

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Pam Petty
Sylvia Berg
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Dwelling Houses
Rich & Miriam Carter

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 30

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion
8:00 P.M. Softball @ McKnight 1

MONDAY, May 1

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

TUESDAY, May 2

WEDNESDAY, May 3

6:45 A.M. Bible Study at Perkins Roseville
6:00 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. Open Church

THURSDAY, May 4

FRIDAY, May 5

SATURDAY, May 6

SUNDAY, May 7

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion
6:00 P.M. Softball @ McKnight 2

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 30: Justin Baker, Lynne Heuton
May 1: Abigail Amare, *St. Philip and St. James, Apostles*
May 2: Eugene Heuton, Shiori Konda-Muhammad, Bruce McMahon, *Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor & Missionary*
May 4: James Siegel, *Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor and Missionary*
May 5: James Dahlke, Mana Goytom, *Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler*

May contact person: Kathy Fox & Judy Brinkman

Ronald & Mary Bisping, Judy Brinkman, Ron & Jan Brubak, Kathy Fleischhacker, Harvey & Kathy Fox, Richard & Jeff Johnson, Tesfay Maskalo & Messeret Kebede, Akbar & Shiori Muhammad, Stephen Sohn, Yia & Susan Vang, David & Mickey Zinter

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter



THE ROAD TO
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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.

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April 30 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Emma Pagel & Sydney Sistad

(10:30) Amarti Maskalo & Courtney Willard

Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Savard **(10:30)** Judy Brinkman

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Gene Heuton, Bill & Jeremiah Willard

Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Gene Heuton

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Candy Pagel
(10:30) Dan Savard & Dale Trapp

Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny **(10:30)** Sharon Savard

Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson, Cantor Katie Miller **(10:30)** Worship Band

Soundboard: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt **(10:30)** Leonard Miller

Ushers: (8:00) Richard Johnson, Connie Petersen, Reba & Walt Peterson
(10:30) Tesfaya Maskalo, Steve Sohn, Dale Trapp, Jeff Wussler



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Larry & Lu Clemmensen in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today.

April 13, 14, 16, 23 Week's Contributions:

April 30 8:00 (68) 10:30 (91)

Current-\$12,805.50

Concordia-\$45.00

Bldg. Fund-\$58.00

Special Thanks-\$100.00

Good Friday-\$456.00

Maundy Thursday-\$346.00

Caring & Sharing-\$300.00

Missions- \$71.00

CLS-\$251.00

20x5-\$5.00

Easter-\$1,233.00

Lent-\$22.00

Endowment-\$1.00

Total - \$15,696.55 **(\$8,200 needed weekly)**

May 7 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Alex Hall & Calvin Hanan

(10:30) Emmet & Simon Heck

Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker **(10:30)** Judy Brinkman

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum, Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Gene Heuton, Akbar Muhammad, Dale Trapp

Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Gene Heuton

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Dianne & Wayne Warnest

Lector: (8:00) Jennifer Taylor **(10:30)** Michelle Connolly

Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson
(10:30) Worship Band

Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich **(10:30)** Leonard Miller

Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, B.J. Brown, Collin Hanan, Philip Pruess
(10:30) Latera Admasu, Admasu Mekonen, Jan & Ron Brubak

Our congregation donated **77 pounds** of food on the **April 10th delivery** to the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. **Great Job!**

We are asking for your input:

The Board of Lay Ministry is conducting a poll to determine whether it is the desire of the congregation to move to a single Sunday morning service on a year-around basis.

Your questionnaire is in your mailbox. Please fill out your questionnaire and drop it in the "Mailbox", located on the table with the bulletins, 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.

My deepest thanks to all of you who helped support the community life of St. Stephanus over the last few months. Parents, teens, little ones who showed up to make food and serve it. Members who came to be with each other and eat. Those who came to the special worship services (because we are, after all, a church that desires to worship God). Those who worked on the worship services, who worked to get things in motion for our great celebration of Easter. Those who helped this last weekend clean up around our community. Those who have been working behind the scenes to keep our congregation running. So much goodness and blessing within this place that also goes out from this place. We rejoice in the season of Easter that Christ is for us, and we are for Christ and the care of His world and each other. Many thanks, now and always,

In Christ,
-Pastor Thompson

Bible Study will meet in the Fireside room

Awake, my heart with gladness, see what today is done! This hymn perfectly describes the joy of Easter and the triumph over death and the grave. Today's prelude (8:00) includes chorales on this tune by Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg (1718-1795), a German music critic, theorist and composer, and the leading German music theorist of the late eighteenth century. Johann Crüger (1598-1662) composed the tune for this hymn ("AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ"). Crüger, a Berlin organist, was a friend of Paul Gerhart (1607-1676), a clergyman from Berlin, who penned the words of the hymn.
~The organ bench~

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.

Endowment Funds Available - Annually, earnings from the St. Stephanus endowment fund are made available to further the mission of the church. If you or your organization have a project that would benefit from additional funds you are invited to apply. Application forms are available from Lynne Heuton. The deadline for applications is May 26th. According to the endowment policy funds cannot be used for normal operational expenses. Please contact Lynne Heuton at 651.315.4158 if you have questions.



*Note the different time
Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 P.M. will be our next voter's meeting. We will cover the topics of the Recommendation on women serving communion, there will be a Dwelling Place update and steps moving forward. There will also be a Hmong Ministry Report and an Endowment Report. We look forward to seeing you there!