

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Danielle Westphall
Karen Newman
Wendy Curtis
Kathy Cao
Sylvia Berg
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

St. Stephanus Staff
Paul & Kristin Humber
Dwelling Houses

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Feb. 26

Transfiguration Sunday

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion
10:30 A.M. Hmong Worship

MONDAY, Feb. 27

TUESDAY, Feb. 28

WEDNESDAY, March 1

Ash Wed.

6:45 A.M. Bible Study at Perkins Roseville
6:30 P.M. Ash Wed. Worship w/Communion
7:00 P.M. Church open

THURSDAY, March 2

FRIDAY, March 3

SATURDAY, March 4

SUNDAY, March 5

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/ Communion
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/ Communion
10:30 A.M. Hmong Worship

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Feb. 26: Sara Yernberg

Feb. 27: Hakiel Amare, Breanna Sura

Feb. 28: Richard Carter

Feb. 29 Riley Bauch

March 1: Amy Sura, Janice Hayes, Candace Pagel, Lois Thur

March 2: Hanna Xiong

March 3:

March 4: Elizabeth Asefa

CELEBRATING



March contact person: Lu Clemmensen

Althea Sell, Lu Clemmensen, Janice Uden, Bruce & Deena McMahon, Peter & Kristen Hall, Doug & Pam Zimmerman, Kate & Lam Cao, Cherie Fleischhacker, Bruce & Clarice Anderson, Joanne Borocki, Joshua Yernberg, Jake & Sara Yernberg

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church
Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

February 26, 2017
Transfiguration Sunday



TRANSFIGURATION

Welcome Visitors

Please sign the attendance register. If you desire a call from the pastor or are interested in membership, please note that on the attendance register.

Our Mission Statement:

To proclaim the gospel through word and sacrament to our membership, our communities and our world.

Our Vision:

Connecting people with Jesus Christ and each other through worship, learning and service.

Connecting Groups & Youth:

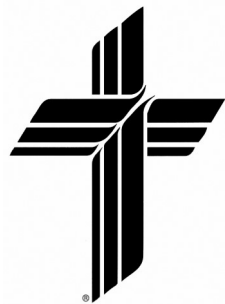
Much more than a Bible Study... come and find true Biblical Relationships. For more info, contact: Megan Huff meghuff@gmail.com

About Communion:

Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of the communion trays. It is distinctly lighter than the surrounding wine. Children who have not received instruction are invited to the rail to receive a blessing. Visitors are welcomed to the rail if you join us in confessing that the Lord gives not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to this table those who (1) trust his words, (2) repent of all sins and (3) set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He has forgiven and loves us.

Sunday Services

Traditional Worship 8:00 AM
Education Hour 9:15 AM
Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM
Hmong Service 10:30 AM
Holy Communion at both services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.
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Feb. 26 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Alex Hall & Ben Mohrland
(10:30) Abigail Amare & Emma Pagel
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ Van Dassar (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Marty Langemo
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown
(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Candy Pagel
Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Terianne Bender
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Phillip Pruess, Roger Binning, Walt & Reba Peterson
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Erica Moore, Steve Sohn, Jeff Wussler



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Last Week's Contributions:

Feb. 19 8:00 (76) 10:30 (?)

Current - \$6,394.00	Missions - \$75.00
Concordia - \$35.00	CLS - \$165.00
Building Fund - \$3.00	Ash Wed.- \$5.00
20x5- \$ 5.00	Special Thanks - \$100.00
Sunday School - \$9.01	Total - \$6,791.01
	(\$8,200 needed weekly)

March 5 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin & Collin Hanan
(10:30) Ryan LeClair Sura & Kayla Sura
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ Van Dassar (10:30) Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Jake Yernberg, Jeremiah & Bill Willard
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown
(10:30) Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Anna Miller
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Richard Johnson, Wayne Warnest, Corine & Scott Goodrich
(10:30) Jill Katzenmaier, Noah Miller, Erica Moore, Steve Sohn

The Hmong Committee will be presenting , "Getting To Know Your Hmong Neighbors" next Sunday (March 5th) during Bible study hour. Everyone is welcome.

During the time of Lent, it can be common to give up something as an act of devotion or love to the Lord. One thing that you shouldn't give up though, is jellybeans. Why is that? For one, they are delicious. Two, they are only \$3 a bag. Three, the proceeds go to support a valuable and important ministry that your Church is a part of: spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the children of God at Central Lutheran School. The proceeds of each bag go to supporting this valuable ministry. The totals that each student (or teacher) raises goes to their grades and the winning grade gets a pizza party. As always, **THANK YOU** for your continued love, prayers, and support of Central Lutheran School.

HUMBLE REQUEST: If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home or has an emergency, **PLEASE** call the **CHURCH OFFICE** to leave a message for Pastor Thompson. He would like to visit as soon as possible. Many times, members do not pass this information along and Pastor does not find out about it until after the fact.

A reminder: If you drop off items, furniture or other items for the church please let the office know your name and the reason for dropping it off. If you are leaving notes for staff members **PLEASE DATE AND SIGN IT**. We may have questions for you and need to know who to talk to. Please don't assume I can tell by the handwriting who you are.

Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT) Seminar at St. Michael's, Bloomington
Disasters, both man-made and natural, occur often without warning, and can leave communities, congregations and families devastated. For years, churches have been some of the first to respond and provide for the needs of those affected. Our Minnesota South District is sponsoring a one-day LERT Seminar to better equip the church to respond to these disasters. We would like to invite your congregation to participate! Congregation members, pastors, and educators are strongly encouraged to receive instruction.

The Seminar will be on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9am to 3pm, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington. Synod's LCMS Disaster Response leaders from St. Louis will train and certify participants. The cost for the training, materials, and lunch is \$25.00 per person. **Simply email debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org to pre-register by Friday, March 3.**

Bible Study: Meet in the Fireside Room

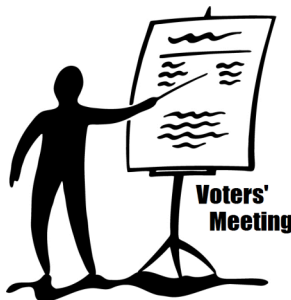
Having passed through the season of waiting (Advent), birth (Christmas) and revelation of Christ (Epiphany), today we celebrate the Feast of Transfiguration, the last day of the season of Epiphany. Our Gospel reading today is repeated in our closing hymn, "Jesus on the Mountain Peak", celebrating Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. On January 8 we celebrated the arrival of the Magi, who followed the star, today the season is book-ended with another light when "His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light" (Matt 17:2). From this comes the benediction "The Lord make His face shine on you..." The opening hymn this morning, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" originates from a hymn first found in 11th century manuscripts ("Alleluia dulce carmen"). The Lutheran Service Book notes "we are mourning exiles who long to be in the heavenly Jerusalem, here referred to as 'joyful mother.'" This hymn fittingly is used on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, as we "put away" the Alleluia until the celebration of Easter. ~The organ bench~

Join us for "At the Crossroads", a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. In the Ash Wednesday service in this series the psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord. We are called to confess our sins to the Son of David and find forgiveness in him. The service includes an Imposition of Ashes, readings from Scripture, Celebration of the Lord's Supper, and songs that help us to see the direction we must take at the crossroads of confession.



Lent is right around the corner.

March 1 begins our Wed. night Lenten services. We will begin worship at 6:30 P.M.



TODAY following the 10:30 service. Light snacks will be served. Agenda items will include looking for new reps for CLS. (We will be looking for up to 3 people by June.) Closure around discussion of women serving communion and an activities flow chart.