

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Gordon & Janet Spielman
Pam Petty
Sylvia Berg
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut ins

Corene Diedrich
2057 Giesmann St.
Roseville, MN 55113

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 14

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

MONDAY, May 15

TUESDAY, May 16

WEDNESDAY, May 17

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

THURSDAY, May 18

FRIDAY, May 19

SATURDAY, May 20

SUNDAY, May 21

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion
6:00 P.M. Softball @ McKnight 3

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 14: Brody Dahlke
May 15: Collin Hanan, Doug Johnson
May 16:
May 17:
May 18:
May 19: Tiffany Hanan
May 20:

CELEBRATING



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

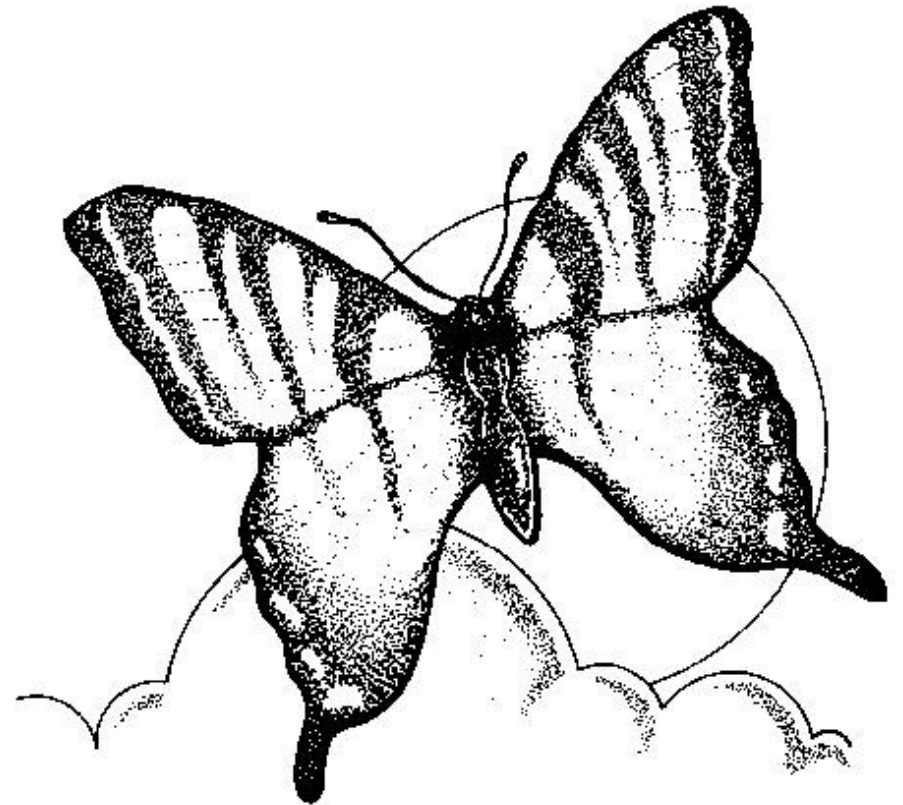
St. Stephanus Lutheran Church
Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Roger & Nancy Binning in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary

April 30 Week's Contributions:

May 7 8:00 (64) 10:30 (209)

Current-\$5,478.31	Missions- \$70.00
Ascension - \$5.00	CLS-\$55.00
Bldg. Fund-\$3.00	Special Thanks - \$105.00
Sunday School - \$ 5.87	Total - \$5,722.18 (\$8,200 needed weekly)

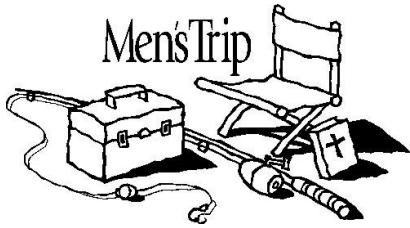
May 21 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Elizabeth Thompson
(10:30) Abigail Amare & Sebastian Caquelin
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ Van Dassar (10:30) Admasu Mekonen
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum, Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Bill Willard, Jeremiah Willard
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Dan Savard
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Judy Brinkman
(10:30) Jerry & Jackie Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny (10:30) Katie Miller
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) Roger Binning, Richard Johnson, Collin Hanan, Connie Petersen
(10:30) LeRoy Kerr, Noah Miller, Steve Sohn, Jeff Wussler

Mark your calendars: We begin our summer Sunday worship schedule May 28 at 9:30 AM.

Pastor Vang's last Sunday will be May 28. Several members wanted to express their prayers of encouragement. I suggested gift cards to Menards or cash to assist him in helping work on his new residence. If you care to join in this effort, place the gift in my box at church by May 21 so that we can present him with the gifts on his last Sunday on May 28.

-Connie Petersen



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 in-

cludes 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.

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.

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.

Bible Study will meet in the Fireside room

Johann Sebastian Bach's(1685-1750) Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, composed in the first half of the 18th century, has an "Air" as its second movement. In the late 19th century, violinist August Wilhelmj arranged this movement for violin with a string accompaniment. This score he titled "auf der G-Saite" (on the G string), which gave this arrangement its nickname. The piece is transposed from Bach's original composition, allowing the melody to be played by a solo violin on its lowest string, the G string. Today's prelude (8:00) is an organ arrangement of this piece.

George Fredric Handel (1685-1759) wrote an English oratorio, Solomon, based on the stories of King Solomon in 1748. Today's postlude (8:00) comes from this oratorio - a short and lively passage originally written for two oboes and strings, known as "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba".

~The organ bench~

"Wasn't that a great service?" "The singing was so wonderful." "It was a great service, so personal." That, and many other comments came my way after our Confirmation Service last Sunday and I agree wholeheartedly. The reality is I had very little to do with making it great. There were lots of pieces you didn't see happen in order to make it all work. From flower ordering (Thank you Clarice Anderson) to flower and gown putting on (Thank you Jane Sell), to the robes being fitted and altered (Thank you Sue Kressin) to pictures being taken (Thank you Megan Huff) and banners for each confirmation student being made (Thank you Jodi Wussler). And indeed the music was great (Thank you Amy Gundermann and Bruce Anderson, the Brass, Tom Gundermann, Michael Bauch, Leah Van Dassar, and all the people in the band singing and playing for us). Thank you to the parents (and other varied relations and just adults who want good in these kids' lives) who brought their kids out week after week to be in confirmation with me, and to the Confirmands for working hard, pondering the faith and what it means to walk through Jesus through this year. Without all these people, things don't happen, so I thank you all very much for this gracious service. The Church of God is a great blessing, may we all rejoice in being part of it.

-Pastor Thompson

P.S. Thank you to David Sura for putting my gate back on, and the fellow men who stood around and oversaw the work.

Second Harvest Food Rescue Distribution at St. Stephanus

Starting on Friday, June 2, Second Harvest will begin distributing food rescue (food donated from local grocery stores that they can no longer sell) from St. Stephanus. Distribution will happen every Friday from 3-5 P.M. The food is available to anyone, without restriction. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to reach out to our neighborhood. Volunteers are needed from 2pm - 6pm every Friday starting on June 2. You can come the whole time or a 2 hour shift. Training and direction will be provided by Second Harvest staff and experienced volunteers.

Please contact Lynn Thompson at goodluna07@gmail.com if you are interested or if you have questions.

Toiletry Drive

We will be starting a toiletry drive this summer. You can bring in shampoo, body soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant and any other toiletry items and place them in the food shelf bin. They will be distributed on Fridays along with our food rescue.

At the Voter's Meeting on May 9, the Voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of including women as servers for communion. If you are a woman- or a man- who wishes to become a communion server, please contact Pastor Thompson AND your elder to inform them of your interest.

The Dwelling Place, an organization that has partnered with St. Stephanus for last 15 years, has recently ended our relationship. While we are sad to see them go, it does open us up for new opportunities. The houses on Blair are available for a new ministry! Please submit your ideas for how to next use the properties to Leah VanDassor by May 21 (contact below).

A committee to discuss these options will be meeting during the summer to have a plan ready for the Voters in September. If you are interested in being on the committee, please call or email Leah at leahnuss@gmail.com or 651-263-8675 (after 2 P.M. weekdays).



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~

Women's Connecting Group - The last meeting of the Women's Connecting Group will be Wednesday, 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.

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 15, 16, and 17, 8 am - 4 pm. A closing reception will take place on May 17 prior to the 8:00 pm Honors Convocation.