

GUESTS . . . WELCOME IN THE NAME OF CHRIST TO THIS SACRED SPACE FOR YOUR BUSY LIFE

Grace and peace to you! Thank you for joining us today. We encourage you to use one of the paper nametags in the pew racks – this helps all of us as we greet one another and as communion is administered (or a blessing is given). Please join us for refreshments, fellowship, and formation following the 9 a.m. service. This is our spiritual home. We hope you will discover that same sense of belonging.

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. STEPHEN'S

8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel – Quiet Liturgy in a Creekside Setting

9 a.m. Worship in the Church – Traditional Hymns and Choral Music*

10 a.m. Fellowship begins, immediately followed by Christian Formation for all ages

Children

- Nursery – birth to 3 yrs (upper level Chapel Wing)
- Church School 3yrs – Grade 3 (lower level of 50th Street Wing)
- Church School Grades 4-5 (Wooddale Room, lower level Chapel Wing)

Youth

- Grades 6-9 – Bible Study (Youth Room, lower level 50th Street Wing)

Adults

- Rector's Forum and Connections are combined today for a "Discussion of Societal Trends in Ethics" with guest speaker Ron James, President and CEO of the Center for Ethical Business Cultures (Commons Room, lower level, Chapel Wing)
- Fellowship – Join others for casual conversation (Gathering Space, lower level beneath the Church)
- Quiet Space – Chapel is open for prayer and meditation

11 a.m. Worship in the Church – Gospel, Jazz, and World Music*

5 p.m. Worship in the Chapel – Praise Music

NO SPECTRUM THIS WEEK

*Children are welcome to attend our Nursery or WeePraise during these services

NEXT SUNDAY

The Rev. Ian Punnett, deacon and co-host of the popular "Ian and Margery" morning radio show will be with us as guest preacher at the 9 and 11 a.m. services and the guest speaker at the Rector's Forum on February 13.

WITHIN OUR WALLS

V.B.S. (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)

Travel back in time to Babylon and the days of the courageous Daniel who remained faithful to God during difficult circumstances. Join us for this fun, hands-on week of bringing God's Word to life in our lives. Each day you will become part of the story of Daniel and his friends; hearing, touching, and tasting what it was like to live in Babylon in biblical times as we sing, dance and eat our way through a busy week of learning about this great biblical hero.

Week 1: June 18-22, 9 a.m. to noon.

Week 2: June 25-29, 9 a.m. to noon.

Cost: \$50.00/camper, \$130.00 family max

Registration online at www.ststephens.com/vbs-registration. Sign up now! Only 75 spots available each week.

Art Focused - VBS Week 3, July 30-August 2, 6 - 8 p.m. If you like painting and being creative this week is for you!

Cost: \$40.00/camper, \$100.00 family max

Questions? Willing to help out? Contact Dave Sheldon, Minister of Families and Vocation (952) 920-0595, ext 108 or email dsheldon@ststephens.com

ST. STEPHEN'S BOOK CLUB If you enjoy reading, join us at 1:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Church Library. A wide variety of titles, from classics to best sellers, are selected by those in the group to be read throughout the year and discussed at the meetings. The book to be discussed on Tuesday, February 14 is: "*Siddhartha*" by Herman Hesse. This, the ninth novel by Hesse, deals with the spiritual journey of an Indian man named Siddhartha during the time of Buddha, between the fourth and seventh centuries. It was written in 1922 in German with a simple, powerful, lyrical style. In 1951 it was published in the U.S. and became influential during the 1960s. The search for the meaning of life and attainment of a transcendental state of unity that achieves "completeness" is considered a major theme of the story. The book for discussion on Tuesday, March 13 is: "In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Between services on Sunday, February 19. Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes, bacon, juice and coffee. \$5.00 per person/\$20.00 maximum per family.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN - At St. Stephen's we uphold the policies of the church for providing a safe and nurturing environment for all children and youth who walk through our doors. Our safe church policy and training help make our community a safe place for all. Our next training will be held on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room. All Vestry, youth leaders, children's ministries volunteers and those with keys are required to participate in this training. Please contact MerLynne Byrne if you are attending at mbyrne@ststephens.com or call 952-920-0595 ext. 102.

SAVE SHARE SPEND We're pleased to bring to you and your family a new and exciting way to think about money through our *Financial Sanity* seminars. Our goal is help adults develop healthy financial habits that reflect their values and beliefs. In reality, many of us have good intentions to live healthy financial lives but struggle with the challenges of our hyper-consumer culture. We have partnered with *Share-Save-Spend*[™] to offer a simple, straight forward approach to help adults evaluate and live out their values and develop healthy financial habits. Join us for a fun and engaging learning experience that will result in the development of your own financial sanity action plan. Adults and youth ages 8 and older are encouraged to attend all 4 sessions (About 60 minutes each). Wednesday, February 29 - March 21, 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person (to cover seminar materials) Sign up online at <http://ststephens.com/save-share-spend-registration/>. For more information contact Dave Sheldon, Minister of Families and Vocation at dsheldon@ststephens.com or 952-920-0595.

LENT IS COMING Ash Wednesday is February, 22. Services at 7:30 a.m. and 12 noon in the Chapel, 7:30 p.m. in the Church (Nursery care available). New this year...service for families with young children 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Also watch for our Lenten series at the Rector's Forum!

BEYOND OUR WALLS

COLLECTING BOOKS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN SERVED BY ECS. Have a great book you've already read and are ready to pass along? Donate your books to the program participants of Episcopal Community Services. Books for all ages and reading levels are needed. Please bring your donations to the baskets at the church entrances marked ECS.

EPISCOBUILDERS invite you to their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin's by-the-Lake. Find out more, <http://www.ecsmn.org/episcobuilders>.

MEAL MINISTRY - St. Stephen's has a new Meal Ministry. Members and families are encouraged to sign up for a home cooked meal in times of illness, death, job loss and of course, the birth of a new baby. Please contact Rachel Reeves at mealministry@ststephens.com if you or someone you know is in need of a meal. Also, if you are looking for a way to minister here at St. Stephen's, please sign up as a volunteer to make and deliver meals throughout the year. You have the flexibility to make and deliver meals when it fits your schedule. Please contact Rachel Reeves at mealministry@ststephens.com to volunteer. Check us out at <https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/650078/login/>

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

AN EMERALD AFFAIR

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year at our 2012 Spring Fling's "Emerald Affair" at the Edina Country Club on Saturday, March 17, from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Pre-Paid Reservations are now being accepted. You can reserve and pay for your reservation online, at the information table in the Gathering Space today between the 9 and 11 a.m. services, or at the church office.

Take a pleasant break and enjoy a glorious evening, featuring:

- Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar,
- Delicious Three Course Dinner with Wine,
- Another Dazzling Musical Performance with Irish Singalong,
- Silent and Live Auctions, and The Bead Game,
- After Dinner Dancing with Live Band!

Spring Fling will give you a memorable evening filled with friends, food, and fun. Mark your calendars today! Reservations are only \$65 per person.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Spring Fling's General Chair, Rebecca Gagnon, needs volunteers to assist with Spring Fling 2012 preparation. Interested? E-mail her at: springfling@ststephens.com

SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45

QUESTIONS?

Check out our information table located in the Gathering Space (below the Main Church).

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Are located in the Narthex and Chapel Entrances. Please place them in the offering plate or give them to a member of the clergy after the service.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Flower donations are a wonderful way to remember a family celebration. Please make your check to St. Stephen's and place in the flower donation envelope located in the Narthex and Chapel Entrances, and then place it into the offering plate or give to a Hospitality Minister after the service.

PASTORAL NEEDS

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please contact the office 952-920-0595 and you will be directed to a member of the clergy.