

The Courier



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

From the Pastor..

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is so much I wish to share with you, so much that needs to be said, and there is so little time and space in which to say it, so priorities must be made.

First and foremost, a great "Thank you" to Dan Howe and Ann Warner for their work with me in making this Holy Week and Easter one of the best at Saint Stephen's. And also, as I said on Easter Sunday, a thank you to Joyce Bukovsky and the ladies of the Altar Guild who made the Sanctuary even more beautiful.

Every guest who signed our guest book with a local address has been mailed a personal note of thanks from the pastor. And there will be further follow-ups in the next few weeks.

One of things that we need to do here to build upon our great strength in worship at Saint Stephen's is to change our corporate culture. We need to start inviting people to Church. We need to invite them not because it will increase numbers and giving (but, to quote Jerry Seinfeld, "Not that there's anything wrong with that."). We need to invite people to Church because that is what Jesus has told us to do. It is that simple.

Think about it. Does it mean anything to you that there is a place where you can come week in and week out and hear God's Word? Does it mean anything to you to know that your sins are forgiven? Does it mean anything to you that each week we worship, the Risen Christ is there to feed us with His body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

I ask, knowing that the answer is (I would hope a resounding) "Yes!" And if the answer for you is "Yes!" then ask yourself why you don't want to share this with someone else who needs to know what you know already.

So we are going to keep up the effort here at Saint Stephen's. And we are going to focus at home. Mark your calendars now. May 31st is the feast of Pentecost. It is the Sunday that marks the birthday of the Church (which by the way, the Congregation Council has been discussing in our monthly Bible Study). So, besides Confirmation, we will be throwing a

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Council Corner

By
Carol Lay

Christ has risen, Christ has risen indeed!

Holy Week at St. Stephen's is always beautiful and meaningful. I love each of the services during this week. It is so moving to stand together and share the Sacraments on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, I think we all feel the sadness and loneliness of Christ's suffering as the lights go down in the Sanctuary, and upon hearing the sharp crack of the rock, we visualize the stone slowly rolling shut and settling in place, sealing the entrance of Christ's tomb. And then, there is the explosion of light, music and joy with the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services as we celebrate the risen Christ. So many of our members were involved in helping to make this a wonderful Easter at St. Stephen's.

And this involvement is what makes St. Stephen's so special all year round. Please notice the quiet

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little birthday bash for the Church. You will be invited. I know you will be invited. The Congregation Council has covenanted to call everyone after the May meeting. So you will be invited. But while you are waiting for your phone call, why not consider who you will invite to share the joy of the Church's birthday?

We can do this, sisters and brothers. We can do this and we can share with folks who need to know that the Church of Christ is here for them.

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

Lutheran Night at the Blue Rocks

Join Delaware Lutherans for a night of fun at the Blue Rocks and at the same time benefit KenCrest and Mosaic, Lutheran social ministries in Delaware serving individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

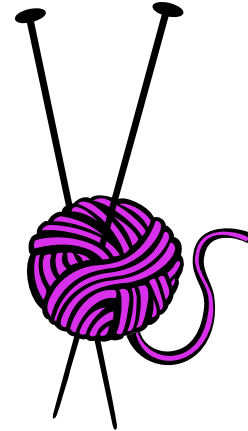
Date:	Friday, June 19, 2009
Time:	7:05 p.m.
Location:	Frawley Stadium in Wilmington.
Cost:	\$10 per ticket

Deadline for ticket purchase: Sunday, May 17th

Council, cont.

involvement of those who gave their time to make soup and bake bread for our Soup and Bread Suppers during Lent and those who supported our Easter Morning Breakfast. Say a prayer of thanks for the members who take on the hard work of handling St. Stephen's finances, and for the member who shows up on a Saturday morning to clean up fallen branches and do some polishing and the members who pack groceries for the hungry and serve at Emmanuel Dining Room. Take a moment to praise our younger members who give their time to be acolytes, greeters, ushers and sing in choir. There are many amongst us who just do things without being asked. On a Sunday morning, take a second or two to consider how well organized our services are – we don't find ourselves thinking about the mechanics of our services, wondering what to do next – we are moved along in our worship seamlessly. These are our members who share with us their time, love and talents. They are looking after us. They are setting examples of selflessness for us.

We can all be involved; please think about where your talents and interests are and where you would be comfortable in helping to support St. Stephen's. In the coming weeks we'll be putting together a Time and Talents sheet. Please consider signing up and giving St. Stephen's the gift of your time and talent.



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

Update from the Fritschels

Betsy, Scott and Julia are happily settled in Rocky Mount, NC. Betsy continues with her same job at Johnson & Johnson. She still spends most of her work week at one of the various J&J pharmaceutical manufacturing sites, the biggest difference is that she travels out of Raleigh-Durham airport now. Scott is teaching math and science in the middle school at the Rocky Mount Academy.

Lauren graduated from the U of DE in 2007 and is working in commercial banking for JP Morgan. Carl is a junior at Washington University in St Louis and is scheduled to study abroad in Copenhagen this fall. Julia is in 9th grade where she is doing very well. She just got her driving permit last Monday. Her extra-curricular activities include horseback riding, competitive swimming, and 4H where she is currently raising a lamb to show and sell.

While we miss our friends in Delaware and especially the yoga at St. Stephen's, it is wonderful being this close to family and we have made some nice new friends.

We have moved our church membership to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Rocky Mount and officially become members when the Bishop is there to confirm new members.

Thank you to everyone at St Stephens for all your prayers, love and support. And best wishes as you continue your mission the in Wilmington.

**In God's love,
Betsy and Scott Fritschel**



By Steve Tindall

Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament

The Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament, which benefits Sojourners Place and LCS, has chosen a new site for the 2009 Tournament – Chesapeake Bay Golf Club at Northeast in (you guessed it) Northeast, MD. Tournament director Larry Friday from St. Mark's believes the new directions the tournament is taking will generate interest among golfers and support for housing for low income families and individuals in our area. The date is Monday May 18. The cost: \$100.00 per person, which includes a golf cart, 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast (provided by McCarter English) and lots of prizes and goodies for golfers. Mail registrations to Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament, c/o St. Mark's, 501 Duncan Rd., Wilm. DE 19809. Make out checks to St. Marks and put GSGT in the memo. Questions? Contact Larry Friday **302 478-5824** fridayla@msn.com

Stimulus Funding?

LCS has been participating in meetings with all levels of local government – City, State and County – about funding that will be available through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* of 2009 (ARRA). At the beginning of the act it states why the legislation was created: **“To assist those most impacted by the recession.”** This is an area where we definitely feel we can make a difference – by providing food, housing and other important services that alleviate crises for low income families and individuals so they can keep their jobs, homes, and security.

Nutrition Programs Underway

Program Director Dara Snyder sent LCS Grocery Club leaders a letter in April explaining how additional grant funding LCS has received will allow clubs to order more nutritious food. Each club will receive a budget boost of \$500 per year that they can use to buy healthier foods with more protein and fiber, and often lower in calories. In addition, the Healthy Families, Healthy Eating program is providing information about how to improve eating habits.

Curves Food Drives

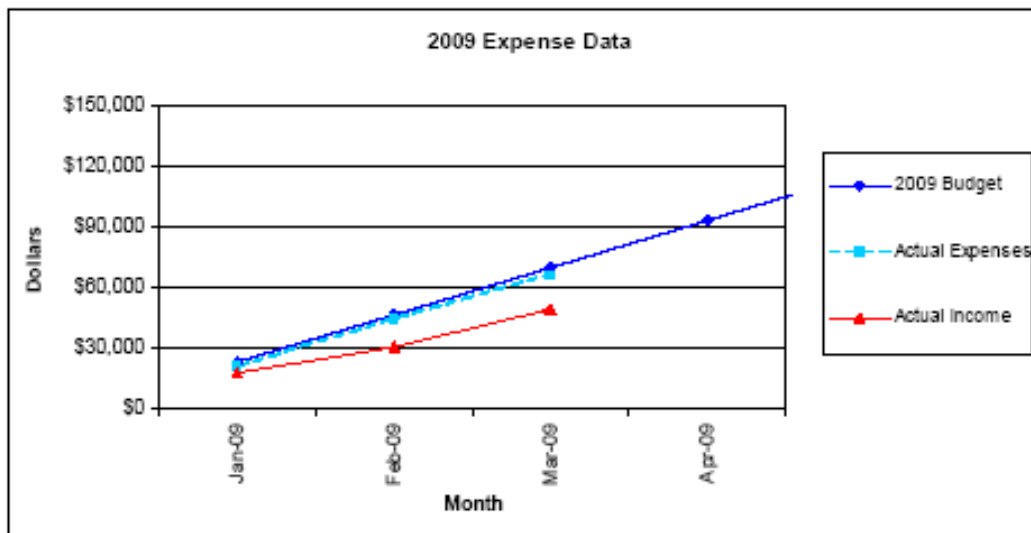
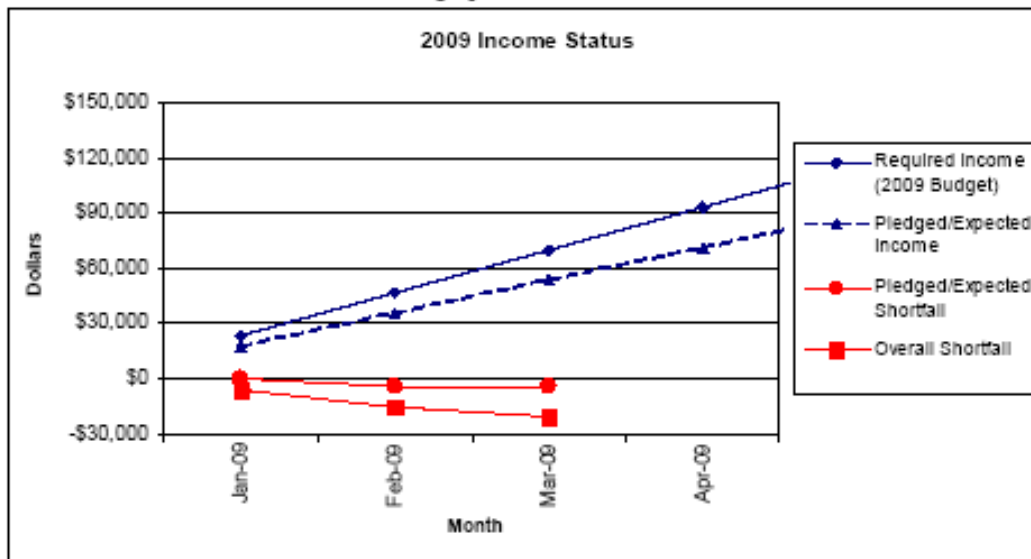
Food drives conducted by the Talleyville and Trolley Square Curves franchises resulted in over 1200 pounds of food donations to the LCS pantry system. Curves, which offers exercise programs for women, offered free enrollment for members who brought in groceries for LCS.

FIRST QUARTER 2009 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

These two graphs summarize the current budget situation. Placing all the income and expense information on one graph makes it unreadable, so two graphs are presented. The upper graph views out situation from an income perspective, and the bottom one does the same from the expense perspective.

INCOME STATUS: The top two lines represent the straight line, cumulative values for the approved 2009 budget (Required Income) and the expected income from pledges, building use fees and other sources (Expected Income). The difference between these two lines is also shown as the (Overall Shortfall) line; as of the end of March it was \$20,627. The fourth line is the difference between the (Expected Income) and the actual income; as of the end of March it was just over \$4,000

EXPENSE DATA: The top line of this graph is the same as the top line in the Income Status graph. The dashed line just below it represents our actual expenses through the end of March. The lowest line is the income we have received to date, and this shows the difference between what we have spent and what we have received; the size of this gap is the same number as the (Overall Shortfall) in the Income Status graph (\$20,627).



May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 AM Bible Study (Newark)
3 LIFE Sunday 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Service 12:00 PM Handbell Choir	4 7:00 PM Mission Team Meetings 7:00 PM Bible Study (Newark)	5 7:00 PM Mission Team Meetings 7:00 PM Bible Study (Newark)	6 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service	7 8:15 AM Habitat for Humanity build 12:00 PM Leisure Lunch 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 8:15 AM Habitat for Humanity build	9 8:15 AM Habitat for Humanity build
10 8:16 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Congregational Breakfast 10:30 AM Traditional Service 12:00 PM Worship and Music Team Meeting 2:00 PM Sunrise Service	11 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Council	12 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Council	13 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service	14 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Service 12:00 PM Handbell Choir	18	19 7:00 PM Bible Study (Wilmington)	20 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service	21 1:30 PM Bible Study (Wilmington) 6:45 PM Stephen Ministers	22 11:59 PM Courier Deadline	23
24 8:15 AM Early Service 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Service	25 MEMORIAL DAY 11:45 AM Emmanuel Dining Room	26 9:30 AM Courier folding 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study	27 7:15 PM Evening Prayer Service 7:45 PM Intercessory Prayer Team	28 DE-MD SYNOD ASSEMBLY 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 DE-MD SYNOD ASSEMBLY	30
31 PENTECOST 10:30 AM Traditional Service (SINGLE SERVICE)						

People With Important Dates in April & May

May Birthdays

- 4 Sue Linderman, William Taylor, Jr.,
 5 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 2009 Volunteers

May Greeters

- 3 Fred Altergott
 10 Jay and Ernestine Jones
 17 Jane and Chick Baddorf
 24 Lydia Turner
 31 John Rodammer

May Gathering Time Hosts

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

May Ushers

- 3 Team 1
 10 Team 2
 17 Team 3
 24 Team 4
 31 Team 1

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
 10 Dave Culley
 17 Ralph Heiss
 24 Ann Warner
 31 John Gordon

May Acolytes

- 3 Ryan & Kyle Heiss
 10 Charles Hummel
 17 Abby Jones
 24 Ann Warner
 31 Tyler Heiss

May Chalice Bearers

- 3 Dave Beaver & Sharon Mutschler
 10 Lynn Splittorff & Carol Lay
 17 Sharon Potter & James Cook
 24 John Gordon & Sue Culley
 31 Chick & Jane Baddorf

May 8:15 Assistants

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

June Volunteers

June Greeters

TBA

June Gathering Time Hosts

- 7 Anne Hummel
 14 Carol Lay

- 21 Sharon Mutschler
 28 Sharon Potter

June Ushers

- 7 Team 2
 14 Team 3
 21 Team 4
 28 Team 1

June Sound System Operators

TBA

June Flower Delivery

- 7 Lydia Turner
 14 Ann Wagner
 21 Clarice & Dale Wolf
 28 Jane & Chick Baddorf

June Altar Guild

TBA

June Food Pantry Packers

- 7 Sue Gooden
 14 Clarice & Dale Wolf
 21 Dick Parker
 28 Sue Heiss

June Lectors

- 7 Helen Cripe
 14 Ann Wagner
 21 Dave Culley
 28 Ralph Heiss

June Acolytes

- 7 Ryan & Kyle Heiss
 14 Dave & Kiera Cully
 21 Charles Hummel
 28 Abby Jones

June Chalice Bearers

- 7 Fred Altergott & Betty Sperati
 14 Sue & Ralph Heiss
 21 Dave Culley & Lydia Turner
 28 Dave Warner & Bob Linderman

June 8:15 Assistants

- 7 Dick Parker
 14 Gary Gooden
 21 Ann Warner
 28 John Rodammer

Our Monthly Schedule of Bible Study Groups

First Tuesday at 7PM

Betty Gooden
138 Melodic Dr.
Newark, DE 19713
(302) 737-0148

First Saturday at 9 AM

John Campbell
126 Woodshade Dr
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 368-1955

Second Tuesday at noon

YMCA Conference Room,
11th floor
Community Services Building,
10th and Orange
Wilmington, DE
(302) 652-7623

Third Tuesday at 7pm

Richard & Paula Anderson
2204 West 11th Street.
Wilmington, DE 19806
(302) 655-9256

Third Thursday at 1:30 PM

Ann Ammerman
315 W. Summit Ave.
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 994-1602

Fourth Tuesday at noon

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Courier Deadlines for 2009

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

June 2009 issue — due date is
May 22

July/August 2009 issue — due date is
June 19

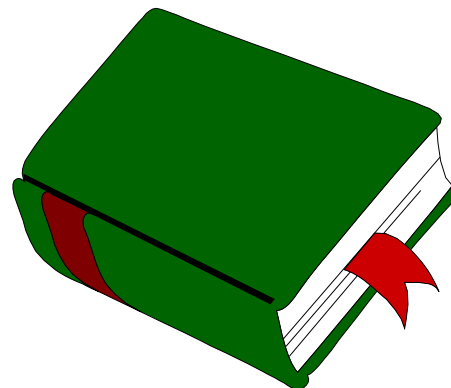
September 2009 issue — due date is
August 21

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



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- + 10:30 AM Primary Worship

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