

the Spirit

August 2016

Tackling Youth Homelessness in St. Louis Park

Teenagers who are experiencing homelessness are in an unstable environment. St.



Louis Park has identified anywhere between 50-200 youth at any given time who do not have a consistent, safe place to stay. They are the future of our community. For teens confronting the challenge of homelessness, KEYS

(Keep Every Youth Safe) is an entry point into a network of support and guidance. KEYS' mission is to create the positive environment that puts them back in the driver's seat of their future. Our community upholds high values and ethics to keep them safe, and the security to be able to make decisions between choices instead of living in survival.

Please attend our First Annual Yard Sale and Event to learn about the many different ways you can be an impactful part of KEYS' community! The Yard Sale Takes place Friday, August 19 from 9am-11pm. The main event is a Yard Sale to raise funds for start-up costs of our non profit. Stop by to shop and visit our

Information Booths to learn about KEYS and ways you can help. The Yard Sale takes place at Park Community Church, 6805 Minnetonka Blvd in St. Louis Park.

Yard Sale Events

- Yard Sale Fundraiser (shop or donate) 9am-11pm
- STEP Coat Drive 9am-11pm
- Grill Off 5pm-6:30pm
- Yard Sale Fashion Show 7pm-8pm
- Outdoor Movie 9pm-11pm

STEP Coat Drive

Each October, STEP distributes over 1,000 warm winter coats and accessories to St. Louis Park neighbors in need. We believe that everyone in our community should stay warm this winter! Needed: lightly-used and clean coats/jackets and accessories for: Infant/Toddler, Children, Teen, Adult, Adult Plus. Accessories especially needed in all sizes: Boots, Water-Resistant Gloves, Mittens, Snow Pants. *warm winter coats only please*If you would like to donate, please bring these items to the event with you.

Worship and Music

Fall is right around the corner and that means a new season of choir will be starting on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016. We welcome our faithful regulars back to choir and invite any new individuals interested in using their vocal talents to worship God in praise on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings with the men rehearsing at 6:30pm and the full choir at 7:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Steve Stucki. Thanks!

Renew Summer Day Camp



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

All children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to this year's "Renew" summer Day Camp, a time for faith, fun, and serving the community. It will be August 22-26 from 9am-4pm each day and costs \$120 per child for the full week. You can register by clicking this link: <http://bit.ly/2auOLtq>. If you have questions, would like to help lead/supervise, or would like to join the group for their Wednesday afternoon service project at Feed My Starving Children, please contact Nancy Malone at nancy.malone@parknicollet.com

STEP Back-to-School Supply Drive



Over the summer months, Spirit of Christ donations will be directed to the St Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP). Food shelf donations typically drop in the summer even though it's a time when more children are at

home for more meals. Please consider donating food items like cereal, healthy snacks, and lunch items.

In addition, we're helping with STEP's Back to School supply drive over the summer so they can reach their goal to provide a bag of the requested grade appropriate school supplies to every registered child.

Critically needed school supplies are:

- 2-pocket folders w/o prongs
- College ruled spiral notebooks: (No Black)
- Wide ruled spiral notebooks: (No Purple or Black)
- Composition notebooks
- College ruled loose leaf paper
- Sketchbooks, Canson or Strathmore, - 9×12 spiral, no lines
- 5 Tab Binder Dividers (Avery)
- Basic Calculators – ie: TI 30X IIS
- Pink Bar Erasers
- Elmer's Large Glue Sticks
- Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers – Thick
- Crayola 8 count WASHABLE Markers – Thick, Classic Colors
- Blue ballpoint pens
- Pencil Boxes
- Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)
- Erasable Blue Ballpoint Pens
- Erasable Red Ballpoint Pens
- Small Pointed Scissors
- Large Pointed Scissors
- Backpacks for Jr./Sr. High students

Items that are NOT needed are:

- Wide ruled loose leaf paper, Multi-subject notebooks, Blunt Scissors, or Crayons

Please bring your donations to the back of the sanctuary. If you plan to bring a backpack for a junior or senior high student, please do so

before July 24th. All other school supply donations should be brought to church by August 14th and the Social Action team will get your donations to STEP when needed.

Don't have time to shop? We will gladly do your shopping for you if you just call Joanne Stone at 952-925- 9774. If you are interested in an online donation option, click on Amazon School Supply Wish List or Target School Supply Wish List to donate supplies online. Items purchased online will be sent directly to STEP.

Questions can be directed to Deb Schmitz, Jeanne Worm, or Carolee Cohen. More info about STEP can be found at stepslp.org.

Serving @ Our Saviour's Shelter Breakfast



On Saturday August 13th, we will be serving breakfast at Our Saviour's Shelter from 5:30-7:30am. The menu is French toast, sausage, bacon, turkey sausage, fruit, juice, and milk. If you would like to donate grocery funds to cover this meal or come along and serve dinner, talk to Carolee or Mark Cohen at church or contact them at: c-cohe@umn.edu or 952-935-5608.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Everyone is welcome to join Pat and Dave Latvala as they celebrate 50 years of marriage! Come and stop by for cake and beverages on August 14 after worship.

Corn Feed

The St Louis Park Lions Club invites everyone at Spirit of Christ as well as the surrounding community to our annual corn feed held at Spirit of Christ on August 23. We will be serving corn on the cob, chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, rolls and dessert. Our featured entertainment will be Shawn Stelton, a local musician and St Louis Park resident. The fun and food starts at 6:30PM. The cost is \$10. To make reservations, please contact Bruce Strachota at church or by phone at 952-693-5911 or by email at splions@gmail.com. Reservation deadline is August 21.

Spirit of Christ Is Now on Twitter!

In addition to our Facebook Page, Spirit of Christ now has a Twitter account. You can find it at [@SOCCLCMn](https://twitter.com/SOCCLCMn).

Share the Spirit

How can you share God's Spirit? While sharing can take MANY forms, one opportunity we have every 3rd Sunday of the month is to contribute to a "Share the Spirit"; fund to help provide monthly meals at Our Saviour's Housing and additional assistance to the SLP Bird Feeder, St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP), and TreeHouse. On those 3rd Sundays a collection plate will be located in the back of the sanctuary where you can place your donations!

Social Action Calendar

8/13: Shelter Breakfast 5:30 to 7:30am
 8/21: Share the Spirit Sunday
 9/9: Shelter Supper 6:15 to 8:30pm
 9/11: Spirit Day – 363days.org Sandwich Service
 Project and Potluck
 9/18: Share the Spirit Sunday



The Social Action team welcomes everyone in the congregation to join us for planning and organizing mission and social action events. This could be an ongoing activity or a one-time commitment. Talk to anyone on the Social Action Team (Mark or Carolee Cohen, Wendi Harmsen, Pat Latvala, Deb Schmitz, Joanne Stone, or Jeanne Worm) if you want to help!

Serving This Month

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Powerpoint Operators</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
August 7	Bruce Strachota	Walter Malone, Jr.	Team 5
August 14	Dick Brammer	LeRoy Murray	Team 6
August 21	Bruce Strachota	Tommy Guddal	Team 7
August 28	Dick Brammer	Dina Strachota	Team 8



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Add Your Event to Church Announcements!

If you would like to add something to the Sunday morning announcements, weekly email update, or monthly newsletter, please contact our office (contact info below). Weekly information must be received by Monday morning to be included in Wednesday's email and Sunday morning's announcement slides. Info for the September newsletter must be received **by August 25th**. You can also contact the office if you'd like to be added to the mailing list or you can visit spiritofchristcommunity.org/newsletter to sign up for our mailing list or to view past newsletters.