

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Wendy Curtis
Sylvia Berg
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber
Dwelling Houses

Shut ins

Vera Schwagel
2647 Gershwin Ave. N
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(Mailing address)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 19

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, March 20

TUESDAY, March 21

WEDNESDAY, March 22

6:45 A.M. Bible Study at Perkins Roseville
6:30 P.M. Lent Worship
7:30 P.M. Church open

THURSDAY, March 23

7:00 P.M. Men's Club meeting

FRIDAY, March 24

SATURDAY, March 25

SUNDAY, March 26

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 19: *St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus*
March 20: Miquela Omosowon, Buddy Westphall
March 21: Bruce Anderson, Elsie Rohrbacher, J.S. Bach
March 22: Allen Benson
March 23:
March 24:
March 25: *The Annunciation of Our Lord*

March contact person: Lu Clemmensen

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

March 19, 2017

T H I R D

Sunday in Lent



CELEBRATING



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:

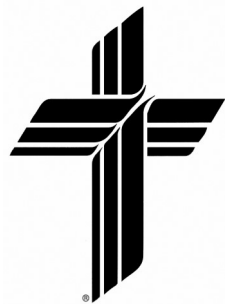
Much more than a Bible Study... come and find true Biblical Relationships. For more info, contact: Megan Huff meghuff@gmail.com

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.
Eritrean Service 12 Noon



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March 19 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Alex Hall & Caitlyn McClellan
(10:30) Abigail Amare & Eva Gundermann
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker **(10:30)** Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Jeremiah & Bill Willard
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Dan Savard
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown
(10:30) Dianne & Wayne Warnest
Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny **(10:30)** Gene Heuton
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson **(10:30)** Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Dan Savard **(10:30)** Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Reba & Walt Peterson, Corine & Scott Goodrich
(10:30) Emmet Heck, LeRoy Kerr, Dale Trapp, Jeff Wussler



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Given in honor of the confirmation class of 1967-who was confirmed on this date 50 years ago today, Palm Sunday. Dennis Nuechterlein and Jane Sell are members of that class.

Tami Nissen-Omosowon in honor of Miquela's 10th birthday tomorrow.

Last Week's Contributions:

March 12 8:00 (56) 10:30 (117)

Current - \$5,097.74	Missions - \$40.00
CLS - \$235.00	Lent - \$20.00
Building- \$3.00	Memorial - \$10.00
Sunday School - \$4.00	Total - \$5,486.74
	(\$8,200 needed weekly)

March 26 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Owen Schonebaum & Sydney Sistad
(10:30) Ryan LeClair Sura & Kayla Sura
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ Van Dassar **(10:30)** Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Dan Savard
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Candy Pagel
Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur **(10:30)** Erica Moore
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich **(10:30)** Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, Bruce Karger, Collin Hanan, John Schonebaum
(10:30) Jill Katzenmaier, Bill, Jeremiah & Trent Willard

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.

From the Hmong Committee: If you have Hmong neighbors to know any Hmong family, we would like to invite you to participate in the "Getting To Know Your Hmong Neighbors" building relationships for the sake of the Gospel. We will teach you about the Hmong people and how you go about developing relationship with your Hmong neighbors. For more information, please contact Pastor Yia Vang 651-242-9366 or Connie Petersen 651-487-2747 or Judy Brinkman at 651-636-0428 or Keith Rennerfeldt at 651-489-5972.

Don't forget the Men's Club meeting on Thursday, March 23!



St. Stephanus Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 1, 5-7 P.M.

Adult \$10.00

Children 5 to 12 \$5.00

Tickets available in advance or at the door

Take out is available

Bible Study: Meet in the Fireside Room

On Tuesday, March 21, we celebrate the coming of Spring and the birthday of one of music's most celebrated composers, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1760). The prelude today (8:00) is the Fantasia super 'Jesu, meine Freude'. This piece was likely composed while Bach was organist in Weimar (1708-1717), and was probably composed at around the same time he wrote another chorale fantasia, "Christ lag in Todes Banden" (Christ lay in the bonds of death). This one, "Jesu, meine Freude" (Jesus, my joy), is the grander of the two efforts, the music depicting the Nativity of Christ and possibly foreshadowing the Passion and death. The work is divided into two parts, the first exhibiting some of Bach's finest and liveliest fugal writing for keyboard, and the latter turns emotionally warmer, the tempo slower and the mood gradually exhibiting a darker sense. This brilliant fantasia opens with the chorale theme played in single notes, seeming almost to playfully hop about. Soon, it takes on contrapuntal features and the music sprouts much inner detail. As with many Bach keyboard works, there are many voices at work here, the whole seeming to proclaim a sense of joy. Just past the midpoint, the music suddenly turns serene and tender. While it maintains a relatively tranquil manner alongside the joy from the first half, it comes across as a portent of the aforementioned Passion. Still, the mood of the work is generally joyous, or at least peaceful and serene. This setting seems appropriate as we celebrate the joy of Easter, keeping in mind the season of Lent as a time for repentance, forgiveness and renewal.

The postlude today is the Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major, the last of Bach's "8 short preludes and fugues." Although attributed to Bach, these were most likely composed by either Johann Tobias Krebs or Johann Ludwig Krebs, both students of Bach. ~The organ bench~



On the third Sunday of each month, our church collects your pocket change for "mites for missions" in the big mite box in the narthex. Please remember to bring your mite box from home or take one with you to fill for next month. These mites go towards mission projects including supporting the Dwelling Place, here locally, as well as provide assistance to those seeking a Lutheran High School education, assisting seminary students with food/clothing, or help expand outreach to ethnic women and families to name just a few ways that your mites help the LWML reach the world. Thank you for your continued support. ~Women's Ministry~

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