

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Rhoda Giese
Family of LeRoy Kerr
Shirley Nuechterlein
Gene Heuton
Ruthann Willard

Blessings/Guidance

Central Lutheran School
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut in

Lisa Bisping
425 Labore Rd
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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Oct. 1

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

MONDAY, October 2

TUESDAY, October 3

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

WEDNESDAY, October 4

6:00 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. Fall Connecting Group
7:00 P.M. Open Church

THURSDAY, October 5

FRIDAY, October 6

SATURDAY, October 7

SUNDAY, October 8

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship
8:00 P.M. Softball @ Pioneer Field 2

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Oct. 1: Jonathan Culbert
Oct. 2: Stephanie Sagstetter
Oct. 4: Emma Pagel
Oct. 5: Richard Culbert
Oct. 6: Thomas Connolly
Oct. 7: Peggy Karger, Deiondrea Van Dassor, *Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor*

CELEBRATING



October contact person: Carol James & Tarrie Culbert

Tarrie & Rich Culbert, Carol Hirt, Doug & Carol James, Suzanne Johnston, Angela Jilek, Lennea Lopez, Mildred Lopez, Jay & Sheila Schlechte, James & Karen Siegel, Martha Sohn

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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

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October 1 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & JingYan Schlechte
(10:30) Simon Heck & Sydney Sistad

Caretaker: (8:00) Russ Van Dassor (10:30) Judy Brinkman

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum, Russ Van Dassor
(10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Gene Heuton, Jeremiah Willard

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

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Tarrie Culbert

Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Anna Miller

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, Collin Hanan, Richard Johnson, Philip Pruess
(10:30) Noah Miller, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

David & Diana Betts in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary on Sept. 29th and for their grandson Michael's golden birthday on Oct. 4th

Last Week's Contributions:

Sept. 24 8:00 (52) 10:30 (104)

Current-\$3,852.00

CLS-\$20.00

Easter - \$1.00

Lent - \$1.00

Missions- \$1.00

Concordia - \$36.00

Reformation - \$5.00

Total - \$3,916.00 **(\$6,500 needed weekly)**

October 8 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Owen Schonebaum & Ana Thompson
(10:30) Kayla Sura & Ryan LeClair Sura

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

Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Terianne Bender

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

Soundboard: (8:00) (10:30) Leonard Miller

Ushers: 8:00) Roger Binning, B.J. Brown, Bruce Karger, John Schonebaum
(10:30) Erica Moore, Admasu Mekonen

Feeding Frogtown is moving for Fall and Winter!

We are moving the location of our Second Harvest food rescue distribution to St. Paul City at 643 Virginia Ave. starting October 6th. Everything else about the program will stay the same. We encourage everyone to come out and continue to support this effort. You can go here to sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a4ab29a75-food1> Or contact Lynn Thompson at goodluna07@gmail.com.

Volunteer t-shirt order forms

Please look in your church mailbox for a volunteer t-shirt order form. As we volunteer in the community we want to be easily identified as members of St. Stephanus and these t-shirts will help us to do this. We are asking a suggested donation for these shirts of \$5 apiece. We will always have extra shirts on hand at events if you are unable to purchase your own. If you are able to sponsor some of these extra shirts please do so! Order forms should be put in Lynn Thompson's mailbox by Oct. 8th.



Students, Parents, Alumni, and Supporters of Lutheran Education:

Grab your bikes, helmets, and/or tennis shoes to walk, run or peddle at the Marathon for Non-Public Education! We encourage you to sponsor and pledge one of the students who attend St. Stephanus as they walk, run, or peddle to help support their school. The students that you can support who attend

our church are Abigail and Haikel Amare, Sophie Baker, Lydia Bekele, Savannah, Sebastian and Simon Caquelin, Grace Connolly, Tim Mohrland and Micah Thompson. You can also email Elizabeth Wegner at ewegner@clssp.org to sponsor a student who may not have any sponsors.

This marathon is the largest fund raising event with direct student participation. This is a time for the entire Central Lutheran School community and its supporters to work together to reach a common goal: to continue providing Lutheran Education to our children. The first \$1,500 will be used to refinish the gym floor. The rest of the raised funds will be used to support the school. Our goal for this year is \$10,000.

The Marathon for the CLS students will be Saturday, October 7th, at Central Park in Roseville. It is located between Country Road B2 and C. Refreshments will be provided. We thank you for your support and we hope to have you join us as we walk, run, and peddle together to help reach our goal. Feel free to also come and cheer on those participating. See you there!

Thank you so much for your Central Lutheran School support!

Bible Study today will be in the fireside room.

The hymn writer Charles Wesley penned the words found in today's Hymn of the Day (8:00) in 1873:

"And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?"

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?"

This verse brings to us the magnitude of what Christ did. Through the amazing love of God, Christ died on the cross and shed His blood. He did it for those who put Him there so that they could gain interest in His righteousness. This truth found in Scripture cries out "Solus Christus", Jesus Christ alone is the way to salvation. Jesus Christ's sacrifice alone is the truth and through Jesus Christ alone there is life.

This month we begin our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Martin Luther not only brought about a reformation of theology, but he also brought about a reformation of music. Luther didn't simply value music for music's sake; he also saw music as a powerful gift from God. In fact Luther valued music next to theology, and that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. Development of hymnody, therefore, was of utmost importance to Luther, exploiting all kinds of sources for his music including Latin hymns, German drinking songs and old psalm chants. Many of his hymns are based on Latin chants, with expanded verses, set in a manner accessible to the worshippers.

Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet (O Lord, We Praise Thee) is an example of a typical Luther hymn. The first verse is based on a fourteenth century German folk hymn, with which Luther, and the German people, would have been familiar. Luther then expanded this text by creating two more stanzas to continue the lesson in hymn. Today's prelude and postlude (8:00) are based on this hymn. The liturgy (8:00) is based on Divine Service 5 from Lutheran Service Book, which follows the lead of Luther's German Mass, first published in 1526. The mass was designed as a suggestion on how to order a service, focusing on hearing the Word. The German Mass was originally entirely chanted, except for the sermon.

The Reformation: 500 Years

October 31st, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the "start" of the Reformation. Many Lutherans will be busy and active trying to commemorate this momentous occasion. In our Worship in October we look at the Reformation *Solas* ("Alones") of Christ Alone, Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone and wrap it up on Reformation with *Soli Deo Gloria* - to God alone be the Glory.

There are lots of other opportunities for you to participate in Reformation activities.

Concordia University will have a joint worship service of many LCMS Lutherans on October 29th at 4P.M. More information can be found at www.csp.edu/reformation500

AND

Phillip Radtke is inviting all music lovers and singers to partake in a **Raucous Reformation** at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in South Minneapolis on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Singers will have an opportunity to join the festival choir, learn a few anthems and hymns, enjoy lunch together and perform the music they learn as part of a celebratory hymn festival celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

All activities held at:

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church 4120 17th Ave. S Minneapolis, MN. 55407

***Join the Choir**

9:00 A.M.- Choir Rehearsal begins

Noon - Lunch provided by the church (Brats, Hamburgers, potato salad and more)

2:00 P.M. - Celebratory Hymn Festival

OR

Just come for the Celebration

2:00 P.M. Celebratory Hymn Festival Featuring Brass, Bells, Organ and Choir

***RSVP** recommended but not required for food/music count

Contact Phillip Radtke at organist@bethel-mpls.org

Freewill donations appreciated to help offset costs.

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.

Learn a whole new way to communicate – on the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend coming to St. Cloud, Minnesota on October 13-15. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575. Weekends will fill fast and pre-registration is required—don't miss out! If you want to hear from someone who has experienced this from St. Stephanus ask Bruce & Clarice Anderson.

Voters' Meeting?

Usually, there is a Voters' meeting in September. The PPC has decided to forego this meeting for the following reasons:

- We have had three meetings already this year and will have a fourth in November
- The SSLC constitution requires 3 meetings a year with another to be placed at the discretion of the Board. We met in February and May for regular meetings with an additional special meeting in May to discuss one service vs. two. We will meet in November for the annual budget meeting.
- We may need a special Voters' meeting in October to review/approve potential changes to the CLS constitution.

If you would like more information, please email Leah VanDassor at leahn-russ@gmail.com.

Connecting Group Fall Session— Our Connecting Group will meet on 2 Wednesday evenings in Oct. 4 and 18 and Nov. 1 and 15. We welcome everyone and will meet from 7-8:30 P.M. at the church. Our goals are to enjoy fellowship, share thoughts and insights, all toward enhancing our faith and the brotherhood of all believers. Please contact Lynne Heuton or Emmy Treichel with any questions.

LWML Capitol Conference Fall Rally

Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Women in Mission
Messiah Lutheran Church 2848 County Road H2, Mounds View, MN 55112 (763) 784-1786

Saturday Oct 7, 2017

8:30 A.M. registration and breakfast

9:15-11:30 rally

Registration \$7- breakfast and program

Connecting Students with Christ- Campus Ministry

Speaker: Rebecca Wagner, ULC Missionary, University Lutheran Chapel

Gifts from the Heart: for the food shelf "Common Chest" at Luther House-- non-perishable food items, school supplies, hygienic items
Join us for a morning of: Food, fellowship, singing, speaker, Bible study, Albuquerque convention re-cap, LWML news, and greetings from District LWML President Margaret Hesemann
Plan to attend? contact Sandy @ presnesuburbanz@mnslwml.org or Beth @ presstpaulmetroz@mnslwml.org



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 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~