

The Quill

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Williamsburg, Virginia

June 2011



Our Missionary Calling

I was shocked to hear the news. Wilmette Lutheran Church, in suburban Chicago, had closed! I had been the Youth Director in that congregation 1978-1979, during my senior year in seminary. Wilmette is one of the most affluent towns in America, and the congregation's members had plenty of money! But the congregation had dwindled. The Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod was a seminary classmate of mine, and I e-mailed him to ask what had happened. He wrote back:

"Wilmette was a heartbreaker. They have had mostly fine leadership there with one possible exception, so it is not that. I think they were just the victim of demographics. Aging population. No young families. Too many Protestant churches. An increasingly secularizing environment...."

This is going to become a more common story, I'm afraid. Unless we find better ways to grow and be fruitful we are not going to be able to maintain the burden and overhead of so many small insular social enclaves – even if they are really good people doing really nice things."

I was shocked to hear the news. Messiah Lutheran Church, in Virginia Beach, was closing. It was on a busy road, in a vibrant suburban area of Virginia's largest city. I had been closely acquainted with this congregation during the 1980s, when I was pastor of the neighboring Lutheran congregation. I asked a former bishop, who had worked with the congregation through the closing process, what had happened. He reported that the congregation had dwindled because too many members would not move beyond a consumerist attitude: that the purpose of the congregation's staff was to serve them. They would not be persuaded that they were missionaries, and that their calling was to reach out, to invite "unchurched" folks into the congregation.

Our "increasingly secularizing environment" teaches the values of consumerism, materialism and self-centeredness, mixed in with a great deal of fear, judgmentalism and polarization. In contrast to this, we at St. Stephen are called to be much different from that. We are called to be a distinctively Christian community, modeling a grace-filled alternative way of life. This better way to live grows out of our worship and study and fellowship. It is what God creates in us through the Spirit of Christ, and is marked by behaviors such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, compassion, kindness, humility, forgiveness (Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:12-13). Behaving in these ways is part of our missionary witness because it is so counter-cultural!

Congregations cannot continue indefinitely as they have been. Increasingly, those remaining people who "go to church" because they "should" are aging and aged. Increasingly, newcomers will join our community only if they are invited by someone they know and trust. ("Someone they know and trust": that is key.) Then – they will be interested in us only as we embody that better way to live. We will need to be conscious of ourselves as a distinctly Christian community of love and grace and acceptance. People will become part of our congregation only if they find us to be open and inviting to them where they are, in their search for God. They will be excited in us as a community if we exhibit vibrant growth in faith. They will feel welcome as they see us offering support to each other, and asking for and accepting help from one another! (You can't get any more counter-cultural than that!) They will come to think that, in the context of this community, they can pursue their journey into God's love.

How are we doing in all of this?

How is the Spirit calling us to be more than we are, in our missionary calling?

Easter blessings!

Pastor Andy Ballentine



Important Congregational Meeting

The June Congregational Meeting will be **Sunday, June 12, at 10:00 AM, between the services**, in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda: Election of four Council members and two Endowment Fund members, Building Renovation update, and the mid-year Congregation Budget update.



Ministry Associate Quill Musings June 2011

As I sit at my desk, typing on my laptop, making phone calls and coordinating my schedule on my smartphone while looking up bible passages on a friend's Ipad, I am pondering the use of technology in worship and ministry. Many churches use large screens and projectors to show everything from the music lyrics to video of the pastor's sermon. Given our worship space (we all sit facing different directions) is it appropriate to use technology to enhance our worship?

As the renovation kicks off, we have looked at a number of technologies to assist us in our mission. Flat Screen HD TV's in the narthex to show announcements and provide a view of the worship service if overflow seating is needed. A new sound system that has the option of using video recording to post a webcast of the sermon. New lighting fixtures that will enhance the lighting of the sanctuary with a few LED lights that will need to be replaced sometime after 2056. A lighting control panel that would not look out of place on the USS Enterprise as Captain James Kirk orders, "Maximum Warp Mr. Sulu." All of these technologies will serve to enhance the worship experience by providing good lighting, better sound, and if our sanctuary is so full there is no room, participation in worship in another room. These are all wonderful things, revolving around the central focus of worship, an ancient rite that we take part in every

week to acknowledge that Christ is a part of our lives. Does God care if we follow the order of service on a piece of paper, or an Ipad? Does that detract from our focus on God during the service? Does it encourage multi-tasking (checking your e-mail during the sermon might be pushing the envelope) at the expense of focusing on God?

Do we treat worship as a retreat from the "real" world and a connection to all the Christians that have gone before us, praying the Lord's Prayer and reciting the Nicene Creed? Or do we bring the world with us when we come to worship and thus worship God in the modern context? I grew up around computers (I was eight when our family got our first PC) and carry a smartphone with me that serves as phone, calendar, camera, GPS navigation, e-mail receiver, internet browser, my bank, a bible, and the list goes on. My wife was home with Abby the other day and she has taken to listening to music from her music class. So, when it is time for Abby to play, we will turn on the CD player and she will play, occasionally bopping her head to the music. We have been doing this for a month, and this week, while my wife was distracted, Abby went over the CD player, picked up a Netflix sleeve, pulled the DVD out and standing in front of the CD player, pushed it at my wife. So she has figured out that is what happens when she wants to listen to music. I can only begin to imagine the technology that she will be exposed to by the time that she graduates from college in 20 years. How will we integrate the ever increasing electronic sophistication that surrounds us into our worship experience? Finding the middle ground between "thou shalt not use technology in worship" and "dude, 3D glasses during the Passion play" is going to be a challenge. Separating the gimmicks that "attract a younger crowd" from the truly meaningful ways of making the service more accessible is going to challenge us. People from my generation (and even more so those who are younger) are surrounded by entertainment choices that incorporate lots of different technologies to draw them into experiences. Ignoring those advances is an option, but will that marginalize those who have grown up with them? How can we make worship something they can relate to while at the same time remaining faithful to the history and traditions that surround our liturgy? Since we are Lutherans, going to the extremes of either camp (technology vs. tradition) is unlikely! Finding the middle ground will be difficult.

**Doug Cummings
Ministry Associate**



*From the Director
of Music*

As we approach the end of the season for both choirs, I wanted to share some thoughts about their ministry. Although we may not have the largest choirs in Williamsburg, we certainly have two of the most faithful. It is a unique gift of self that you offer to the Lord when you make music that is an extension of our prayer life. Always, we try and pray the words we sing, and although the technical aspects of the music are important, it is the unique bond that we form as “pray-ers” of music that is our goal. We come together as individuals, each with something to offer. We unite as one voice as we pray our anthems in song. I wish to express my profound thanks to the wonderful ministers of music who sing at our church, including our seasonal members, and I ask that you lift us up in prayer so that we may continue to inspire those we serve in his name, and also share our journey of faith as we gather to prepare our music. Of course, I thank all of our cantors, those who give us their gifts playing guitar, and those who lead our Faith Formation Choir. May you be richly blessed in your ministry.

Summer Music Ministry is upon us, and I welcome any and all to come and share your ideas about something you can do for our liturgies. We have been blessed with a variety of offerings, each enriching our worship experience. It can be a very simple selection or challenging, modern or traditional, or just about anything in between. The only important factor is that whatever you do it should be something that is spiritual in nature, and will help inspire us to prayer. Last year we had more folks step up than we could accommodate, so I encourage you not to wait until the last minute. I am happy to assist you in any way I can to facilitate this. It has been so rewarding for those who have participated, and for those who benefit from the inspiration of seeing a new face serving the Lord in worship.

Your brother in Christ,
Michael Monaco



**Congregation Fun Day on
Saturday, June 18 at
Chickahominy Riverfront Park**

(Chickahominy Riverfront Park is located on Route 5, just before the new bridge crossing the Chickahominy River.) There will be activities for all ages at the shelter beside the swimming pool from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

- Two bike rides on the car-free Virginia Capital Trail – a 12-mile ride starts at 10:00 AM with a rest stop and refreshments at the half-way point at Mainland Farm, and a four mile ride starts at 11:00 AM, also with a rest stop and refreshments. Ride leaders are Reed and Karen Nester and Nancy Carter. Helmets are required for the bike rides.
- You can also take a hike on the Virginia Capital Trail to the overlook at the top of the Chickahominy River Bridge – a one mile round trip with a beautiful view.
- The swimming pool next to the shelter is available from 8:00 AM (\$2.00 for children, \$3.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for seniors). There’s also a great playground!
- **Glenn Carlson** is bringing his boat with room for six (four if someone wants to ski or tube), and **Glenn Jr.** is bringing his jet ski – he has plenty of adult life jackets but limited children’s life jackets.
- Too much activity for you? Then bring a chair and sit by the river and watch the water go by!

Lunch is at noon - bring something to grill for yourself and a dish to share. A hot grill, drinks, plates and utensils will be provided. For more information call **Reed or Karen Nester (229-2017)** or **Nancy Carter (229-4907)**. If you’re coming, and/or if you can help, please mark the blue sheet.





Sunday Morning Study for Adults

Every Sunday morning during the summer (except for June 12, 26, July 3, August 7), Pastor Ballentine is meeting with adults, 10:00 – 10:45 AM, in the college room, to explore that morning's preaching passage. Come join the conversation!



Monday Evening Study of the Psalms

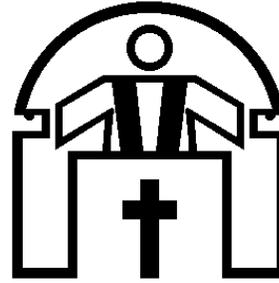
Soni York will lead this "Book of Faith" study of the Psalms. The group will meet June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25, beginning at 7:15 PM each Monday night. The deadline for ordering a study book is June 5. Please call Sandy Peterkin in the church office (229-6688) to order the book!



VBS news

St. Stephen will not have VBS this year because of the upcoming renovation limiting parking and use of the sanctuary during the week.

If you are interested in Vacation Bible School, **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Norge** will be running VBS July 28-30, with the theme of Pandamania. Registration is available online at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/OSLCKids/gpgs/Home.aspx>. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get excited about church!



Pastor Jim Nichols to be installed at Our Saviour's Lutheran

All are invited to celebrate with the people of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Norge, and **Pastor Jim Nickols**, as Jim is installed as pastor **Sunday, June 12, 4:00 PM.**

As Dean of the Peninsula Conference of the Virginia Synod, **Pastor Ballentine** will officiate at the installation. If you will join the celebration, please call Our Saviour's church office (564-3745) so they can plan food for the reception.

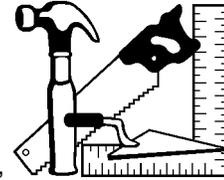


25th Anniversary of Power in the Spirit - July 14-16, 2011 Roanoke College - Salem, Virginia

Register for the 2011 Power in the Spirit with the theme "We Love to Tell the Story!" The keynote speaker is Dr. Walt Wangerin, storyteller supreme; and our Bible leader is Rev. John Largen. Kevin Barger serves as our musician, and he is well-known in our synod for his wonderful contributions to worship at our synod assemblies.

Power in the spirit is a special opportunity to gather, worship, and learn together. Registration materials are in the narthex.

May 2011 Update for the Renovation Project



The project is moving along with many milestones met in the last few weeks, namely:

- We have received the details and the pricing for the lighting upgrades in the Sanctuary. The plan is to have St. Stephen contract directly with the lighting vendor and procure the lights and controllers, and the contractor, David Nice, install the lighting under the direction of the lighting consultant. This was done as a cost saving measure and we should reap financial benefits at the completion of the contract. We are in the process of setting up the accounts to allow us to order the materials required, in order to have them in place when the contractor is ready for the installation.
- The contract has been signed with David Nice Builders. The Project Manager, Brandon Nice, is working to get the subcontractor contracts in place and setting schedule for the trades to complete their tasks as required by the contract. I should have the sign layouts for approval with the signs in place and the construction process started in the next few weeks. I do expect to have the Nice On-site Project Supervisor in place on site during the week of May 23.
- We are seeing some cost savings as a result of the decisions being made as we move through the process. It is too early to put a dollar figure on the costs but the committee is taking all possible actions to ensure that the costs are kept under budget.
- A major problem early on in the deliberations was the condition of the cupola and steeple. After examination, we find that the repairs can be made as a minor change order to the contract without significant additional cost.
- The construction loan has been approved, which means that the finances to complete the project are now in place.

Upcoming Milestones:

- Posting the construction signs.
- Setting up the Site Construction Supervisor in the church in the Fellowship Hall—room D.
- Setting up fencing and establishing construction areas.
- Ordering the special inspections from the Atlantic Geotechnical Services for the initial inspections
- Placing the lighting and controller order.

Notes

I have had several questions about what happens to the pieces of slate in the forecourt since they are not being reused. The plan is that the contractor will provide notice of when the equipment is being brought in to break up the forecourt and that date will be published so that any members who want to get some of the slate will be able to do so on that particular day. Those removing the slate will be responsible to remove the pieces and to take them away. We will not have any space to store the removed slate. Any of the slate, which remains after the removal day, will be disposed of. Please bear in mind that no slate can be removed before the set date as early removal would cause a safety hazard.

Paul Kristiansen
Project Manager

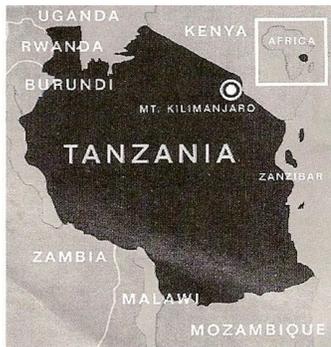


Christian Education Committee

A big “Thank You” to all our Faith Formation volunteers this past year! The Christian Education Committee held a Venetian Masquerade dinner to celebrate our appreciation for this past year’s volunteers, complete with Italian music, food, and drink and beautiful Venetian masks.

Our younger Lutherans showed their musical talents by singing at two worship services at the end of May. Youth Faith Formation completed their studies in May and held a potluck breakfast for volunteers and families. Classes will resume in September.

Jill Lucy for the Christian Education Committee



***You're invited...
...to a special Father's Day
celebration on June 19!***

We will celebrate our third **Day for Mongai Children** - and have an opportunity to contribute to scholarships for Mongai children.

Here is some background information:

- ◆ In Tanzania, there is no “free” education.

- ◆ Families must pay school fees, and poor families can't afford them.
- ◆ An increasing number of the children at Mongai are orphans (one or both parents have died from HIV/AIDS).
- ◆ The Mongai parish now has a trained Montessori teacher and one assistant to supervise two parish Kindergartens – with 70 children! Our gifts help pay their salaries.
- ◆ More than 100 children at Mongai, from kindergarten to secondary grades, have been supported by our generous gifts during the past few years!

Last year, on this special day, we raised more than \$8,400 to help support education for these children! You are invited to contribute again this year, using the special envelope in the pews on **June 12 and 19**. Our gifts will be sent to Mongai by the end of June – just in time for the beginning of their school year in July.

(Please make your check payable to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, and mark the memo line for “Mongai Parish.”)

Supporting the **Day for Mongai Children** is a wonderful way to celebrate Father's Day!



Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy news

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy took a stand several years ago in the Virginia General Assembly to help stop predatory payday and car-title lenders from preying on people seeking credit, and exploiting low-income individuals, families and communities by charging interest rates reaching more than 300%.

The Interfaith Center just received a report on payday lending data from 2010 and the numbers are cause for celebration.

- In 2008 over 90,000 payday borrowers got more than 13 loans. **In 2010, only one borrower received more than 13 loans.**
- In 2008 there were 769 payday loan locations in

Virginia. **In 2010, there were only 288.**
In 2008, over 3,378,047 payday loans were made in our state. **Last year, there were 435,273 loans made. 87% fewer than in 2008!**

This incredible progress would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of people of faith. Support from across the states helps the Interfaith Center to achieve amazing results like these, which makes Virginia a better place to live for all.

We've still got work to do. In 2011, the General Assembly passed legislation that expanded car-title lending to vehicles registered out of state, effectively making Virginia the car-title lending capital of the mid-Atlantic.

Contribute to the Virginia Interfaith center (VICPP) to help continue the fight:
(www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org)

Lou Rossiter for Social Ministry



A Special Appeal from LINK/ PORT

In August 2010, LINK of Hampton Roads entered into a contract to provide housing for homeless veterans, for up to six months in Transitional Housing. These veterans are dealing with issues ranging from simple medication management, to recovery from surgery, to learning how to care for themselves in a home environment. The most prevalent challenge for many of these veterans is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, from their experiences in combat while on military duty.

These men have served our country in Vietnam, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other tours of duty, some in covert operations.

LINK has two homes on the peninsula that are 'house managed' for 24 hours a day. So far, we have housed (and then placed into housing or permanent supportive housing) some of the veterans who have been through the program.

We are proud and honored to assist and work with the Veterans Administration in helping these men who protected our country, and who now need help and protection from the consequences of their service.

We're asking all the partners in LINK/PORT to help us continue this program of support for American veterans. This is a list of items needed for the Veterans Transitional Housing Program:

- 2 vehicles
- 2 full sets of dishes (serves 8)
- 2 outdoor tables w/chairs; 1 gas grill
- 2 sets of spatulas; 2 large serving dishes
- 4 couches
- 10 large plastic storage containers
- 6 twin beds; 14 sets of twin sheets
- 3 TVs; 3 combination radio/CD players
- 14 blankets; 14 pillows
- 9 bedroom dressers
- 4 doormats
- 3 TV tables
- 6 end tables
- 3 coffee tables
- 14 each: bath towels; hand towels
- 6 lamps (for end tables)
- 2 bath mats; 4 bathroom rugs
- small photograph frames (5 x 7)
- 2 irons and ironing boards

In addition, these recreational items are needed:

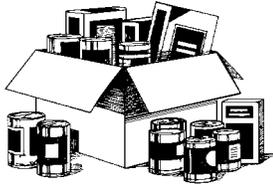
- 4 decks of playing cards; 2 Scrabble games; 2 Monopoly games
- 2 Wii games; DVDs suitable for men
- 5 men's bikes; 10 fishing rods & equipment
- 2 sets of horseshoes; 2 soccer balls; 2 bocce balls; outdoor games

These items can be used, if clean and in good condition – or they can be new. This may be a wonderful opportunity for you to donate items from your home that are no longer needed, or used by you or your family.

If you have items to donate, please contact Lynne Finding, Director of LINK of Hampton Roads, at www.linkhr.org (lynne.finding@yahoo.com is her email under "staff" on this website).

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important ministry.

Diane Bean, Social Ministry Committee (565-7717)

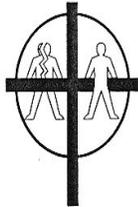


No Summer Vacation for FISH and Grove Food Banks

As we generously support these food banks with our food gifts each week, here's a little reminder of how the needs change during the summer months. Some children in our community receive help with breakfast and lunch meals at school, during the regular school year. But in the summertime, that doesn't happen.

Here are some special needs at FISH and Grove during the summer: breakfast items, including cereals and bars; peanut butter and jelly; soup; canned fruit; juice boxes. Check out the other items needed on the food lists in the Narthex.

Our little food gifts make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thanks for your generosity!



A Journey With (and Without) Stephen Ministry

In June a new group of Stephen Ministers will complete their training. Stephen Ministers have 50 hours of classroom training, plus the reading of the lessons and companion books between meetings. It is a time of prayerful contemplation of our own life experiences to aid in our understanding and empathy with others. Twice a month meetings will help the new Stephen Ministers continue to grow and provide them support. You may feel too broken to contemplate this, but Stephen Ministers can also have Stephen Ministers. Does the song *Here I am, Lord* tug at your heart? Do you hear Him "calling in the night?" Listen in the coming months for His word. Perhaps this is where he is leading you.

Cindy Gibbs



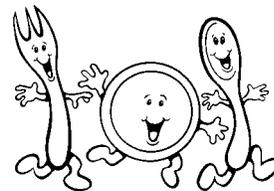
Parking News

Did you know that parking is permitted on Sundays along Jamestown Road, on the other side of the street from our building, from 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM?

On weekends, parking is unrestricted in the College parking lot across the street from the church building. (This is true from 5:00 PM on Fridays through Sunday nights.)

During weekdays, parking is restricted.

Many of our folks use the College lot for evening meetings and events, after 5:00 PM. The College is giving more emphasis to ticketing unauthorized cars in the lot after 5:00 PM. **Parking continues to be available to us and to our community groups in the College lot after 5:00 PM on weeknights. However, you must display a parking pass on your dashboard, if you are parking in the lot after 5:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.** Passes are available from **Sandy Peterkin** in the church office.



Dining Out Group meets in June

The group will meet on **Saturday, June 25 and 1:00 PM at Opus 9.** Join the fun by signing the blue sheet or by calling **Jack and Joyce Behlendorf (564-1991).**



Graduating students

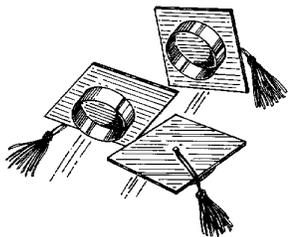
Congratulations to all graduating students and joy to them in the next stage of their lives!

St. Stephen high school graduates

- **Stephanie Bredbenner** will graduate from York High School. She will be a student at Bryn Mawr College in the fall.
- **Robert Floyd** is graduating from Jamestown High School. In the fall, he'll begin at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, GA.
- **Liz Geier** will graduate from Hampton Roads Academy. She will be attending Franklin College in Lugano Switzerland.
- **PJ Mc Ateer** will graduate from Jamestown and will be attending James Madison University.

St. Stephen College graduates

- **Arielle Alpino** graduated from the College of Charleston (SC). She is employed by a marketing firm in Charleston.
- **Chris Black** graduated from Christopher Newport University. He is in the job search process.
- **Amanda Buckley** has graduated from Longwood College. She is in the job search process.
- **Melissa Buckley** graduated from Mary Washington University. She is in the job search process.
- **Glenn Carlson** has graduated from Thomas Nelson Community College as an automobile mechanic. He is working for a racing team.
- **Joel Gillespie** graduated from the College of William and Mary. He will be a computer scientist at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, VA.
- **Sarah Harms** graduated from James Madison University. She will begin a graduate program at JMU in the fall, to earn a masters degree in education.



The Church Mouse Hears



Nelia Heide was recognized by the Center for Excellence in Aging and Geriatric Health (CEAGH) for her volunteerism and commitment to CEAGH serving as community liaison to their driving evaluation program and representing the group at health fairs and many other programs . . . **Tommy Peterkin** was one of a group of Jamestown High School social studies students who spent much time this year researching and preparing tours and activities for a day with the public at Historic Jamestowne. The students were led by social studies teacher and St. Stephen member, **Molly Sandling**, (see the story about Molly on page five of last month's "mouse") What a creative project! . . . The mouse is enjoying our wonderful new coffee pot – so easy to use and such delicious coffee. Stop by for a cuppa in the Narthex – good way to visit with our St. Stephen family. The easy directions are near the pot in the kitchen, or call **Terry Hinders (221-0904)** for instructions.



Sandy Croushore; scroushore@cox.net

Art and Anita Dorsey
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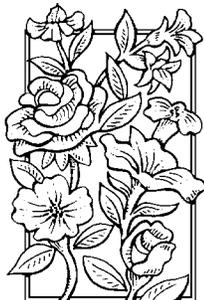


Look who's having a
Birthday!

June Birthdays

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| 2 | Karen Chenault Sara Osborn | Kathy Peterson Lois Wysong |
| 3 | David Black Earl Wysong, Jr. | Leonard Bosworth |
| 4 | Stephanie West | |
| 6 | Emily Cowan Brad Leek | Jack Harris |
| 7 | Garrett Bailey | York Doerr |
| 8 | Ray Basley Ron Harris | Elsa Englert |
| 9 | Rita Kristiansen | |
| 10 | Charles Osborn | |
| 11 | Al Kuhn | Randy Punchard |
| 12 | Jesse DeMari | |
| 14 | Terry Hinders | |
| 15 | Ruth Fenstermaker | Grant Hudson |
| 17 | Gary Krull | Katie Punchard |
| 19 | Caitlyn Lucy Janet Rinehimer | Alexander Ogaard |
| 20 | Joshua Egloff Lou Rossiter | |
| 21 | Katelin Cosby | Jean Kuhn |
| 22 | Carol Harman | Audrey Root |
| 23 | Rita Krajnik Jessica Walker | Jacquelyn Shearer |
| 25 | Jeri Meermans Zhou Hui Stauffer | Audrey Rojas |
| 26 | Susan Britcher | Christine Drake |
| 27 | Stephanie Bredbenner Donna VanDuyse | Arthur Hanson |
| 28 | Arielle Alpino | Kim Cowan |
| 29 | Mary Jamerson | Sherry Phipps |
| 30 | Lisa Fisher | Linda Olson |

Is your name missing? Is your date wrong? Please let us know immediately!
Rev. May 17, 2011



Please Pray for

Pray to know God's will for healing **Jo Austin, Ailene Bartlett, Lea Chenault, Thord Einarsen, Mark Gulesian, Michelle Ivey, Carole Meyer, Judie Schrag, Dan Stimson, Rosemary Stimson**

Prayers of Peace and comfort to **Julie Pierce** and her family on the death of her cousin; to **Larry Shoberg and his family** on the death of his sister.

Pray for those who are physically unable to get to worship: **Bill Dickerson, Elsa Englert, Bernice Fahncke, Bob Groom, Elsie Hall, Willetta Heising, Anna Lou Hobday, Jean Kircheis, Helen Lenox, Christine Pugh, Chuck and Jo Schumacher, John Warner, Dot Wright, Earl and Lois Wysong**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Ann Baker, Anna Baldwin, Bud Barnett, Frances Boitnott-Schluter, Lois Bomba, Jim Burkle, Preston Burton, Jr., Ron Campana, Bob Canny, Joanne Carlson, Jane Cattermole, Melissa Cavezza, Donna Chere, Brenda Cook, Janice and Walter DeGree, Paul Derin, Lois Derrick, Bubba Drury, Dianne Drury, Lucy Eyer, Mae Failoni, Bruce and Kay Flatin, Lonna Gibson, Nancy Gottschalk, Jesse Hall, Louise Haupt, Clay Henson, Gail Henson, Loretta Hughes, Kyle Iddings, Denise Jones, Gloria Kochenour, Marnah Lund, Bailey Rae Mahoney, Caitlin Meehan, Rick Meyer, Roy Nester, James Ogborn, Sr., Janet Overdorf, Sampson, Atticus, and Evelyn Parsons, Bill and Joyce Pate, Laura Petrillo, Lisa Rivolta, Tom Roberts, Norwood Robertshaw, Don Romig, Gali Sanchez, Don Scanlan, Roland Scheiding, Gilene Seege, George Spaniol, Connie Testerman, Melissa Villarreal, Shirley White, Helen Wiers and Family, Jim Yankovich

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A word of Thanks



Letters to St. Stephen

Avalon wrote in appreciation for our sending the extra items from the health kits assembled at the Women's Retreat. Virginia Interfaith Center thanked us for our contribution of \$200.



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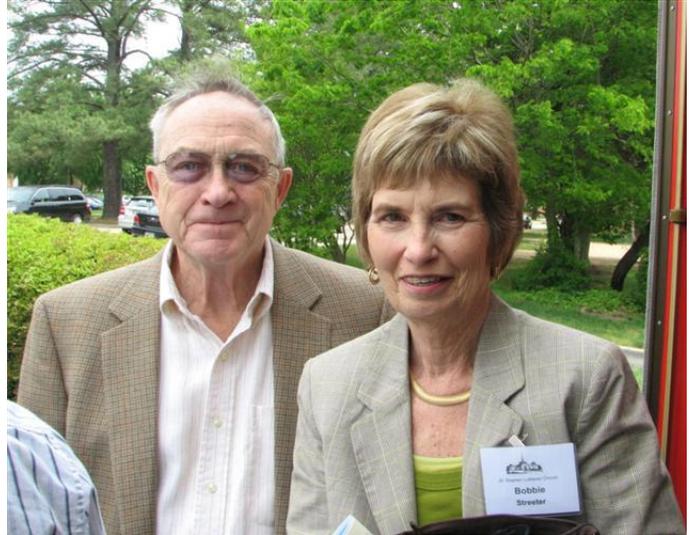
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