

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Pam Petty  
Sylvia Berg  
Shirley Nuechterlein

### Blessings/Guidance

St. Stephanus Staff  
Rich & Miriam Carter

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, May 28

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship

### MONDAY, May 29

Office Closed

### TUESDAY, May 30

### WEDNESDAY, May 31

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

### THURSDAY, June 1

### FRIDAY, June 2

### SATURDAY, June 3

### SUNDAY, June 4

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion  
8:00 P.M. Softball @ McKnight 2

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 28: Larissa Doran  
May 29: Cindy Westphall  
May 30: Carol Donahoe  
May 31: *The Visitation*  
June 1:  
June 2:  
June 3:

CELEBRATING



June contact person: Joyce Boterman & Corine Goodrich

Alandra Banaei, Fred & Joyce Boterman, James & Sara Dahlke, Scott & Corine Goodrich, Amy & Tom Gundermann, David Jahr, Doug & Monica Johnson, Meaza Ogbazghi, Angela & Joe Rask, Lois Thur, Wayne & Dianne Warnest

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Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

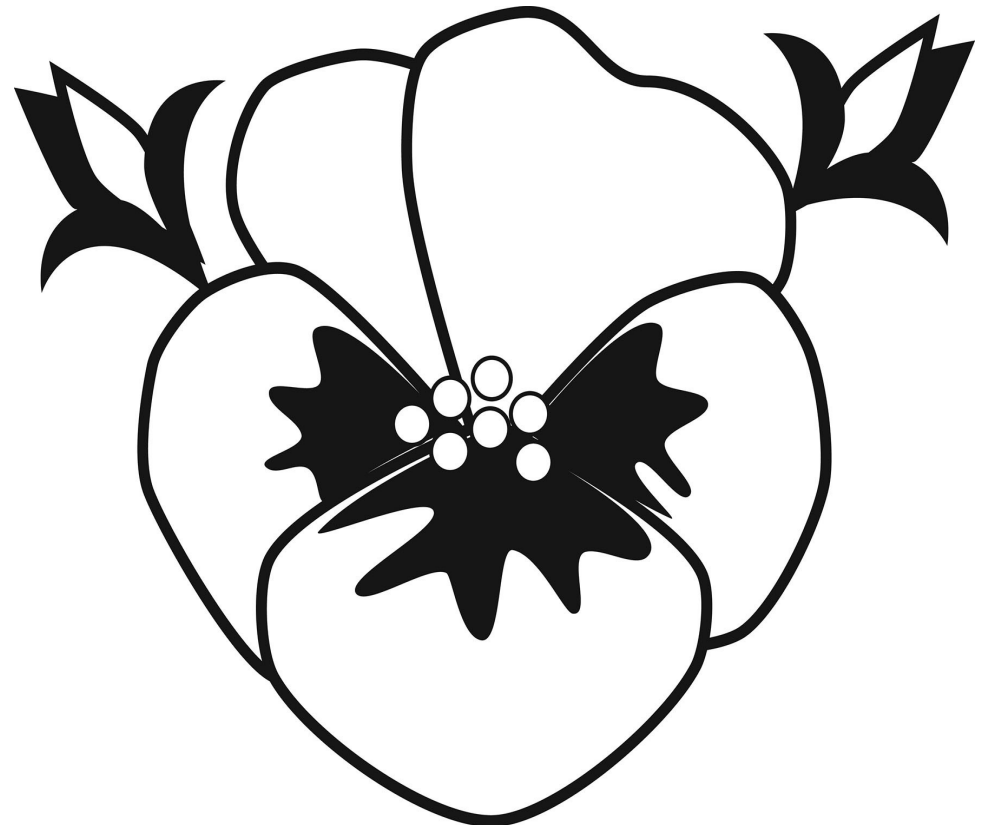
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 28, 2017

Seventh 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](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

Worship 9:30 AM (May 28-Sept. 10)

Education Hour 10:45 AM

Holy Communion services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.

Eritrean Service 12 Noon



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## 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) Katie Miller

**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



Altar  
Flowers

## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

### April 30 Week's Contributions:

May 21 8:00 (64) 10:30 (97)

Current-\$6,620.00	Missions- \$70.00
CLS-\$195.00	Sunday School - \$ 3.00
Concordia - \$35.00	Bldg. Fund - \$3.00
Ascension - \$20.00	20 x 5 - \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$100.00	Total - \$7,051.00 <b>(\$8,200 needed weekly)</b>

## June 4 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes:** (9:30) Anna Thompson & Courtney Willard

**Caretaker:** (9:30) Rich Culbert

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants:** (9:30) Matt Hanan, Akbar Muhammad, Russ Van Dassar

**Elder:** (9:30) Dan Savard

**Greeters:** (9:30) B.J. Brown & Tarrie Culbert

**Lector:** (9:30) Sharon Savard

**Music:** (9:30) Worship Band

**Soundboard:** (9:30) Leonard Miller

**Ushers:** (9:30) John Schonebaum, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

**Where have all of the dishtowels and dishrags from the church kitchen gone???** We had a small workable supply and we added 30 more new dishtowels to our inventory last fall at a cost of \$100. This cost was covered by Women's Ministry, Youth Farm, and a donor. There are now 4 of these new towels left. You may have taken some home to wash after a Lenten dinner, or the spaghetti dinner, or Easter breakfast, etc. but please bring them back ASAP!! They are marked with St. Stephanus so they are certainly identifiable on your shelves or drawers. Also, there was a large container of dishrags —these are all gone. Some of them were placed there just before the Easter breakfast. Please help us to make the church kitchen usable for everyone. Thanks, Women's Ministry

**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. ~The Office~

**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.

### **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.

**NO Bible Study today.**

**Please join us** after the service for cake and punch to celebrate Pastor Vang's time with us and to wish him the very best on his next adventure.

**Today's prelude, "Now Let Us Come Before Him"**, is based on the hymn tune Nun lasst uns Gott dem herren. This hymn as found in Lutheran Worship: "Now let us come before him, with song and prayer adore him who for our life had given the strength we need from heaven." The melody originated from a 1587 publication of Psalms by Nicolaus Selnecker, and is a variation of a descant melody of a hymn found in an earlier (1575) hymnbook. Johann Cruger (1598-1662) then took this melody, modified it, and published it (1649) as the tune we know today. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748), cousin and contemporary of Johann Sebastian Bach, wrote the partita based on the hymn tune Nun lasst uns Gott, dem Herren.

This past Thursday, May 25, was Ascension Day, where we commemorate Christ ascending into heaven. Next Sunday is Pentecost, always ten days later. The Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost is known as Exaudi Sunday, Exaudi being Latin for "listen". This Sunday is sometimes referred to as the saddest Sunday of the Church year, referring to the lost and forlorn feelings the disciples must have had, including the Apostles who saw Christ's ascent into heaven and had not yet witnessed the arrival of the Holy Spirit, as they were waiting, listening, for the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5). Our Collect of the Day echos this feeling "leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father".

~The organ bench~

**Mark your calendars: We begin our summer Sunday worship schedule May 28 at 9:30 AM. September 10 we will return to our normal schedule of 8:00 and 10:30.**

**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.