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Back to School Program August 6-10

The Salvation Army will distribute school supplies to children August 6-10. For several years St. Stephen's parishioners have donated paper, pencils, scissors and other school supplies and helped distribute them.

The Vigo County School Corporation does not supply students with pencil, paper or any other supplies. Parents need to purchase supplies for each of their children. Families that are hard pressed to provide food are unable to meet their children's school needs.

St. Stephen's parishioners have been very generous in donating both school supplies and their time to help the Salvation Army distribute supplies before schools open in August.

Keep your eyes open for sales on crayons (24 & 48 count boxes), #2 pencils, 80-sheet spiral bound notebooks (wide & college ruled), scissors (pointed & rounded tip), rulers, erasers, glue sticks etc. Bring your donations to the church each Sunday.

Sign up to work a shift (9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.) distributing supplies between August 6 and 10. Sign up sheets are in the Great Hall. Ruth Itamura and David Nearpass are coordinating this outreach project for St. Stephen's.

EfM places available

Three open places are available for members of the parish who may wish to start Education for Ministry this fall. New members of the group will study the Old Testament and join continuing students for theological reflections and common lessons.

Ten people from St. Stephen's and St. George's completed the first year of EfM last month. Nine of them will begin the second of the four years in late August. They will be studying the New Testament.

EfM, is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work.

Tuition for each year is \$340. The diocese offers scholarship assistance up to half of that. More information is available at the EfM website <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm>.

Anyone interested in joining the group in the fall needs to speak with the Rector and register by the end of July.

Rector on Vacation July 6-23

During the Rector's vacation the Rev. Michelle Roos will preach and celebrate at both services on July 8 and at the eight o'clock services on July 15 and 22. Gene England will lead Morning Prayer at ten o'clock on July 15 and 22.

Ms Roos last preached at St. Stephen's in May so that the rector search committee from St. Phillip's, Indianapolis, could hear her. She has been called as the new Rector of St. Phillip's and will start there in August.

In case of a pastoral emergency (death, serious illness or accident) during the Rector's vacation, please call the office (232-5165) during the day or either Senior Warden Ray Meyer (877-2196) or Junior Warden Gail Nattkemper (232-8629). They will then contact a priest who can cover for the Rector.

Deming Park Cookout July 10

Let's get together for a cookout in July. Doug Carl has reserved the Qubache Shelter at Deming Park for Tuesday, July 10th, 2007. It is right beside the playground equipment.

Let's plan on meeting there at 6:30 p.m. Gene England will light the charcoal around 6 p.m. Everyone needs to bring their own meat for the grill, a side dish to share, and eating utensils.

For more information contact Doug Carl dcarl@ma.rr.com

Kitchen Counters & Sinks to be Replaced

The Vestry approved replacement of the sinks and counter tops in the kitchen. The work should be completed this summer.

Two new sinks, one with one bowl and one with two, will be installed in the locations of the old sinks. New stainless steel counter tops will run from the refrigerator to the door to the cloister room. The seldom used garbage disposal will be removed.

The project was precipitated by leaking plumbing from the old sinks. The fittings were not standard and could not be replaced. Then it was discovered that the old sinks were not of a current standard size and their replacement necessitated changes to the counter tops.

There will be No Thursday Noon services during July.

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