

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Wendy Curtis
Sylvia Berg
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Dwelling Houses
St. Stephanus Staff
Rich & Miriam Carter

The Week Ahead

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

MONDAY, March 27

TUESDAY, March 28

WEDNESDAY, March 29

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

THURSDAY, March 30

FRIDAY, March 31

SATURDAY, April 1

5:00 P.M. Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, April 2

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

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

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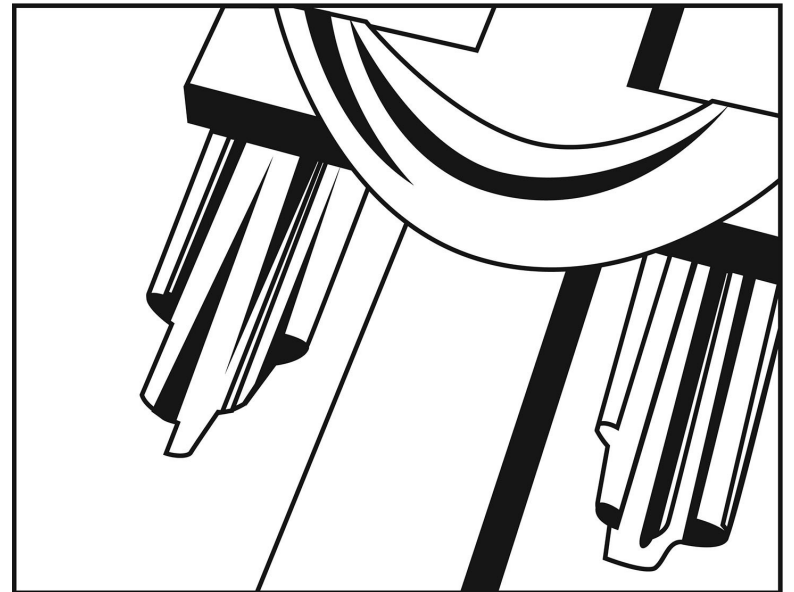


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 26, 2017

F O U R T H

Sunday in Lent



CELEBRATING



Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 26: Miriam Carter
March 27: Joshua Yernberg
March 28: Earl Berg Jr., Ryan LeClair-Sura
March 29: Addy Munoz, Russ Van Dassar
March 30: Brian Brown, Noah Habtezgi
March 31: *Joseph, Patriarch*
April 1: Katie Admasu
April 2: Hailey Morris, Andrew Thompson

April contact person: Janine Langemo

Terianne Bender, Barb Brown, Bethany Hirsch, Wendy Curtis, Megan Huff, Jill Katzenmaier, Mark Lageson, Marty & Janine Langemo, Candace Pagel, Ashley Preuss, Jackie & Philip Preuss, Gordy & Janet Spielman, Jen Taylor

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:

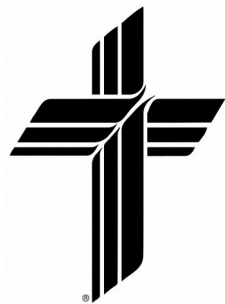
Much more than a Bible Study... come and find true Biblical Relationships. For more info, contact: Megan Huff meghuff@gmail.com

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 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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

David and Diana Betts in celebration of our daughter Nicole's Golden Birthday on March 31st.

Last Week's Contributions:

March 19 8:00 (84) 10:30 (97)

Current - \$8,489.00	Missions - \$70.00
CLS - \$105.00	Lent - \$55.00
Building- \$3.00	20 x 5 - \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$100.00	Concordia - \$35.00
Debt Reduction - \$5.00	Total - \$9,055.27 (\$8,200 needed weekly)

April 2 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Collin Hanan & Emma Pagel
(10:30) Abigail Amare & Amarti Maskalo
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker **(10:30)** Admasu Mekonen
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Ron Brubak, Gene Heuton, Jeremiah Willard
Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest **(10:30)** Gene Heuton
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Candy Pagel
(10:30) Jerry & Jackie Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Jennifer Taylor **(10:30)** Michelle Connolly
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson **(10:30)** Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Richard Johnson, Bruce Karger, Corine & Scott Goodrich
(10:30) LeRoy Kerr, Latera Admasu, Jill Katzenmaier, Admasu Mekonen

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.

Star Gazer Party at the Culbert's:

We would like to invite all our neighbors to our home at 2071 Lindy Ave. Roseville, on Friday, April 7th from 7-10 P.M. to look at God's creation through a telescope. Dr. Dale Trapp will be joining us to help with any questions we might have about the night sky.

What to bring:

Telescope or binoculars, although we will have some to share.

Something to sit on outside

A fun Bible verse to share about how God created the universe

We will have Asteroid Crunchy Cookies, Black Hole Brownies, and Hot Stellar Nursery Drinks (Hot Chocolate with marshmallows and coffee).

Come join us for space snacks, fellowship and fun!

We will meet on Saturday, April 18 if Friday is cloudy.

Bible Study: Meet in the Fireside Room

Hyfrydol, the tune of our closing hymn and postlude today (8:00) is a Welsh hymn tune which appears in a number of settings (four in our hymnal). Rowland H. Prichard ((1811-1887) composed this hymn and originally published it in 1830 for a children's songbook. The most commonly used arrangement of this hymn came from English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams

~The organ bench~



**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

What happens at St. Stephanus?

We would like to compile a list of all the activities, jobs, responsibilities that take place at St. Stephanus throughout the year and we need your help. There are large pieces of blue paper and yellow and pink post notes in the fireside room. We would like you to put activities that already occur and your would like to continue to occur on the yellow post notes and place them on the month that they occur in. This includes EVERYTHING, from the offering being counted, to the floor getting swept, to Sunday school being taught. We need to know what is happening here. On the pink post it notes we would like you to write things that you would like to see happen that are not currently happening.

Why we are doing this you ask? We think that seeing all the things that happen at St. Stephanus will:

- Help us plan out the year
- Help us to know what tasks are being over looked or falling between the cracks
- See where volunteers could help out more
- Where we want to /need to focus our resources in the future

Thanks so much for your help in the project. The papers will be up throughout Lent. Please take a moment to add your favorite St. Stephanus activities! If you have questions, please see Lynn Thompson

Save the date for Vacation Bible School!

Planning those summer trips to the lake and family get togethers? Make sure you don't make plans for June 25th-29th. St. Stephanus will be having another fun-filled Vacation Bible School that you won't want to miss. Our theme is "Who is my neighbor?" Kids will be sharing what they have learned all week in a musical that will be performed on the 29th. There will be dinner every night along with great teachings, crafts, games and maybe even a donkey! Mark your calendar now and don't miss out!

Vacation Bible School is for kids aged 3-6th grade. Older kids and adults are welcome as volunteers. We especially need help in being guides for the classes, teaching, help in the kitchen and leading games. Contact Lynn Thompson at good-luna07@gmail.com or Megan Huff at sslcyouth@gmail.com

Youth Bake Sale on April 1st.

The youth group will be holding a bake sale in conjunction with the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 1st. Funds raised will help to support the youth groups mission trips and activities. If you would like to donate something please bring to the church by 5 P.M. on Saturday, April 1st. Don't feel like baking? No problem! Just purchase your bake goods from us. Win-Win!

We are asking for your input: The Board of Lay Ministry is asking for your input.

As the summer months approach, this question seems to come up every year, "I enjoy having just a single service during the summer. It is so nice to see more people in the church and I get to see the people who don't attend the same service as I do. Why don't we just go to a single service all year?"

The board is exploring this question and would like your input. We will be polling the congregation to get your reaction to the question with a short questionnaire. The questionnaires will be in your mailbox on Sunday, April 23. You can fill out your questionnaire before or after the service and drop it into the box provided on your way out of church.

We will collect the surveys on April 23, April 30 and May 7. The results of the questionnaire will be published in a separate bulletin insert on Sunday, May 14. The results will also be published in the members tab of the church website at www.saintstephanus.org.

There will be a special voters meeting held between services on Sunday, May 21 to discuss the results and entertain any motions that may be made as a result of the questionnaire. If there is a motion, a simple majority vote will be taken and the results of the vote will be binding.