



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt, lives are changed!

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## Tanzania

What is the typical menu for those residents of Kondo, Tanzania? Betsy Ellis went for a memorable mission trip to that area with Bishop Brian and others from the diocese in June. She will share with us her experiences on Tuesday, August 28, at 6 p.m. We will have a traditional meal prepared by Kathy Chippendale. **Please call or email the office to make your reservations.** We want to be sure there is enough for all.

## Fall Book Study

It is not too early to be thinking about our fall Adult Forum. A part of our programming will be a book study of Let Your Life Speak by Parker Palmer. Here is just one reader testimonial - "This book has been my default purchase for people that are going through tough times, or people that are at a point of change in their lives (or should be). It is free of the "you-can-do-it-all" fluffiness. It brings a real, truthful and deep approach to life." We will be ordering the books soon. Please add your name to the list in the office so you have one when the time comes.

## Bibles & Books

It has been the tradition here at St. Stephen's to provide a story book or Bible appropriate for certain ages at the beginning of each new Sunday school year. The ones who receive the books are 3 year olds, 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have a child whose age/grade meets any of these levels, please contact the office so we can be sure to have your child's book or Bible ready on September 9, as we begin our new church school year.

## Planning Our Future Together

### Holy Cow!

*The C.A.T. survey is coming!*

Congregational  
Assessment  
Tool



**We need your voice!**

This survey is your opportunity to share your experiences and priorities for our congregation.

We will be sending you a web link to complete the assessment. Computers and paper copies will also be available at the church.

All of our worshippers are asked to participate.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

## Movie Night

"FORREST GUMP" is a humble man of limited intelligence, but with a huge heart and an abundance of kindness. He reminds us that life is like a box of candy: you never know what you're going to get. But that there is no telling how far you will go if you have a good heart and a desire to do well in whatever situation comes along. This movie won six Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Movie, and Best Director. It also won many awards such as Golden Globe awards, Saturn awards, etc. Come to the Parish Hall at 6 pm on August 16 for a good, heartwarming story. You bring a friend; we'll bring the popcorn.



## Pastoral Care

**JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR** Bruce & Paige Marshall, Ben, Bethany, Jacob Zoller; Murray & Fay Martin; Lowell McCauley.

*Please add these names to your prayer list.*

## Sermon

In this Sunday's reading from the gospel of John there is a place of argument, and at the same time the gospel writer introduces material about making a decision about belief in Jesus. The people listened and argued that Jesus couldn't be so special. After all, didn't they know his parents, his family and the neighborhood? How could he be bread from heaven, like the bread from God during the time of Moses? Jesus began to call people to the new gift that God was giving that was for all people who believed. - No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. This is language about the Gospel coming true in your life in a way that leads you to make a decision. That leads to the astonishing gift of grace. We will hear more about that in this Sunday's gospel. Fr. Minter

## Open House

415 N. Main, Clinton  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Today is the day of Fr. Lovett's open house. There is still room for you. Come and enjoy the food, fellowship, music, maybe even a game or two. Good parking just a block away in the Jones Mortuary lot or the city lot on Cullom Street.

## CPR Class

**Wednesday, August 15**

St. Stephen's Safety Committee is requesting staff and ushers to take this course, but it is not limited to just these two groups.

Call the office if you would like to register.

The class will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.