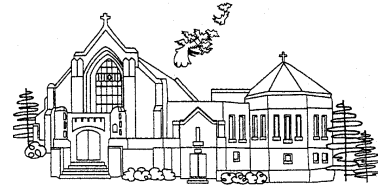


The Courier



of Saint Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church — Wilmington, Delaware July/August 2009

From the Pastor..

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I had to gin up a list for another reason, but I'll share it with you here:

1. Developed and currently lead the SonRise Worship for people with developmental disabilities and families.
2. Initiated congregational participation in Stephen Ministries program, involving selecting and training of individuals to serve as Stephen Ministers.
3. Developed position description, staffed and supervised Family and Youth Ministry professional at Saint Stephen's.
4. Developed position descriptions and hired new professional staff (Office Coordinator and Communications Coordinator)
5. Led Saint Stephen's through the *ReFocusing* Program and developed 3 year Action Plan, with special attention to passionate spirituality.
6. Co-edited the revised Saint Stephen's Personnel Policy Manual.
7. Developed position descriptions, hired and trained new professional staff (Office Coordinator and Communications Coordinator) at Saint Stephen's.
8. Member Board of Directors KenCrest Services.

9. Served as Dean of Delmarva Conference/Delaware-Maryland Synod/ELCA, coordinating activities between the 18 congregations and the Synod.

10. Served as Vice President Steering Committee Lutheran Campus Ministry/UD.

11. Completed M.A. Ecumenical Institute of Theology/Saint Mary's Seminary and University 2004

12. Co-Initiator Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity partnership for New Castle County

July/August Worship

- There will be one Sunday service at 10:00 AM — no 8:15 service.
- All July/August services will be held in the Chapel.
- The Wednesday Evening service will be discontinued until further notice but may be resumed once we have an interim pastor.
- The next Congregation Council will meet on Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Pastor Mary Miller Zurell, Assistant to the Bishop, will be attending. The Council meeting is open to members of the congregation and all who wish to come are invited to attend.
- The SonRise service will move to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Those who attend the SonRise service have worked with people from Good Shepherd and are familiar with them. They will be more comfortable there with people they know than with different supply pastors.

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LCS FAITH Center Update

Creative Advice From the FAITH Center

The LCS FAITH Center offers emergency rental assistance, utility assistance and other crisis alleviation help for low income people on Wilmington's East Side and elsewhere. Program Director Jean Washington says the demand for utility assistance is stronger than ever. We can't help everyone to the extent they request, but even if we can't help, we do lend an ear, and sometimes offer some creative advice. This way we provide people with hope. One idea she has presented from time to time is to suggest that instead of a party gift (birthday, Christmas, shower) a friend or relative could help out with the utility bill.

New Funding Sources

LCS is developing and in some cases continuing funding sources for its FAITH Center. The Speer Trust has been an occasional funder of the FAITH Center, and that tradition has continued in 2009. Speer funded LCS through its regular grant program and provided money from a special fund for the FAITH Center. Westminster Presbyterian also applied for additional assistance to continue its support of the LCS FAITH Center. Federal stimulus funding is also a possibility with LCS submitting several grant requests for funds that would benefit the parent (LCS) as well as the FAITH Center's programs.



By Steve Tindall

Demand Continues to Grow

In 2009 LCS more than doubled its budget for food for low income people. Nevertheless, monthly spending through May was almost 10% ahead of budget. LCS is going to do everything it can to avoid closing or cutting back food programs. Food drives promise to be a big help.

LCS on RecycleBank

Does your community participate in the RecycleBank program? You can now use your points to donate to LCS. Log onto your RecycleBank account. LCS is listed under the Social Services section of the Donations category. This program allows you to support stewardship of the earth though recycling while helping LCS achieve its mission of Sharing God's Blessings. **Goodsearch.com** and **igive.com** are other online ways to give.

Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament

The 2009 Gimme Shelter Golf Tournament raised \$9,818 for housing assistance in Delaware. \$2400 of that went to Sojourners Place, which is a faith-based shelter, and the balance went to LCS in support of its emergency housing assistance for low income families. Tourney Director Larry Friday and his wife Annette got high praise from golfers and sincere thanks from LCS for organizing a first-rate outing at a great new location – the Chesapeake Bay Country Club.

Get Ready for the Hunger Walk Run, Walk & Talk, HS Classic

Organizers of this year's 5K **Hunger Walk Run** are expecting 300 folks to attend this year's events on September 19, 2009 in Rockford Park. In addition to the traditional Walk Run, high and middle school age youth can participate in the **3rd Annual High School Hunger Classic**. Folks who want to take it easy can go for the new shaded 1 Mile **Hunger Walk & Talk**. These events are the largest single source of funding for LCS Food Pantries.

Church Communications:

Every week there is an email sent out with activities about the upcoming week. We also occasionally send out blast emails to advertise special activities coming up, or to alert you to special news. If you are not getting these communications, and would like to, please make sure the Communications Coordinator has your preferred email address.

communications@ststeph.org

Sowing for the Harvest

By Gary Kulik

Beginning with this issue, we will have either monthly or frequent contributions of "Temple Talks" from Gary Kulik, representing Sowing for the Harvest.

Plant New Churches

The Delaware-Maryland Synod is in campaign to plant one new church a year. The Campaign is called "Sowing for the Harvest" and it will raise money for Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center and Gettysburg Seminary, as well as for the Synod's Mission Endowment Fund.

Today, we'll focus on the Synod's campaign to plant new churches. There can be no more important work for the Synod. The Synod has committed itself, at a time when mainstream Protestant denominations are on the decline, to plant one new church every year, and it has done so. Seven new congregations have been planted in the last five years. Among them are Joy Reigns Church, Edgewater, MD, established in 2004 and now with 150 members and land on which to build its own church; People's Community Lutheran Chapel, Baltimore, established in 2005, now with 185 members; Grace of God Church, Millsboro, DE; a Latino Ministry at Peace Church, Glen Burnie, MD; and an Ethiopian Ministry at Second English Church, Baltimore.

New churches are now funded from the Synod's Mission Endowment Fund, with assistance from the national church in Chicago. That Fund, however, is sufficient to meet the ongoing need, a need that springs directly from the "Great Commission" of Jesus Christ: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you."

In that spirit, I ask you this morning to open your heart and to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to this campaign. Think of C. S. Lewis who said that when we give to important missions of the church, it should cost us something, something to give up or delay. Your gift will ensure that the gospel will live and grow in the Delaware-Maryland Synod. Your gift will be used only for new mission starts, and it will be supplemented by additional funds from the national church.

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is a compelling logic to the partnership – raise up the children, educate them for ministry, plant new churches. The future of the church depends on it, and it depends on you. Thank you and Thanks be to God.

Educate Them for Ministry

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg – which many of you know – is engaged in a capital campaign. The Campaign is called "Sowing for the Harvest" and it will raise money for the Delaware-Maryland Synod's plan to plant one new church per year, Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center, as well as for Gettysburg Seminary

Today, we'll focus on the Seminary – its mission and its needs. Gettysburg Seminary is the oldest Lutheran seminary in the nation having graduated more than 5400 men and women since its founding in 1826. It has trained generations of leaders, including many now serving in congregations in this synod, and it must continue to do so – bearing witness to the need to raise up new ministers committed to preaching the gospel in a new century.

In order to fulfill its mission, the Seminary must expand student housing, strengthen endowment support for faculty, scholarships, and other programs, sustain its focus on Theological Education with Youth, undergird its Washington, D. C. based Luther Institute, and broaden annual giving.

In recent years, the Seminary has increased enrollment by 50% in order to address the church's growing problem of pastoral vacancies. Its Theological Education with Youth program is transforming youth ministry providing today's youth with additional opportunities for growth in faith. I ask you this morning to open your heart and to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to this campaign. Think of C. S. Lewis who said that when we give to important missions of the church, it should cost us something, something to give up or delay.

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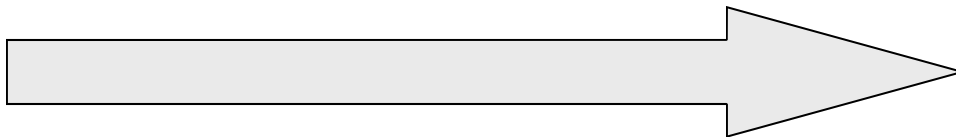
January-May Budget Snapshot

By Dave Warner

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 our 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 May it was \$38,369. The fourth line is the difference between the (Expected Income) and the actual income; as of the end of May it was nearly \$11,000.

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 May. 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 (\$38,369).



A Note about Service Assistants:

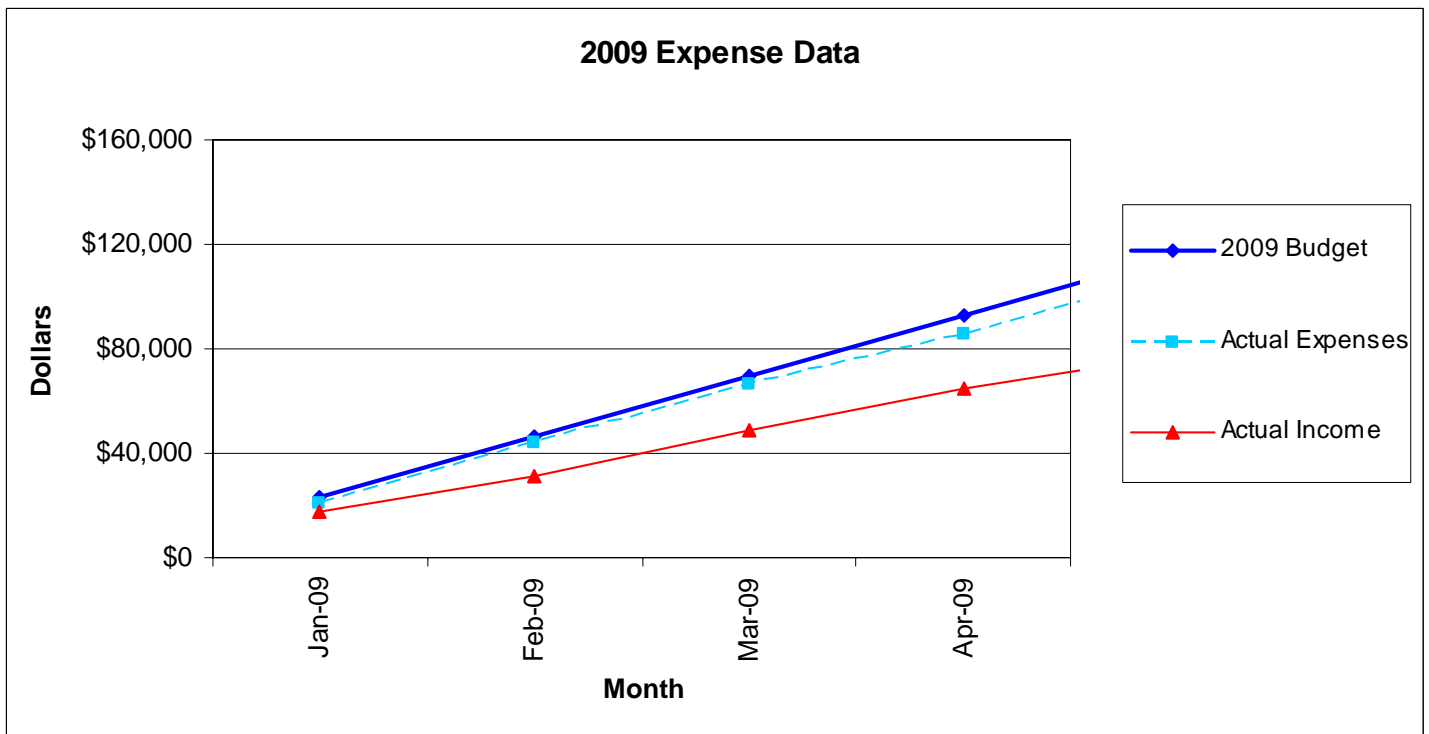
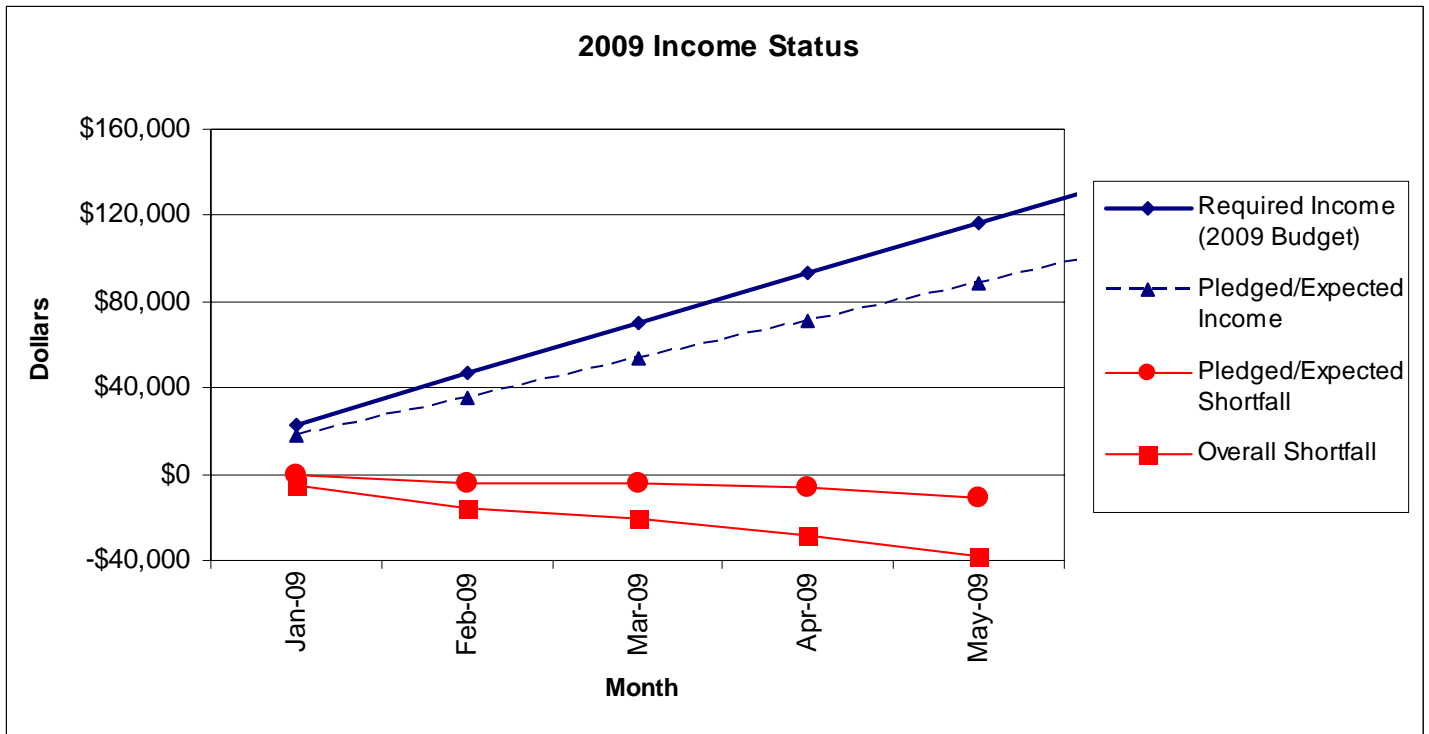
There are several assistant “jobs” that people participate in during our worship service. We appreciate the work of everyone who participates in these activities and assists with our worship services.

These lists are not written in stone. If you are interested in participating in one of these activities, please let me know so that you can be added to the rotation.

Similarly, if you need to drop out of any of these activities, not a problem. Again, just let me know.

Ann Warner,

communications@ststeph.org



July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00 AM Bible Study
5 LIFE Sunday 10:00 AM Traditional Service	6	7 7:00 PM Mission Team Meetings	8	9 8:15 AM Habitat for Humanity build	10 8:15 AM Habitat for Humanity build	11 8:15 AM Habitat for Humanity build
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26 10:00 AM Traditional Service	27	28 12:00 PM Down-town Bible Study	29 7:45 PM Intercessory Prayer Team	30	31	

August 2009

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30 10:00 AM Traditional Service	31					

People With Important Dates in July & August

July Birthdays

- 1 Samantha Knauer
- 2 Yvonne Lehm, Muriel Lloyd,
Sarah Zimny
- 5 Ken Nicholson, Karen Weber
- 6 Allison Autry
- 10 Sarah Mack, Ellwood Mutschler
Jr., Sharon Potter
- 12 Mary Herlihy
- 13 David Culley
- 14 Kristine LaPorte
- 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 Wilkes0

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
- 5 Ethan Moen
- 7 Robert Gooden
- 8 David Warner, William White
III,
- 9 Caitlin Aber
- 10 Meghan Campbell
- 11 Jane Conlon, Robert Detwiler,
Mike Graves, Kimberly
- 13 Jennifer Rodammer
- 14 Kevin Fillingame
- 16 Dorothy Davis, Matthew
Helman, Thomas Linderman
- 18 Adam Graham, Grace Mason,
Althea McDowell
- 20 Janice Losito
- 21 Anne Prince, Betty Thomas
- 22 Michael Johnson
- 23 Mildred Cook, Debra Helman
- 27 Ralph Heiss, Kathryn Mack
- 29 Janet Rossiter

August Anniversaries

- 2 John & Kathy Rodammer
- 13 Bill & Betty Sperati
- 20 Michael & Kimberly Johnson
- 21 Chick & Jane Baddorf
- 26 David & Lynn Splittorff

July Volunteers

July Greeters

- 5 Heiss Family
- 12 John Rodammer
- 19 Dave Culley
- 26 Dorothy Davis

July Gathering Time Hosts

- 5 Lynn Splittorff
- 12 Clarice & Dale Wolf
- 19 Lisa Campbell
- 26 Helen Cripe

July Ushers

- 5 Team 2, Dave Culley, Capt.
- 12 Team 3, Fred Altergott, Capt.
- 19 Team 4, Woody Mutschler, Capt.
- 26 Team 1, Ian Campbell, Capt.

July Sound System Operators

TBA

July Flower Delivery

- 5 Lou Jackson
- 12 Carol Lay
- 19 Potter Family
- 26 Lydia Turner

July Altar Guild

- 5 Joyce Bukovsky & Debra Helman
- 12 Joyce Bukovsky & Debra Helman
- 19 Joyce Bukovsky & Debra Helman
- 26 Joyce Bukovsky & Debra Helman

July Food Pantry Packers

- 5 Sue Gooden
- 12 Clarice & Dale Worlf
- 19 Dick Parker
- 26 Sue Heiss

July Lectors

- 5 Ann Warner
- 12 John Gordon

- 19 Helen Cripe
- 26 Ann Wagner

July Acolytes

- 5 Ann Warner
- 12 Tyler Heiss
- 19 Dave Culley
- 26 Kiera Culley

July Chalice Bearers

- 5 John Campbell
- 12 Lisa Campbell
- 19 Sharon Mutschler
- 26 John Rodammer

August Volunteers

August Greeters

- 2 Sally Dudderar
- 9 Potter Family
- 16 Ingrid LaPorte
- 23 Ursula Kroll
- 30 Gailmarie & James Cook

August Gathering Time Hosts

- 2 Dave Culley
- 9 Gary & Sue Gooden
- 16 Lila Hall
- 23 Carol Lay
- 30 Sharon Mutschler

August Ushers

- 2 Team 2, Dave Culley, Capt
- 9 Team 3, Fred Altergott, Capt.
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- 23 Lou Jackson
- 30 Carol Lay

August Altar Guild

- 2 Stacy Spivak, Linda Spivak, &
Sally Dudderar

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- 16 Stacy Spivak, Linda Spivak, & Carol Lay
- 23 Stacy Spivak, Linda Spivak, & Carol Lay
- 30 Stacy Spivak, Linda Spivak, & Carol Lay

August Food Pantry Packers

- 2 Sue Heiss
- 9 Sue Gooden
- 16 Clarice & Dale Wolf
- 23 Dick Parker
- 30 Sue Heiss

August Lectors

- 2 Dave Culley
- 9 Ralph Heiss
- 16 Ann Warner
- 23 John Gordon
- 30 Helen Cripe

August Acolytes

- 2 Kyle Heiss
- 9 Tyler Heiss
- 16 Dave Culley
- 23 Abby Jones
- 30 Ann Warner

August Chalice Bearers

- 2 Carol Lay
- 9 Lynn Splittorff
- 16 Sharon Potter
- 23 James Cook
- 30 Sue Culley

Our Monthly Schedule of Bible Study Groups

First Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Betty Gooden
138 Melodic Drive
Newark DE 19702
302-737-0148

Third Tuesday at 7:00 P<

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First Saturday at 9:00 AM

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Third Thursday at 1:30 PM

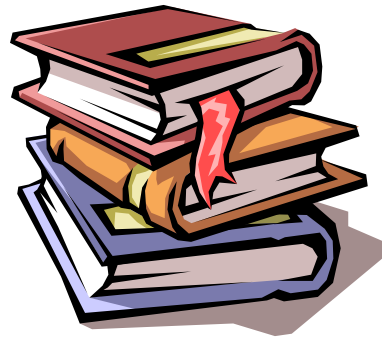
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Fourth Tuesday at Noon

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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)

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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- + 9:00 AM Christian Education
- + 10:30 AM Primary Worship

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