to report that that despite tough economic times, our Congregation came together to find the resources for this vital work.

Donations are tax-deductible, and will be recorded along with other giving to St. Stephen's. Four giving levels will be recognized on a plaque to be prominently mounted in the Sanctuary; these are listed in the Donation Form below. Additionally, "complete window" donations to support restoration of the Ascension window (\$8,000), one of the 10 main Sanctuary windows (\$4,000 each) or the windows in the Narthex (\$2,000 each) are still available, and will be further recognized by a separate plaque by the respective window.

WONDER of the WINDOWS Donation Form

Yes, I want to help restore the beauty of the sanctuary's stained glass windows with a donation of:

- \$100 (paint level) \$250 (wood level) \$500 (lead level) \$1,000 (glass level)
- \$8,000 (Ascension window) \$4,000 (Other Sanctuary window)
- \$2,000 (Narthex windows) Other Amount \$_____

Donations for specific windows will be applied in the order received based on the date on this form. Please indicate your top three window preferences so Dave Warner can adjudicate "ties." We will contact you by phone if additional questions arise regarding window selections.

Windows shown on reverse

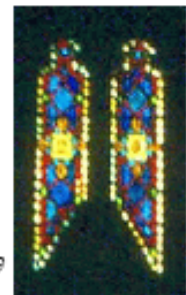
1)___ 2)___ 3)___ 4)___ 5)___ 6)___ 7)___ 8)___ 9)___ 10)___ **Altar**___ Ascension___

The windows below are not shown on the reverse:


Sacristy___ **Coat Closet**___ Narthex North___ Narthex South___

Enclosed is my check to the "St. Stephen's Wonder of the Windows" Project.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Date: _____



Mar 21, 2009



Spring Concert Vespers
Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 PM

Adrienne Bishop, Mezzo Soprano
Frauenliebe und Leben (Schuman)

St Stephen's Lutheran Church
13th & Broom Streets
Wilmington DE

Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Builds News

By Dave and Ann Warner

We Need You to Build the Home

The fourth season of our partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Builds is underway. Already volunteers from over six Lutheran churches in New Castle County have spent six days in February and March putting up walls at this year's house at Greenbridge-II (1130 Thatcher Street, Wilmington, Del.). This year's participant churches include Concordia, Grace, Our Redeemer, St. Mark's, St. Paul's, St. Philip's and St. Stephen's.

Become part of the excitement of building a home for a deserving family. St. Stephen's next assigned build days are Friday, April 3, Friday, May 8, Thursday, June 11; Thursday, July 9; Saturday, August 15; Saturday, September 12; Friday, October 9 and Friday, November 13. By agreeing to be part of Thrivent Build, our Congregation has agreed to provide approximately seven volunteers for each of these days.

In addition to the days listed above, there are some slots available on other days. See the signup sheets in the Gathering Area for a complete list of dates.

The Most Important Person: The Homeowner

Our homeowner this year is Stephanie Crawley. Stephanie is presently living in extremely overcrowded conditions, and she looked to Habitat for Humanity for relief. You can find a photo of Stephanie, along with more information about her, at:

<<http://www.habitatncc.org/families.php?ID=119>>.

Financial News

This year's fund-raising goal is \$2,000. So far we have about \$500 raised. We're hoping you will fill the home banks with spare change, bills, or even a check, to help us make our goal. Homes are available in the Gathering Area. Each one is numbered, so sign one out on the adjacent sheet, and return it to Congregation Champions Dave or Ann Warner by May 2. Checks made out to St. Stephen's Thrivent Builds will also be accepted and appreciated.

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 PALM SUNDAY LIFE Sunday 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Ser-</p>	6	7 7:00 PM Mission Team Meetings 7:00 PM Bible Study (Newark)	8 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00 AM Maundy Thursday Worship 7:15 PM Maundy Thursday Worship	10 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 PM Good Friday Worship 7:15 PM Good Friday Worship	11 VIGIL OF EASTER 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
<p>12 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM Congregational Breakfast 10:30 AM Traditional Service (ONE SERVICE)</p>	13	14 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Council	15 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service	16 1:30 PM Bible Study (Wilmington) 6:45 PM Stephen Ministers 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	17 11:59 PM <i>Courier</i> Deadline	18
<p>19 HEALING SERVICE 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Ser-</p>	20	21 7:00 PM Bible Study (Wilmington) 9:30 AM <i>Courier</i> folding	22 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service	23 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24	25 11:45 AM Emmanuel Dining Room
<p>26 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Service 1:30 PM LVC Bowlathon</p>	27	28 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study	29 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service 7:45 PM Intercessory Prayer Team	30 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal		

Treasurer's Report February 28, 2009

Missing Voucher: Staples Invoice #9217164001 for \$94.98 dated 02-19-2009

February 1 through February 28: Our expenses were \$9,871 more than our income.

We spent \$5,904 less than we budgeted for the month.

January 1 through February 28, 2009: Our expenses were \$13,050 more than our income.

We have spent \$7,923 less than we budgeted.

There is no money in the General Fund. We are using Estate Bequest Funds to pay our bills. We have used \$22,027 of the \$30,000 of the Estate Bequest Funds.

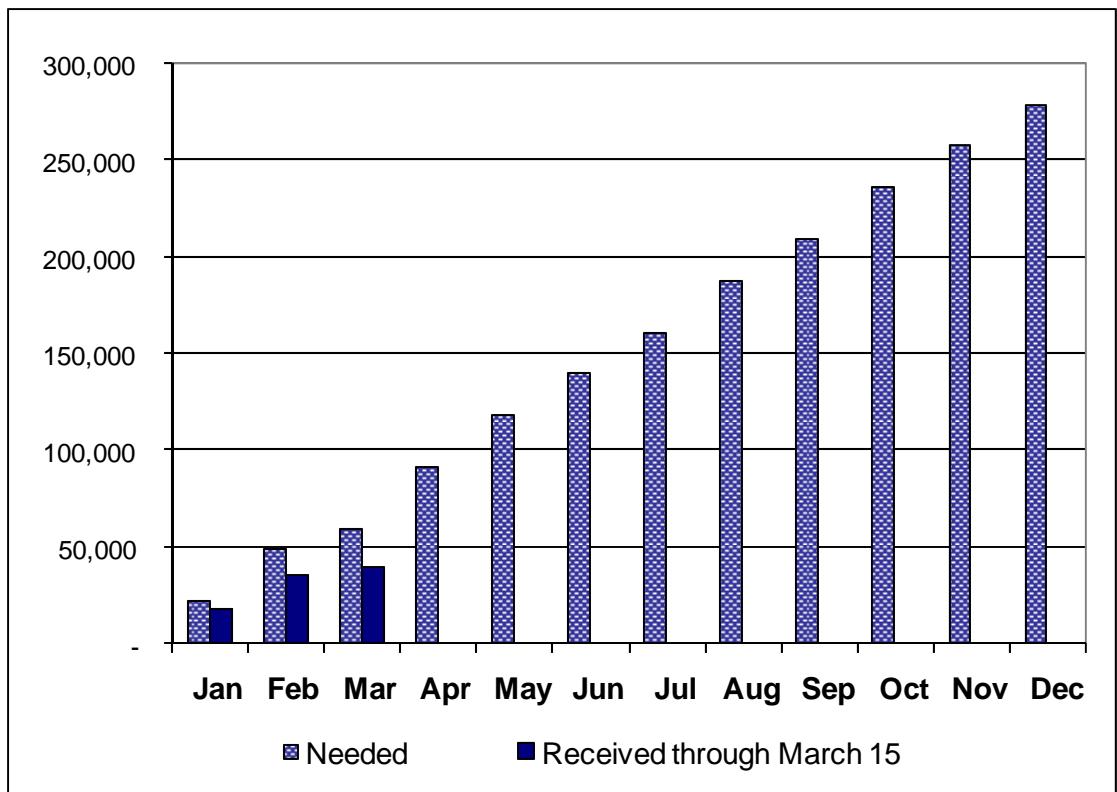
2009 Contribution Status: Year To Date Through February 8

	Cash Received	Cash Needed: Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)	Cash Received as % of Cash Needed
Operating	\$22,384.28	\$32,204.65	(\$9,810.37)	69.5%
Debt Reduction	\$0.00			
Memorials	\$0.00			
	Cash Received	Cash Expected	Ahead/ (Behind)	
Operating	\$22,384.28	\$25,580.66	(\$3,186.38)	

	Budget (February)	Actual (February)	Budget (Year to Date)	Actual (Year to Date)
Expenses	\$28,884.07	\$22,979.85	\$51,888.14	\$43,965.45
Income	\$13,108.00	\$14,185.00	\$4,166.63	\$30,915.40



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People With Important Dates in April & May

April Birthdays

- 3 Ann Ammerman, Joy Weber
- 4 Stefan Haroldson
- 5 Jennifer Graham, Kristian Graves, Virginia Johnson
- 7 Jessie Eastbum, Ryan Heiss, Brandon White
- 8 Lily Sartin
- 9 Justin Hall
- 10 Michael Detwiler
- 12 Kathryn Baker, Barbara Macklem
- 14 Jay Jones, Lydia Turner
- 17 Kristin Jordan
- 19 James Cook, Linnea Krahn, Elizabeth Metzner
- 20 Caitlin Graves, April Sherwood
- 24 James Herlihy, Christopher Linderman
- 25 Aiden Autry, Joyce Bukovsky, Julie Hazuda
- 26 Alexander Gordon
- 27 Sean Fillingame, Betty Gooden
- 28 Sandra Knauer, Heather Sprague
- 29 Christine Collins

April Anniversaries

- 5 Jane & James Conlon
- 15 Ann & George Watson
- 19 Mike & Nancy Graves
Michael & Yvonne Lehm
- 20 Errol & Carolyn Hartman
- 23 Timothy & Linda Wilson
- 27 Ralph & Susan Heiss

April 2009 Volunteers

April Greeters

- 5 Ken Nicholson
- 12 Potter Family
- 19 Ingrid LaPorte
- 26 Gailmarie & James Cook

April Gathering Time Hosts

- 5 Sharon Potter
- 12 Bill Sperati
- 19 Lynn Splittorff
- 26 Dale & Clarice Wolf

April Ushers

Ushers will be contacted with new schedule

April Sound System Operators

TBA

April Flower Delivery

- 5 Carol Lay
- 12 Potter Family
- 19 Lydia Turner
- 26 Ann Wagner

April Altar Guild

Ingrid LaPorte and Susan Heiss

April Food Pantry Packers

- 5 Susan Mack
- 12 Sue Gooden
- 19 Clarice & Dale Wolf
- 26 Dick Parker

April Lectors

- 5 Ralph Heiss
- 12 Ann Warner
- 19 John Gordon
- 26 Helen Cripe

April Acolytes

- 5 Charles Hummel
- 12 Tyler Heiss
- 19 Abby Jones
- 26 Dave & Keira Culley

April Chalice Bearers

- 5 Sue & Ralph Heiss
- 12 Dave Culley & Lydia Turner
- 19 Dave Warner & Bob Linderman
- 26 John & Lisa Campbell

April 8:15 Assistants

- 5 John Rodammer
- 12 Ann Warner
- 19 Dick Parker
- 26 Gary Gooden

May 2009 Volunteers

May Greeters

TBA

May Gathering Time Hosts

- 3 Lisa Campbell
- 10 Helen Cripe
- 17 Dave Culley
- 24 Gary & Sue Gooden

31 Lila Hall

May Ushers

Ushers will be contacted with new schedule

May Sound System Operators

TBA

May Flower Delivery

- 3 Clarice & Dale Wolf
- 10 Jane & Chick Baddorf
- 17 Lou Jackson
- 24 Carol Lay
- 31 Potter Family

May Altar Guild

Jane Baddorf & Ursula Kroll

May Food Pantry Packers

- 3 Sue Heiss
- 10 Sue Gooden
- 17 Sue Gooden
- 24 Clarice & Dale Wolf
- 31 Dick Parker

May Lectors

- 3 Ann Wagner
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- 3 Ryan & Kyle Heiss
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- 24 Ann Warner
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- 10 Lynn Splittorff & Carol Lay
- 17 Sharon Potter & James Cook
- 24 John Gordon & Sue Culley
- 31 Chick & Jane Baddorf

May 8:15 Assistants

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**A Free Way to Help
St. Stephen's
Raise Much Needed Funds**

Every time you shop at any of 700+ online stores in the **iGive network**, a portion of the money you spend benefits St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. It's a free service, and you'll never pay more when you reach a store through iGive. In fact, smart shoppers will enjoy iGive's repository of coupons, free shipping deals, and sales. To get started, just create your free iGive account. And when you search the web, do it through iSearchiGive.com where each search means a penny (or more!) for our cause! Join www.iGive.com/SSELC now

Courier Deadlines for 2009

(Subject to change, depending on what's happening — please note that the deadline is not always the 3rd Friday)

**May 2009 issue — due date is
April 17**

**June 2009 issue — due date is
May 22**

**July/August 2009 issue — due date is
June 19**

**September 2009 issue — due date is
August 21**

**October 2009 issue — due date is
September 18**

**November 2009 issue — due date is
October 16**

**December 2009 issue — due date is
November 20**

**January 2010 issue — due date is
December 18**

**Get Your Team Ready for the 7th Annual
Lutheran Volunteer Corps**

BOWLATHON!

SUNDAY, April 26, 2009

1:30pm Registration Bowling 2:00 – 4:00pm

Pleasant Hill Lanes – Stanton

There are four ways to help the Wilmington LVC raise money to support the work of the volunteers in your area and around the country.

Be a bowler: Come and bowl with us! Gather your **team** together or sign up as an **individual** and collect pledges before you bowl.

Be a contributor: Make a pledge to someone bowling.

Be a sponsort: Collect pledges for your congregation's team, the LVC Support Committee Team, or the LVC Volunteer Team.

Be a supporter: Volunteer to help the committee organize details, tell others about the bowlathon, or **organize your congregation's team.**

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