

The Flame

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

June 2013

Our Mission Graced by the love of God through Word and Sacrament to be a caring community of believers, the fellowship of St. Stephen's is called to support one another in growth in faith, to share in the mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to reach out in witness and in service to the communities to which we belong, as one in the body of Christ.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,
Summer is once again upon us, and once again I encourage your continued participation in weekly worship!

We need to be together in community to hear about God's love for us, and we need to be together to strengthen our relationships with one another as well. Our relationships are important in order to share the faith and to enable us to work together as the Body of Christ. There are many needs that together we can minister to in His name.

Some ministries that can use the help of willing disciples are:

- 1: Serving lunch at New Visions
- 2: Helping in the Lunch Box Program
- 3: **Teaching** in Vacation Bible School the

week of July 22nd at Kemble UMC from 9 - Noon. Please speak with me if you can help in any way!

4: Lutheran Disaster Response - NJ is now ready for volunteers to assist with Sandy Relief. Volunteers are needed for construction, staffing relief centers, supporting social service groups, legal, counseling, medically skilled volunteers and beach cleanups.

I am in contact with the LDR - representative for NJ. I hope you will consider offering some time this summer. Please speak to me!

I hope that you will be able to have some Sabbath time in your busy life as well.

*Peace,
Pastor Christine Regan*



*The miracle is this — the more we share, the more we have.
—Leonard Nimoy*

WORSHIP WITH US June 2013

Sunday, June 2nd, 2013

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9am Holy Communion

10:45am Holy Communion,

Sunday, June 9th, 2013

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9am Holy Communion

10:45am Holy Communion

Sunday, June 16th, 2013

*SUMMER SCHEDULE
BEGINS*

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am Spoken Holy
Communion

9:30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, June 23rd, 2013

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am Spoken Holy
Communion

9:30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, June 30th, 2013

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am Spoken Holy
Communion

9:30 am Holy Communion

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

volunteer opportunity for **June 1st**, placing leaflets in mailboxes in Sandy stricken, Toms River. You would accompany Pastor Chris. If you are interested please leave a message at the church office.

SCHOOL SUNDAY, BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Still need a Sunday School teacher for the 5th & 6th grade, can be weekly or bi-weekly. Also if anyone is interested in helping out as a teacher, aide or substitute for the rest of 2013 please contact Judy Hunter at 856-468-9798.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday's at 10:30 am. We are currently studying the book of Exodus. We are especially relating it to our Christian faith today. Please join our group for coffee and conversation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Will be held at Kemble United Methodist Church this year, from July 22nd through July 26th, from 9 am till Noon each day. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Melanie at 856-686-1646.

THE BIBLE Movie mini series has been rescheduled to the fall.

WELCA NEWS

WELCA will be gathering at the Westwood Country Club on June 4th for lunch at 11:00 am. This will be the last meeting till September. The cost is \$14.00 which includes a choice of 6 entrees', non-alcohol drink, dessert and tip. Please let Nancy or Diana know if you

plan to attend as a final count is need by June 2nd.

CROP WALK

You made a difference! More than 100 walkers participated in the CROP Walk 2013. Money collected on the day of and online so fare is \$4,418 (and we are still counting) was raised for Church World Service (CWS) and The Greater Woodbury Food Pantry!

A NAMIBIA EVENING

June 22nd, 2013

Worship at 5:30 pm

Light Supper at

6:30 pm

Book Reading at

7:30 pm

Helge Staby Denton, a psychologist, who volunteers at Prince of Peace pre-school for homeless children, will be reading portions of her memoir "Beyond Fences". Helge Denten was born in Namibia, and grew up in Nimibia (formally Southwest Africa, as it was known then.)

The evening event will take place at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Ewing. Please let Pastor Chris know if you wish to accompany her!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

New Visions: *Our next outreach to New Visions will be Saturday, June 22nd. Mark your calendar!*

HELP Anyone interested in serving on any of our Social Ministry subcommittees please see Louise Tucker or Lenore Cronlund. The subcommittees include: *Blood Drive, Lunch Box Fund Raising, Jeannette's Closet, GWCM Food Pantry, Servv International Fair and New Visions.* Our immediate need is for a committee to help set up for the Spring Yard Sale!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

I have filled you with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.
Exodus 31: 3

For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.
Romans 11: 29

Submitted by the Stewardship Committee





If you are interested in the honoring or memorializing of our fathers on Father's Day, please contribute \$5 along with the name(s) of who you wish to honor or memorialize in an envelope. Flowers will be placed at the altar and the funds will go to help support the Summer Lunch Box program. We must receive no later than June 11th. Thanks!

JUNE DAY at LUTHERAN HOME IN MOORESTOWN

FUN - FOOD - MUSIC and more . . . at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown. Saturday, June 15th, from 10 am - 3 pm. Please come out for a day of fellowship, fun and food. Plenty of parking. All profits benefit the residents at the home through the Auxiliary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming Soon . . . Chick Fil A voucher for chicken nuggets, no additional cost to you, but great proceeds to the Food Pantry. More info to follow . . .



BULLETIN BOARD

In the Narthex a table has been set up with photos on it. Take a look and see if you recognize family or friends. Help yourself!

Memorial

Garden/Columbarium We are looking for a person that would like to help in the upkeep of these areas of our church. If you are interested please contact Lou Decina at 856-415-1920.

COLUMBARIUM NICHE -

Permit for Single Inurnment \$2,250; Permit for Double Inurnment \$2500. A \$500 discount for church members till Dec. 2012. Please contact Lou Decina or Herb Budd with any questions.

If anyone would like to join a Mission Team (committee) please speak to Pastor Chris or one of the Council members.

Brochures for Crossroads Camp are in the narthex.

FAMILY PROMISE We are supporting the Mantua United Methodist Church, in Mantua. Volunteers are needed in the following: Van drivers; Dinner; Evening Host; and

Overnight host. If you are interested in helping with Family Promise please contact Pat Antonelli-Cerrato, 856-742-8242 or sign up in the Narthex.

VOLUNTEER/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in a disaster response mission trip in the future (not immediate) please speak to Pastor Chris. This will now be a cluster project.

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Handy Helpers is a program to help senior citizens and disabled persons with small jobs around the home. Volunteers meet on the second Saturday of each month, September through June, working from 8:30 am till Noon. For further info call 856-845-1244.

SAFETY For security reasons, if you have church business, PLEASE use the office door located in the front of the church (facing Evergreen Ave.), and you will be buzzed in (even if you have a key). Please stop in the office, sign in, so we