

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Wendy Curtis  
Sylvia Berg  
Shirley Nuechterlein

### Blessings/Guidance

Dwelling Houses  
Central Lutheran School  
Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping  
425 Labore Rd  
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## The Week Ahead

### 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

### MONDAY, April 3

### TUESDAY, April 4

### WEDNESDAY, April 5

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

### THURSDAY, April 6

### FRIDAY, April 7

### SATURDAY, April 8

### SUNDAY, April 9

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

April 2: Hailey Morris, Andrew Thompson  
April 3:  
April 4: Peter Hall  
April 5:  
April 6: Analisa Fleischhacker, *Lucas Cranach & Albrecht Durer, Artists*  
April 7: Alandra Banaei  
April 8:

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

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

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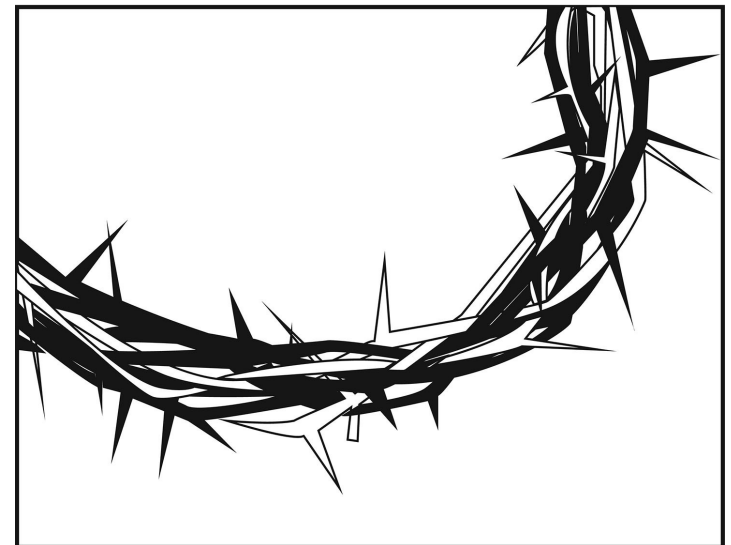


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 2, 2017

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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](mailto: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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## 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 Dassor  
(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



## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Marie Benson

## Last Week's Contributions:

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

Current - \$4,016.08	Missions - \$5.00
CLS - \$10.00	Lent - \$234.00
Building- \$3.00	Endowment - \$130.00
	Concordia - \$30.00
Total - \$4,442.32	<b>(\$8,200 needed weekly)</b>

## April 9 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes: (8:00)** Owen Schonebaum & Addy Munoz  
(10:30) Ryan LeClair Sura & Courtney Willard  
**Caretaker: (8:00)** Joan Baker (10:30) Admasu Mekonen  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants: (8:00)** (10:30)  
**Elder: (8:00)** Matt Hanan (10:30) Marty Langemo  
**Greeters: (8:00)** Marie Benson & B.J. Brown  
(10:30) Janine, Marty, Zach Langemo  
**Lector: (8:00)** Terianne Bender (10:30) Erica Moore  
**Music: (8:00)** Organist: Bruce Anderson  
(10:30) Worship Band  
**Soundboard: (8:00)** Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Leonard Miller  
**Ushers: (8:00)** Roger Binning, Philip Pruess, John Schonebaum, Wayne Warnest  
(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.



**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~

**Bible Study:** Meet in the Fireside Room

**During the period of 1708-1717,** while Johann Sebastian Bach was court organist in Weimar, he began composing a planned collection of 164 chorale preludes for organ. Known as *Orgelbüchlein* ("Little Organ Book"), this collection was Bach's attempt at creating a collection of music to span the entire church year. 43 chorale preludes were written during the Weimar years, with 3 more added later, creating the collection as we know it today. Although relatively short, a wide variety of styles can be found in the collection, including canons, ornamental four-part preludes with elaborately decorated chorale lines, and one in trio sonata form. Our prelude today(8:00) is from this collection, *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* ("O Lamb of God, pure and holy").  
~The organ bench~

**Don't forget** our Holy week schedule will be: Maundy Thursday, April 13 and Good Friday, April 14 we will worship at 6:30.

**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](http://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.

## 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

## 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 8 (the next day) if Friday is cloudy.