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Service Times: Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

the **MARTYR MONTHLY**
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**REFORMATION SUNDAY
& POTLUCK DINNER
OCTOBER 28TH, 2007**

Holy Communion at all services
5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:00 and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday
Affirmation of Baptism—

(Confirmation of 9th Graders) at the 9:30 worship

Invite family and friends to worship with you!
Special music by the choirs at all services

SUNDAY EVENING: REFORMATION POT LUCK DINNER at
6:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with a brief entertaining program
to follow (More details to come)

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PASTOR GAIL'S COMPUTER NOTES...

On the weekend of October 27-28th, we will celebrate the Protestant Reformation once again. At 9:30 on Sunday, we will also witness and celebrate the Affirmation of Baptismal vows of five of our precious young people: 9th graders VINCENT DODULIK, RYAN EURICH, BRENNAN JOHNSON, ALISSA MAYER, GUNNAR RAASCH. Please keep them in your prayers! They need our support and encouragement to live out the promises they will make--promises to love and serve God, to hear the Word and share in Christ's Supper, to work for peace and justice.

Our Lutheran heritage is a great heritage, grounded in the one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic church of Jesus Christ, revived by Martin Luther and other reformers in the 15th and 16th centuries. The work of Luther and others in the Church was meant not to be des-structive, but to revitalize the Church. It was based on hope—hope in God.

Three phrases sum up the principles at work in reformation theology:

Scripture only means that only God's Word is our reliable guide for faith and life, not ancient folklore or the latest self-help books.

Faith only means: only trust in God's promises (not our ability to promote ourselves) receives God's justification.

Grace only means: only through the undeserved love that God offers us in Jesus Christ do we become perfect like God (righteous), not by doing good works or by striving to please others.

God's Good News for Reformation Day is:

GOD'S WORD IS SURE. OUR FAITH IS IN GOD. THROUGH GRACE, GOD WILL SHAPE US AND SAVE US!

Come receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion served at all services Oct. 27-28th, and celebrate with our

five confirmands. Enjoy with members and friends the evening Reformation Pot-Luck! (See the front cover)

Your partner in the Gospel,

Pastor Gail

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Congregation,

The mission statement of St. Stephen the Martyr Church is: We come together in Word and Sacrament that we might go to live and serve in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Staying true to our mission, it is important that we evaluate the needs of SSM and our community from time to time. That being said, a Long Range Planning Committee has been established by the Church Council.

The purpose of the Long Range Planning Committee is to establish a course of action for St. Stephen the Martyr to follow over the next several years. We hope this plan will lead to open and candid discussion regarding spiritual growth, programs, outreach, facilities, staffing, and many other possibilities. This process will offer all SSM members the chance to assist in setting the future direction of our congregation.

Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

There will be many opportunities to share your thoughts along the way. It is important that we hear from every member as we gather ideas and opinions. The Long Range Planning Committee consists of the following members: Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, Jim Arneson, Bob DeFrank, Tim Falksen, Bob Gleason, John Muroi, Eric Sanders, Julie Starks.

This committee encourages your questions and comments at any time throughout the process. Please keep this committee in your prayers and prayerfully consider your thoughts and guidance for our future.

Yours in Christ,

John Muroi,

Council President



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LOOSE ENDS CRAFTING

We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, October 10 @ 9:00 a.m. & October 24 @ 10:15 am. Please join us as we study scripture and enjoy the fellowship of our sisters in Christ.

The Loose Ends Bake & Craft Sale is

December 1st & 2nd this year.

LOOSE ENDS - OCT. 10TH @ 10 a.m.

All crafters are invited to attend the October 10th meeting of the Loose Ends group being held at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll continue to work on the project that was begun in September and begin a new one. Come and be part of the preparation for the annual Bake & Craft Sale being held on December 1 and 2. Lunch will be ordered in.

PIECE MAKERS QUILTING SESSION:

Our next get-together will be held on October 11th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We hope you were able to enjoy the display of quilts on the weekend of September 29-30. You can be part of this ongoing project even if you are not a sewer. Many of the ladies involved are not. And some of the work can be done in your own home as time permits. Your participation will be most welcomed.

Carole Ropel

SSM Women's Ministries, Acting Coordinator

Women of the ELCA

PROPERTY

New Lighting Coming to The Fellowship Hall!

Thank you to the very generous benefactors who have requested that their donations be used to improve the lighting in the Fellowship Hall. All of us will benefit from the improvements for years to come! Bless you!

- Property Committee

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS		
Oct 7	5:00 PM	re:Fuel
Oct 14	1:30 PM	CROP walk
Oct 21	6-8 PM	Revolution!
Oct 25 -26	5 PM overnight	Lutherdale Retreat for 7-12 grades

New This Year:

Hi everyone,

There are lots of exciting things God has in store for us this year.

Perhaps the biggest change is that we are now teaming up with Adoration Lutheran Church for all of our youth and family ministry events. Our two churches have had such a great time sharing our confirmation ministries, that we've decided to help the friendships formed in confirmation to grow deeper by working together as high school students as well. Like always, all of our youth and family events are open to all students in grades 7 -12.

Another difference this year is that we're hoping to start a home church model for doing 2.B.1. This is a time for youth, their parents, and other adults who would like to impact the lives and faith of our young disciples all to gather together for fun, devotions, and learning. If you wonder how you can help defiant teenagers live out their faith, this is your time to network with other parents and adults for resources, support, and new ideas. Call Kevan ASAP if you would like to be part of this exciting ministry.

THE LITTLE LUTHERAN PICTURE BOOK FOR KIDS

The Little Lutheran is a picture book published monthly for children ages 0-6. It will help children learn about God's love for them and the world in which they live. It will include simple, often rhymed text and will feature colorful and engaging art. It will contain stories, prayers, puzzles, activities and rituals that help children become aware of God's activity in and around them.

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The Lutheran Magazine

This magazine nurtures awareness of Christ's presence in our lives and the world. Shares stories of God's people living their faith, connects us with the global Christian community, provides an open forum for discussion and challenges us to bring God's grace and care to all.

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9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Parents, Students will meet with Pastor Gail on Sunday eves, Oct. 14 & 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"Preparing for Your Confirmation Day"

Refreshments to be served

Confirmation Day

is Sunday,

October 28th!

3-4-5 Passing on the Faith

(from Frogs without Legs Can't Hear by David W. Anderson & Paul Hill)

This time we will look at the expression, "**faith is caught more than taught.**" How many time have we gone to see a movie, or bought a product that we heard about from someone we know? Or how often have you noticed that we do the same things that our parents have done? The whole idea of 'do as I say, not as I do' we all know doesn't work. The same goes for our **faith in Christ.**

As we see in Matthew 16:16-19 Peter answers Jesus' question about who the disciples think he is. Peter answers, "*You are the Messiah, Son of the Living God!*" This is not because Peter was told this by anyone, but because God had revealed this to him.

If I were to ask you the question, "**Who is the most influential person in your faith life?**" who would it be? Mine would be my parents and grandparents. Watching them as I grew up showed me how to live out my faith: seeing them read devotions in the morning and evening, being with them as they worked in the church and seeing them help others. As I studied this subject in Youth Certification School, I learned that the number one person in a child's faith life is their mom. Dads came in second and grandparents, right after that. Pastors and youth workers were further down the list.

So as much as we teach the youth in the church, what children see and do in the home holds the most importance.

Until next time, peace be with you.

Tim Falksen

Contact our Discipleship Coach, Kevan Penvose: 414-258-0858 stillerr7@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rally Day picnic. It appeared as though everyone had a good time and plenty of good food to eat. A special thank you to all who helped set-up on Saturday and Sunday, to cooks who grilled and or provided wonderful side dishes or desserts, those who helped with activities, and everyone who pitched in to help serve and clean-up. An event like this takes many hands - now that's Fellowship!

If you have some ideas and want to help plan other activities, please contact me at 414-769-7067.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 28 when we will be holding our Reformation Potluck Supper.

ATTENTION MILWAUKEE BUCKS FANS!

Saturday, November 3, 2007 is Church Night with the Milwaukee Bucks when they will be playing the Chicago Bulls beginning at 7:30 p.m. All church members and guests are being offered an exclusive discount. \$29 seats are being discounted to \$16 and \$24 seats are being discounted to \$11.

Please contact me at 414-769-7067 if you are interested. The deadline to sign up is Wed. Oct. 24.

~ Shelly Rosenstock, Chairperson



Next Music & Worship Meeting
Wednesday October 3, 5:45 pm

The Communion Setup/Server Workshop held on Sept. was planned to help our coordinators, Sue Jarchow & Cathy Peterson form a larger pool of people to help with Communion. Thank you to the new helpers who have come forward.

As of mid-November, there will be Communion at every 9:30 a.m. service. The Saturday Night and 8 a.m. schedules will remain as before.

Additional communion services form a special need for more service personnel. We will be using communion by intinction more frequently. If you missed the September Workshop, please indicate your interest to Sue, Cathy or myself. It is never too late!

Plans are now underway for all the Fall and Advent services. It takes many voices and ideas to plan these services. If you would like to assist in the future direction of worship at SSM, please contact me at (414)421-5170 to join our committee.

Karen Rasmussen, Chairperson

WHY DO THE PARAMENT COLORS CHANGE?

Reformation Day occurs on October 31, but we observe it on the Sunday preceding that date which is Oct. 28 this year. It is a day for giving thanks to Martin Luther and the other reformers, but much more, it calls attention to the ongoing need for the ecumenical growth and renewal of the Church of Christ. Paraments are bright red, the color of the church.

All Saint's Day is November 1st, but it is observed on the Sunday following that date. This festival commemorates all the baptized people of God who have died in the faith. The liturgical color is white. After these two festivals, the color returns to green as a reminder that this is a season of spiritual growth. It will remain green until Advent.

5th & 6th Grade Youth Hand Chime Choir

All 5th & 6th graders are welcome and encouraged to join our NEW Youth Hand Chime Choir. Rehearsals will be held Sunday mornings from 10:30 - 11:15 starting October 7th. The Hand Chimes will be featured in this year's Christmas Program. Please contact Christopher Owen (cowen@ststephenthemartyr.com) or Stephanie Mayer (423-6943) with questions.



New Members to Be Received October 14th

We welcome all those desiring to join SSM! An orientation session will be held on Sun., Oct. 7 @ 10:40 (immediately following the service) in the Luther Room. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a member. Contact Pastor Gail in person or at 421-3543. A reception will follow the October 14th service in the Fellowship Hall.

SSM Family Highlights

The scripture admonishes us to "Rejoice with those who rejoice...." (Romans 12:15) A caring community grows stronger when victories are shared and celebrated together. And so we rejoice with you...

What makes a parent feel good other than having good children?

Having a good kid on the Honor Roll! Way to go Janina Wesolowski at UW-Whitewater!

The Giesenschlag kids bless their parents with the help they give their mom for the tube fed children campaign.

Thanks to Kori Kriewaldt who does a lot of community service through Girl Scouts.

If you'd like to highlight a special award, event or activity you or your child is involved in, please let us know—we will print it here.

"Not to regard with joy the happiness of another is envy; and not to grieve for their misfortunes is inhumanity" (Calvin)

2008 TRIP TO EUROPE COULD BE IN Your Future!

Pastor Hartmut Barsnick has agreed to guide and host an August 2008 trip to eastern Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic if there are enough interested folks. He has hosted many trips to Germany, and other countries. Some SSM members and others who traveled in 2004 asked him to host a trip to the afore-mentioned countries. Next year could be your year! Pastor Barsnick is a very stimulating and agreeable travel host. He works to keep costs very reasonable.

Come to an exploratory meeting on WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10TH at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no obligation. If you are unable to attend, contact Pastor Gail for more information.

In **John 4:34-35**, Jesus said: "*My food is to do what God wants! He is the one who sent me, and I must finish the work that he gave me to do. You may say that there are still four months until harvest time. But I tell you to look, and you will see that the fields are ripe and ready to harvest.*"

In the past two years, five books touting atheism have hit the bestseller lists, outselling even some major religious books. A study released in June by the Barna Group, a religious polling firm, found that about 5 million adults in the United States call themselves atheists. But despite atheists' increased vocalism and visibility, it seems that most of America isn't buying in. Indeed the fields are ripe and ready. It is time to harvest a crop for God.



**Next meeting is October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
Call Shirley Lieske with questions: 761-0734**

Diocese of Meru

In September the Greater Milwaukee Synod celebrated the tenth anniversary of partnering with the Diocese of Meru and they had lots to celebrate! During the past 10 years, individuals, institutions and congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod have:
Purchased vehicles for pastors on Mt. Meru so they no longer need to walk to their parishes
Created a loan fund so pastors can send their children to school or meet other financial needs
Started the Meru Coffee project - "Justice Never Tasted So Good"
Funded a medical scholarship so that the diocese could train a new doctor for their hospital - Dr. Julius Bartho Mollel
Completed medical facilities
Helped build and sent funds for the Ailanga Junior Seminary
Funded school scholarships so that the youth of Meru can go to school
Funded the education of three Carthage College graduates and a current student
Funded well and water harvesting projects and emergency food needs
Initiated and funded the two year South to North Missionary Program - Pastor Elias Kitoi Nasari
Established 20 congregation to parish partnerships
Sent delegations to Tanzania to support the partnership of the Companion Synod Program and funded and hosted delegations from Meru
We rejoice with our partners from Tanzania!

MT. MERU COFFEE PROJECT

Attention Coffee Drinkers! It's getting cooler, but the coffee's hot! We have several kinds of Mt. Meru Coffee available in the narthex. We have bean, drip, regular or decaf. Try a bag soon and help Tanzanian farmers! The cost is \$8.00 per 12 oz. bag.
Doing Justice Never Tasted So Good!

CROP Walk—Stamp Out Hunger!

Get your walking shoes on... it's CROP Walk time again! Mark Your Calendars!
CROP Walk is October 8th. We will carpool from church at 12:30 p.m. and the walk starts at McKinley Marina at 1:30 p.m. Go to the CROP Walk table in the narthex for more information.
It's not too late to walk or to sponsor walkers. Please bring your non-perishable food items to be taken down to the CROP Walk. Help to make a difference in the lives of so many people!

The Avenue Store Changes Locations

The Avenue Store is no longer accepting donations @ Redeemer Lutheran Church. The store, under it's new name, Red Door Clothes, has moved to St. James Episcopal Church at 833 W. Wisconsin Ave. (271-1340).
Red Door Clothes has been accepting donations since early September, 2007. As of now, they are in great need of men's pants, and jeans. 85% of clients served are men. Also requested are clean socks, underwear, sweaters, flannel shirts and sweatshirts.
They will also accept children's clothes.

Hours of Operation:
(beginning Sat. 10/20/07)
8:30—10:30 a.m. every 1st & 3rd Sat.
Hours/Days Accepting Donations:
MWF 9-12:30 pm & T,TH 1-4:30 pm
(please call store first at above number)
Contact Persons:
Gust Olson (Parish Administrator)
Reverend Debra Trakel

SHEPHERD'S CORNER LIBRARY NEWS

Make it a point to stop in at the church library. We have a great supply of Christian children's and adult's books & videos.
Sign up for reading one of the books on the cart in the narthex, or take a book out from the library and learn more about your faith this fall ...
Proverbs 2:10 "For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul."

THE STAFF OF LIFE— SSM FOOD PANTRY ...because hunger never takes a break...

All food pantry donations for the month of October will go to the Bay View Community Food Pantry.
"The LORD upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous." Psalm 146

Stewardship

**Using the gifts God
has given us to do the work
God has called us to do.**

Dear Friends in Christ,
As we are nearing our annual Stewardship drive for 2008, I would like to take the time to reflect on this past years results.
As this was the first stewardship drive I helped to lead, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of my

fellow church family members. This generosity gives us as a community the means to make a difference not only within our walls, but all over the world. Which brings us to this year. As you should be aware of our contributions versus budget/commitment are at a deficit. I'm aware that there are peaks and valley especially during the summer but this goes beyond even that. We are currently behind \$10,432.00 against the budget. Can this amount be recouped? Of course, but it will require the efforts of us all. Our church community needs everyone to make their best effort to keep the commitment they made for 2007. This needs our attention immediately. The budget is made in part based upon the pledges we all make.

Aside from the very important day to day expenses mortgage, insurance utilities, etc. in the past 42 years we have always been very generous in giving beyond our own walls to a wide array of important causes, including our ELCA partners. I am proud to be associated with a church that takes seriously our Lord's command to give sacrificially and gratefully.

I am sure that you will join me as we re-examine our giving and re-commit our lives to God who has given us all things.

~ Carol Malinowski,
Stewardship Chair

P. S. The participation in the simply giving program (which is the automatic payment of your designated commitment) increased from 6-8 families to 15, which was my goal. In 2008, I'm hoping for thirty families to participate; this is a very helpful way for you to make your regular gift.

OTHER NOTES



BEAR YE BEAR YE BEAR YE!

Ladies of SSM, you are invited to A ROYAL FEAST!

Friday, November 9, 2007 @ 7:00 pm

The Gentlemen of SSM are eagerly anticipating and preparing for this year's Royal Dinner. Here is your opportunity to put on your finest dress and be treated to a dinner that will be the envy of Royalty!

Advanced Tickets are Required and there is Limited Seating.

Tickets are \$25.00 each. Ticket Sales begin the weekend of Sep 28/29 and will close on October 31, 2007 or sooner if the seating sells out.

See Paul Eklund for additional information: 414-483-0122 or email pgeklund@earthlink.net Let us know if you did not receive your invitation, we will get one out to you right away!

Help Keep Our Records Up to Date so we can Keep You Up-to-Date!

Are you moving? Do you have an address, phone number, e-mail or status change, a new addition in your family, an adult child moving out? Don't forget to contact your church to report any changes for your family records.

Would you like to receive the Martyr Monthly via email? Go to www.ststephenthemartyr.com to sign up! Let the office know if you want to discontinue receiving the hard copy.

Would you like to receive the Martyr Monthly in your church mailbox? Call the office @ 414-421-3543 or email us at ssm@ststephenthemartyr.com.

FIRST FRIDAY POTLUCK

Celebrate the beauty of fall in Wisconsin with the fun of a harvest potluck at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 5th with friends and fellow members! Bring a hearty main dish or salad, or a fall dessert; beverages will be provided. Games will be played; jokes and funny stories will be shared (if you bring them!). We'll be done around 7:45-8:00 pm.

Enjoy the fun of being together with a nice group of folks of all ages. **THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE** are especially invited, but **ALL MEMBERS** and **FRIENDS** are welcome. If you've never joined us, do consider enjoying the fun and fellowship!

Sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office door. If you need a ride, contact pastor Gail at 421-3543.

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CONSENSED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MTG.

HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2007

(A Complete Set of Minutes can be found on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.)

Council members present: E. Arneson, J. Bugajski, K. Giesenschlag, C. Malinowski, J. Miller, S. Lieske, J. Muroi, K. Rasmussen, S. Rosenstock, E. Sanders. Also present: Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins.

Members Absent: J. Arneson, S. Larson, and S. Lubus

Carol Malinowski led the devotion.

Approvals: The Secretary's minutes for the August 14, 2007 meeting were approved with changes. The Treasurer's report from August was distributed and discussed. John Bugajski reported that approximately \$9000 of one-time contributions (made at the beginning of the year) had not been factored in to report. With this change the church is operating at a (\$10,432) deficit year-to-date. J. Miller and J. Bugajski have opened a checking account and a money market account at Anchor Bank for

the church's business. Complete transition of accounts to Anchor should be done by October 1, 2007.

Pastor's Time: Pastor Gail hosted the Sunday school staff meeting and picnic in August and is thankful for the great group of SS teachers and helpers. Keep them and the children in our thoughts and prayers. Rally Day on Sept. 9 - grateful for the leadership of Shelley Rosenstock, Fellowship Chair and assistance of Bob Brownell, Tim Falksen, Sue Jarchow, Cathy Peterson, Doug Winter, Deb Perl, Kevan Penvose, Mike Mayer, Bob Lieske, the choir, ushers, greeters and others who made the outdoor worship and picnic a success. Memorial Committee met on 9/8. Sandy Petricek has agreed to chair this committee. Special Giving brochure to be updated by Dick Kroll. Discussed changing name of Pastor's Discretionary Fund to "Loaves and Fishes". There are 12 7th and 8th grade students in the Confirmation program this year. Former Music Director Matt Masko has begun study at Wartburg Theological Seminary. A gift granted from the memorial fund for his book fund. Received word on 9/10 of Matt's father's passing. Keep Matt and family in prayers.

Old Action Items: Council Retreat to take place on October 19 and October 20. Place to be determined. Eric Sanders is going to see if Alverno College has space and Erin Arneson said we could have the meetings at the Equitable Bank in Wauwatosa. Agenda planning is in progress. Long Range Planning Committee - Eric Sanders distributed meeting minutes from their last two meetings. Eric summarized their goals and discussed the importance of involving all members in this process.

New Action Items: Carol Malinowski suggested that the nursery services be better publicized so that all members become aware of its availability. Pastor Gail suggested that all committee members make an effort to assure that members and visitors are welcomed to our church.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Theme of this year's Stewardship campaign - "Yes We Can". There will be bulletin inserts beginning next week and temple talks on 10/5 and 10/12. Encouraging the Simply Giving option. Commitment Sunday is 10/21.

Fellowship: Rally Day summary - 87 people signed up to help or provide food. Approx. 140 people enjoyed the picnic. Set - up is an incredible amount of work and thanks go to many people including Doug Winter and Tim Falksen. Next project - Reformation Sunday.

Human Concerns: School bag project underway. Thank you to Fellowship Committee for 10 completed school bags! Still need scissors and notebooks. Project Comfort will be an effort to raise funds to defray costs of shipping bags and quilts to recipients. Items will be displayed on 9/30.

Music and Worship: Communion training takes place on 9/16. November begins having communion at every service.

Youth: There will be a meeting on 9/16 from 6-8 p.m. for all who want to plan events for the coming year.

Christian Education: Thanks expressed to the congregation for their support of Sunday school teachers. 65 students registered for Sunday school, 57 attended Rally Day, including two guests and one Apple Day Care child. Stephanie Mayer has begun on the children's Christmas program.

Evangelism: Committee met on 9/4 after having a summer hiatus. Want to focus on encouraging evangelism of all members with dedicating an "Evangelism Month". Planning to offer informative programs to members and the community that will demonstrate SSM's commitment to serving the community and which will invite the community to learn more about SSM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next council meeting will take place during the retreat of October 19 and 20, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Arneson,
Acting Council Secretary