

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Wendy Curtis
Sylvia Berg
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Dwelling Houses
Concordia Academy
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut ins

Corene Diedrich
2057 Giesmann St.
Roseville, MN. 55113

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 9

Palm 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, April 10

TUESDAY, April 11

WEDNESDAY, April 12

6:45 A.M. Bible Study at Perkins Roseville

THURSDAY, April 13

Maundy Thursday

6:30 P.M. Worship w/ Communion

FRIDAY, April 14

Good Friday

6:30 P.M. Worship

SATURDAY, April 15

SUNDAY, April 16

Easter 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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 9: Simon Heck, Eileen Vierow

April 10: Sara Strehlo

April 11:

April 12: Anastasia Thompson

April 13: Cameron Connolly, Michaelaine Zinter

April 14:

April 15: Norm Heidorn

CELEBRATING



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 9, 2017



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:

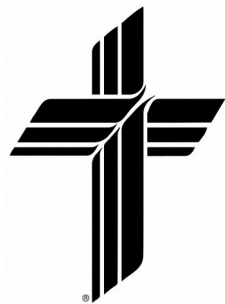
Much more than a Bible Study... come and find true Biblical Relationships. For more info, contact: Megan Huff meghuff@gmail.com

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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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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Last Week's Contributions:

March 29, April 2 8:00 (91) 10:30 (92)

Current - \$4,433	Missions - \$55.00
CLS - \$11.00	Lent - \$326.00
Building- \$3.00	Good Friday- \$5.00
Maundy Thursday - \$20.00	Concordia - \$1.00
Ash Wed. - \$1.00	Easter - \$20.00
Sunday School - \$7.60	Total - \$4,882.60
	(\$8,200 needed weekly)

April 16 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Alex Hall & Elizabeth Thompson
(10:30) Simon Heck & Addy Munoz
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Dan Savard, John Schonebaum & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Gene Heuton, Dale Trapp
Elder: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Gene Heuton
Greeters: (8:00) Corine Goodrich & Candy Pagel
(10:30) Dianne & Wayne Warnest
Lector: (8:00) Russ Van Dassar (10:30) Dale Trapp
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Tesfaya Maskalo, Philip Pruess, Reba & Walt Peterson
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Latera Admasu, Erica Moore, Admasu Mekonen



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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AWAKEN! is a free, 1-day leadership event at **Concordia Academy** for Twin Cities youth in grades 8-12 to awaken their own courageous lives of faith and be empowered in leadership as followers of Jesus. With dynamic speakers, powerful worship, and small group discussions, students attending AWAKEN! will get fired up about living their faith and being leaders. AWAKEN! takes place on April 22, 1 - 6 pm. Get more information and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/awaken.

Concordia Academy's summer camp program offers over two dozen sports, arts, and STEM camps for students in elementary, middle, and high school. Options include auto shop, CSI, basketball, volleyball, art, youth worship team, weight training, laser fabrication, photography, softball, and lots more. Get more information and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

Bible Study: Meet in the Fireside Room

"O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day in festal preparation, where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare. Join all and sing, his name declare, let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna! Praised be the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!" - from "The Palms" by Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914). Faure was a celebrated French opera baritone who composed several songs, along with "Les Rameaux" ("The Palms"), which is our offertory today (8:00). Palm Sunday allows a celebratory moment in the more somber music of the Lenten season as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. But we cannot jump straight from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter and skip the Passion. Join us this Holy Week as we continue the Lenten theme of "At the Crossroads." On Maundy Thursday we remember that when Jesus institutes the first Lord's Supper, he grants forgiveness to his disciples through the bread and wine. When we receive the bread and wine of Communion in remembrance of him, we receive that forgiveness and in turn forgive others. In our Good Friday service we are reminded that when Jesus is on the cross, he accepts the power of death upon himself and does not turn away from it. We, too, must face death when it comes and not turn away from it, knowing that his salvation awaits us on the other side.

~The organ bench~

There will be NO open church this Wednesday, April 12th. We welcome people to worship through this Holy Week.

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.

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

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.

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 goodluna07@gmail.com or Megan Huff at sslyouth@gmail.com

Neighborhood Clean-up! & FREE Lunch!

Saturday, April 22nd 9am-11:30am.

Meet at Frogtown Farm (the hill on Victoria and Blair) to get bags and gloves. If you are there early you may even get a donout and some coffee! Help us take care of our neighborhood and meet some neighbors in the process. Then come back to St. Stephanus for a delicious meal prepared by Youth Farm at 12.

Please contact Kyle Munoz kylemnz@yahoo.com or Dale Trapp dtrapp@csp.edu if you have any questions.