

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Pam Petty  
Sylvia Berg  
Shirley Nuechterlein

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University  
Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Vera Schwagel  
Heritage Apartments  
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## The Week Ahead

### 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

### MONDAY, May 22

### TUESDAY, May 23

### WEDNESDAY, May 24

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

### THURSDAY, May 25

### FRIDAY, May 26

### SATURDAY, May 27

### SUNDAY, May 28

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 21: Connie Petersen,  
May 22:  
May 23: JoAnn Johansen, Davis Omosowon, John Schonebaum, Brenna Yernberg  
May 25:  
May 24: Kaiden Hanan, *Esther*  
May 25: *Bede the Venerable, Theologian*  
May 26: Yoshiko Benson  
May 27: Noah Gundermann, Zach Langemo, Tim Mohrland

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 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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## 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  
Holy Communion at both services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.  
Eritrean Service 12 Noon



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## 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



## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Connie Petersen

## April 30 Week's Contributions:

May 14 8:00 (52) 10:30 (102)

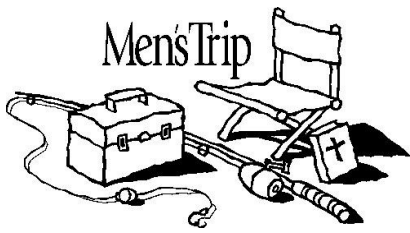
Current-\$5,151.00  
CLS-\$160.00

Missions- \$1.00  
Sunday School - \$ 9.20

Total - \$5,321.20 (\$8,200 needed weekly)

## May 28 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes:** (9:30) Simon Heck & Addy Munoz  
**Caretaker:** (9:30) John Schonebaum  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants:** (9:30)  
**Elder:** (9:30) Matt Hanan  
**Greeters:** (9:30) Dianne & Wayne Warnest  
**Lector:** (9:30) Jennifer Taylor  
**Music:** (9:30) Organist: Bruce Anderson, Cantor: John Schonebaum  
**Soundboard:** (9:30) Keith Rennerfeldt  
**Ushers:** (9:30) Emmet Heck, Bruce Karger, Jill Katzenmaier, Tesfaya Maskalo



**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.

**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.

**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 leahruss@gmail.com or 651-263-8675 (after 2 P.M. weekdays).

**NO Bible Study today.**

**Thursday, May 25, marks Ascension Day**, when we commemorate the ascension of Jesus into heaven.. Although we don't have a specific service noting this celebration, several of our hymns (8:00) were chosen in honor of this day.

Franz Tunder (1614-1667) was a German composer and organist of the early to middle Baroque era. He was a link between the early German Baroque style and the later Baroque style which culminated in the music of J.S. Bach. Tunder was also very influential in the development of the chorale cantata. Few of his works were preserved, one of these works is our prelude today (8:00). ~The organ bench~

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

**Special Voters Meeting:** There will be a special voters meeting held between services TODAY 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.

**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.

**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.

**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

### **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 for 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](mailto: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.

**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.