

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Pam Petty  
Sylvia Berg  
Shirley Nuechterlein

### Blessings/Guidance

Confirmands  
Central Lutheran School  
Dwelling Houses  
Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping  
425 Labore Rd  
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## The Week Ahead

### 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

### MONDAY, May 8

7:00 P.M. P.P.C.

### TUESDAY, May 9

6:00 P.M. Voter's Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, May 10

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

### THURSDAY, May 11

### FRIDAY, May 12

### SATURDAY, May 13

### SUNDAY, May 14

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion  
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion  
8:00 P.M. Softball @ McKnight 4

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 7: *C.F.W. Walther, Theologian*

May 8: Admasu Mekonen

May 9: David Jahr, *Job*

May 10: Matt Cauelin

May 11: Jill Brown, Larry Clemmensen, *Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs*

May 12: Amy Fleischhacker, Keenen Horrigan

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

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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:

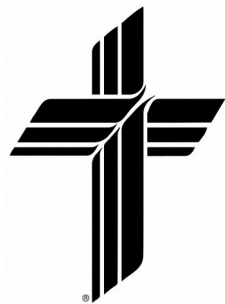
Much more than a Bible Study... come and find true Biblical Relationships. For more info, contact: Megan Huff [meghuff@gmail.com](mailto:meghuff@gmail.com)

## 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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## 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 Cantor: Lois Thur (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



## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Tami Nissen-Omosowon

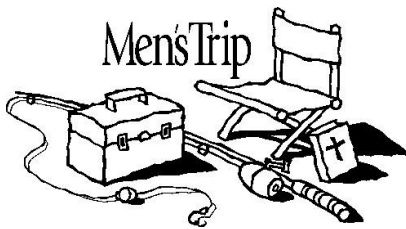
## April 30 Week's Contributions:

April 30 8:00 (86) 10:30 (82)

Current-\$4,707.80 Missions- \$20.00  
Concordia-\$20.00 CLS-\$30.00  
Bldg. Fund-\$10.00 Total - \$4,787.80 **(\$8,200 needed weekly)**

## May 14 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes:** (8:00) Addy Munoz & Owen Schonebaum  
(10:30) Lexi Miller & Ben Mohrland  
**Caretaker:** (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Rich Culbert  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants:** (8:00) (10:30)  
**Elder:** (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt  
**Greeters:** (8:00) Marie Benson & Judy Brinkman  
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Candy Pagel  
**Lector:** (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Anna Miller  
**Music:** (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson, Cantor: John Schonebaum  
(10:30) Worship Band  
**Soundboard:** (8:00) Dan Savard (10:30) Leonard Miller  
**Ushers:** (8:00) B.J. Brown, Bruce Karger, Reba & Walt Peterson  
(10:30) Noah Miller, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



**Please join us for the annual St. Stephanus Men's Club fishing retreat.** This event will be held at Canary Beach Resort in Villard, MN. On June 2-4. The cost of this trip is \$65.00 per person. The price includes three days and two nights stay in the resort's beautiful cabins. It also includes hamburger fry lunch on Saturday afternoon, a horseshoe tournament and nightly campfires. You will enjoy

wonderful relaxation and God's fellowship with other men. **Please reserve your spot. The reservation deadline along with money will be due Monday, May 22.** If you have questions or need to register please contact Dave Jahr at 651-239-4437 or Dennis Nuechterlein at 651-644-9432.

**This month, Concordia Academy's Emerging Artist Curriculum cohort** will be staging a senior exhibition, showcasing their capstone projects. These include "Better Because: A Visual Exhibit of Influential Life Figures," by Elissa Boll, "The Art of Tape," by Rebecca Hed, and "00255: Blue Art Part I," by Tim Peterson. The exhibit, held in CA's Becken Conservatory, is open May 12, 15, 16, and 17, 8 am - 4 pm. An opening reception will be held on May 11 following the 7:30 choir concert, and a closing reception takes place on May 17 prior to the 8:00 pm Honors Convocation.

You're invited to "Journey On," **Concordia Academy's spring choir concert**, on May 11 at 7:30. There is no admission charge; a freewill offering will be taken.

**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 final surveys on 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).

**Special Voters Meeting:** There will be a special voters meeting held between services on Sunday, May 21 to discuss the results of the single-service questionnaire 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.

**Women's Connecting Group** - The last two meetings of the Women's Connecting Group will be Wednesday, May 10th and May 24th. We will meet at church at 7:00. We have several activities planned that will allow us to connect with members that may be feeling a bit unconnected. We will also be discussing the Pastor's sermon notes. Please join us. A light dessert will be provided. The church will continue to be open Wednesday evenings through May for prayer and contemplation in the sanctuary. We will wrap up in time to allow you to participate if you choose to.

**Bible Study** will meet in the Fireside room

**This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!** Richard Hillert (1923-2010), Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus at Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois, wrote several hymns, choral pieces and liturgical songs. One of the most commonly used of his compositions is the Divine Service One in Lutheran Book of Worship, originally written for Lutheran Worship, which now appears in over 30 hymnals. "Worthy is Christ", with its antiphon, "This is the Feast of Victory," was written as an alternate Song of Praise for inclusion in this Divine Service, and is commonly used as the Hymn of Praise when we celebrate Holy Communion. Our postlude today (8:00) is a voluntary based on this song, as written by Charles Callahan. Also part of this service is "Lord, Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace", an alternate Post-Communion Canticle from the same Divine Service. The offering today (8:00) is a setting of this song as written by David Cherwien. Truly, during this season of Easter, and today, as we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation, we can sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation! Alleluia!

~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~

**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!

## 2017 Confirmation class

**Noah Habtezgi - Matthew 7:7** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**Joel Berhe - 1 Peter 3:15** But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

**Anastasia Thompson - Ephesians 3:17b-18** And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

**Davis Omosowon - Psalm 40:2** He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**Emma Pagel - 2 Timothy 4:12** I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

**Cameron Connolly - Philippians 4:13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

**Thomas Ghidey - Gal 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Noah Gundermann - Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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