

# St. Stephen's Rambler

September 2011



*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*  
John 14:27 (NRSV)

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country. Just like other major events people can tell you exactly where they were and what they were doing when they saw the first images or heard stories of that horrible day. When the severity and gravity of the situation sank in we all knew that our nation and our world would never be the same. It has been said that the United States lost its innocence the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I would venture to say that we lost a great deal more of our innocence on September 11, 2001.

As terrible as the events were, and as deep as the scars those events left on our nation, we can cling to the words of Jesus as recorded in John's Gospel: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In the midst of turmoil that still permeates our society some ten years later, we can hold fast to that peace only Jesus Christ can provide. By doing so our hearts are less troubled...our fears reduced.

To commemorate the tenth anniversary we plan to include prayers and a litany (first used on the first anniversary) during our worship services on September 11, 2011. In addition, there will be an opportunity during both services for those who wish to light a candle and say a prayer for those lost, for those who survived, and for our nation and the world.

Please remember the victims, the survivors and our nation in your prayers during the coming weeks. And hold fast to the peace of God.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Tracy

Join a  
Small  
Group



**From Council President,  
Karen Shifty:**

July took forever to end, but August sped by so fast that I almost missed it. We have rallied, Sunday School is back in session, as well as the Youth and Adult classes. Bells and Choir will start up on September 7th. We welcome all those interested. We have plenty of choir robes. And we have a few vacant parts on the bell music.

The Church has really been beautified this summer. The landscaping improvements are marvelous, and the parking lot's temporary patches look very nice. Thanks to all the folks who helped accomplish these things. Although the parking lot looks good right now, the patches are only temporary and as bad weather comes they will deteriorate. We need to address a permanent repair to the entire parking lot and build a dumpster corral - a City of Northglenn requirement. You will be hearing things about fund raising and volunteer labor needs. Your input is always welcome.

As the Fall arrives we will see the return of many activities. I hope everyone finds one or two activities to join in. Not only are they a time for good fellowship and a time to grow in our faith, but they can be a means of sharing our faith.

With Peace and Joy,  
Karen Shifty

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
Sunday,  
September 11th  
9:30 am  
Lower Level**

## L3 Book Club

The L3 ( Literature, Love, and Laughter) Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 6th at 11:30 at Perkins Restaurant, 120th Avenue and Huron.

We will discuss the refreshing book, 365 Thank You's by John Kralik. All are welcome. Please bring book suggestions for future monthly meetings.

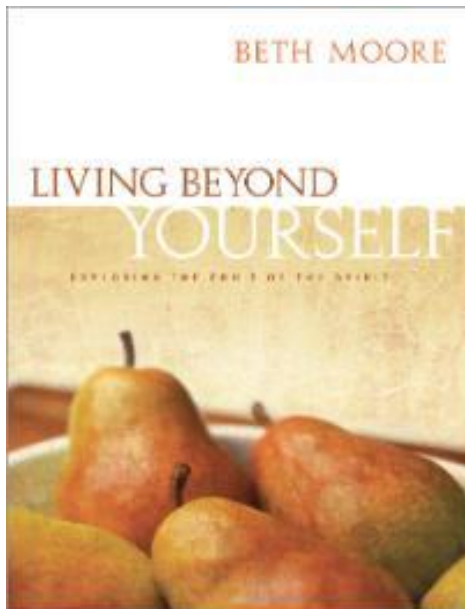


## Beth Moore Bible Study

STARTS SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

*If it's Tuesday Night, it's Women's Night at St. Stephen's!*

6:15 P.M. Shared Meal - 7:00 P.M. Video & Study



### LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF EXPLORING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

What does it mean to *walk* in the Spirit? To be *led* by the Spirit? To be *filled* with the Spirit? How does that work itself out in everyday life?

Join Beth Moore in a study of the fruit of The Holy Spirit as Paul writes in the book of Galatians. Beth walks participants through each trait listed in the fruit and encourages women to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. You cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

September 22nd at 6:00 pm

Gather your needles, hooks and yarn!



## Senior Luncheon

St. Stephen's Seniors will meet to share a potluck luncheon at 12:30 pm on **Tuesday, September 20th** in the Lower Level. Please bring your own table setting and a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Dr. Robert Stewart, an "illusionist" with a doctorate in philosophy, will share a program with us.

All members 55 or older are invited to attend.



What a busy month the youth had in August. First we collected 155 lbs of food for the Broomfield Fish Food Bank. After we dropped off the food, the director gave us a tour of the place and the youth sorted the food we brought for them. The next day, we went to the Wild Animal Sanctuary, located southeast of Hudson, CO. The youth had a wonderful time watching the tigers play in the water and the lions sunbathing.

We took a little time off from the activities so the youth could get ready to go back to school, but before they went, we had another carwash. After each of the youth got drenched and the cars were washed, we raised over \$200.00. This money will go towards the cost to go to New Orleans this year. We still have a lot of money to raise, keep us in your prayers as we try to raise the rest of the money.

There is a new way to participate with the youth program this year. We are looking for prayer partners. The prayer partners will pray for a specific youth from September to May. If you have not already signed up to pray for one of the youth, come and see me and I will hook you up.

Blessing and Peace,

Beth Hewes

St. Stephen's Youth  
will begin a fundraiser on September 18th.  
Details coming soon...





Please see Pastor Tracy  
or Beth Hewes  
if you can help!  
Thanks! :)



## Men's Ministry

**Men's Ministry Facilitator Needed:** Fred Hoppe is stepping down after September 17th. Being a facilitator includes setting the agenda for the monthly meetings, moderating the meetings and making sure a breakfast is provided. Please contact Pastor Tracy if interested.

## Grocery Card Purchase Program

We have a unique opportunity to help with special projects/needs at Stephen's through grocery card purchases. You receive full value for these cards and our church gains 5% of the proceeds. The key fob for Albertson's nets the church 1%. Buy the cards and/or pick up a key fob after each Sunday service in the narthex.

**\$50 Sunflower Market cards are also now available!**

Mark your calendar for the St. Stephen's  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR**  
Saturday, November 19th  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm





## DENIM & *Diamonds*

Lutheran Family Services' 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Innkeeper Dinner will be held Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at The Antlers Hilton Hotel, Colorado Springs. The event begins at 5:30pm and includes a live auction, dinner and live music. Cost is \$60 per person and attire is Diamonds to Denim. Register online at [www.LFSCO.org](http://www.LFSCO.org) or for more information, call 719.314.0232.



**FOR ALL MARRIED COUPLES:** Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! Couples overwhelmingly report this as the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends run from Friday at 7 PM to Sunday at 6 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES.

The Weekend registration fee is \$45. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you and all Weekend materials are included. Toward the end of the Weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward continuation of the program. Sign up now while there are still openings for the **Oct 21-23, 2011 Weekend** in the Denver metro area. To register, simply go to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and sign up using your credit card.

For questions, contact Bud & Cindy Amack at 303-796-9119 or email: [CindyAmack@comcast.net](mailto:CindyAmack@comcast.net).



**Thank you, St. Stephen's** for your prayers, calls, cards, emails, visits, and meals after my recent fall. I know this comes from the hearts of Jesus and I thank Him for His blessings and His grace. I am getting stronger every day thanks to all of you. God said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) -- Lois Ferguson

If you have a prayer request that you would like to submit, please contact Lois Ferguson, Member Care Council Liaison. (303-920-1040 or [lois.annf@comcast.net](mailto:lois.annf@comcast.net))





**Happy Anniversary!**

- September 3: Tami and Roy Rash
- September 4: Karen and William Shifty
- September 13: Linda and Ken Walczyk
- September 20: Holly and Erik Hansen
- September 22: Valerie and Mike Allen
- September 26: Suzanne Libra and Curt Williams

**Happy Birthday!**

- September 2: Caren Johannes  
Karen Shifty
- September 4: Joseph Padilla
- September 7: Katherine Domben
- September 8: Grace Hansen
- September 10: Kathi Hinkel
- September 13: Tom Kirchner
- September 15: Bill Dunbar
- September 21: Ron Fox
- September 25: Leonard Lehman
- September 28: Aaron Kirchner
- September 29: Jennifer Miller
- September 30: David Burke



**September Lay Reader Lessons**

**SEPTEMBER 4:**

Ezekiel 33:7-11 - Psalm 119:33-40 - Romans 13:8-14

**SEPTEMBER 11:**

Genesis 50:15-21 - Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13 - Romans 14:1-12

**SEPTEMBER 18:**

Jonah 3:10-4:11 - Psalm 145:1-8 - Philippians 1:21-30

**SEPTEMBER 25:**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 - Psalm 25:1-9 - Philippians 2:1-13



**October  
"Rambler"  
deadline:  
September 15th**

*If you prefer to have the  
Rambler*

**Please contact St. Stephen's when:**

- a member of your family is in the hospital
- a family member passes away
- a new baby arrives in your family
- you would like for Pastor to call or visit
- your address, phone or email changes
- a member leaves for college/military or establishes a new residence
- your group plans to have a meeting
- you have a joy or concern to share, or feel the church can assist you in any way

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