

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

John Williams
Rhoda Giese
Shirley Nuechterlein
Gene Heuton
Ruthann Willard

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut in

Vera Schwagel
Heritage Apartments
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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Oct. 15

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion

MONDAY, October 9

TUESDAY, October 10

WEDNESDAY, October 11

6:00 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. Open Church

THURSDAY, October 12

FRIDAY, October 13

1:30 P.M. Feeding Frogtown @ St. Paul City School

SATURDAY, October 14

SUNDAY, October 22

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Oct. 15:
Oct. 16: Jacob Yernberg
Oct. 17: Giles Ferrell, *Ignatius of Antioch, Pastor & Martyr*
Oct. 18: *St. Luke, Evangelist*
Oct. 19: Kristen Rivera
Oct. 20:
Oct. 21:

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 15, 2017

Nineteenth 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

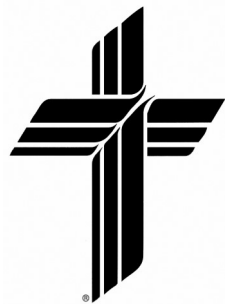
Traditional Worship 8:00 AM

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 15 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00)
(10:30)

Caretaker: (8:00) Ron Brubak (10:30) Russ Van Dassor

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)

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

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown
(10:30) Dianne & Wayne Warnest

Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Karen Mohrland

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

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

Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, Colling Hanan, Richard Johnson, Bruce Karger
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Steve Sohn, Dale Trapp, Jeff Wussler



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

The Trapp Family in memory of Gretchen Trapp who died 11 years ago. Gretchen was a Sunday School teacher for many years and a big "hugger" and friend to many at St. Stephanus. Her family honors her memory!

Last Week's Contributions:

October 8 8:00 (68) 10:30 (117)

Current-\$8,754.69

CLS-\$376.00

Bldg. Fund - \$5.00

Reformation - \$20.00

Total - \$9,229.69 (**\$6,500 needed weekly**)

Missions- \$35.00

Concordia - \$23.00

Endowment - \$11.00

Special Thanks - \$5.00

October 22 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Owen Schonebaum & Micah Thompson
(10:30) Larissa Doran & Ben Mohrland

Caretaker: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Judy Brinkman

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)

Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Gene Heuton

Greeters: (8:00) Erin & Justin Baker
(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Lynne Heuton

Lector: (8:00) Terianne Bender (10:30) Dale Trapp

Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson,
(10:30) Worship Band

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

Ushers: 8:00) Collin Hanan, Richard Johnson, Tesfaya Maskalo, Philip Preuss
(10:30) Erica Moore, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

Feeding Frogtown

We have moved locations for the winter to St. Paul City School at 643 Virginia Ave. Your help is still needed between the hours of 1:30 and 5:30 every Friday.

You can go here to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a4ab29a75-food1>

If you are unable to help out on Friday, but would like to be involved, here is a list of things we need.

- wash volunteer aprons weekly and return to supply room
- organize volunteer name tags
- collect plastic grocery bags

Contact Lynn Thompson if you have any questions.

Aluminum can collection

We are collecting aluminum cans to help support Frogtown Farm. If you have some at home and would like to bring them in, please place them in a can bin in the lobby. Thank you!



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~

Women’s Ministry encourages anyone who wishes to bake to do so for the youth mission trip bake sale which will be during the sauerkraut Supper on Saturday, October 28th. Any leftovers will be sold that Sunday between worship services.

2017 marks two significant anniversaries: the 500th anniversary of Luther’s posting of the 95 Theses and the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. Confessing the faith has not gotten any easier since these two events occurred. Yet God is faithful and has promised that His Church will survive all the trials that the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh can throw at us. God is faithful to His Church. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraged and equipped Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and supported missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. The LWML theme for this Reformation year is that this is our time to “Be Ready to Confess!” faithfully and boldly of Christ’s redemptive work for us and for all the world. And we do so, trusting in the solas of the Reformation - that by faith alone (Sola Fide) - all is ours because Jesus has done the work. In particular on this day, we rejoice with the ways our sisters in Christ have heard this message, responded with great hope, and continue to bring their service to Jesus’ Church.

In 1523 Martin Luther wrote his first hymn for congregational use, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice". It appears as the first hymn in the first published collection of Lutheran Hymns, Etlich Christlich lider (1524), also known as the "Achtliederbuch", contained eight hymns, four of which were written by Luther. The ten verses of this hymn include justification by faith, the saving sacrifice and work of Jesus, and freedom in Christ; in essence a history of salvation. In it, Luther summarizes his own conversion experience, from his life as a monk where he still felt no peace with God, showing that works are not enough for salvation. Instead, Luther emphasizes God the Father's role as the author of salvation ("But God had seen my wretched state... He planned for my salvation", continuing with the plan "He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part but gave His dearest treasure." A partita based on this hymn will be the prelude and postlude today (8:00).

This summer I had the opportunity to spend a week attending an organ workshop at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was a most excellent experience! There were twenty-four organists there, of varied experience levels, from all around the country (including one person from Japan), ranging in age from 16 to mid-70s. Dr. Paul Grime, who headed the commission that developed our hymnal Lutheran Service Book, led lessons on the relationship of music and theology in the service. Kevin Hildebrand, who is the Seminary's Kantor, led the lessons and the more practical aspects of use of music in the service; it is he who wrote the partita being played for prelude and postlude today. Matthew Machemer, associate Kantor, also helped with small group lessons. It was a blessing to be in a group of people with similar interest, with such varied experiences. It also was very powerful experiencing a chapel service full of seminary students! Thank you to the people of Saint Stephanus for providing me with this opportunity!
~The Organ Bench~

A very big thanks to all those who expressed their appreciation this last Sunday. I love being Pastor of St. Stephanus and I'm incredibly grateful that we get to be the people of God in this place together. A very, very special thank you to those who organized the coffee hour and the lemony treats in it. In Christ,
Pastor Thompson

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.

Come join the Men's Club for their 63rd annual Sauerkraut Supper on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. Supper will feature: Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, assorted Desserts, Coffee and water. Prices: adults \$10.00 and children 5-12 \$5.00. Children's menu: Hot dogs, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes. Take out will be available. Tickets available on Sunday mornings or at the door.

Connecting Group Fall Session— Our Connecting Group will meet on 2 Wednesday evenings in Oct. 18 and Nov. 1 and 15. We welcome everyone and will meet from 7:00-8:30 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.

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.

If you'd like to be a vendor at Concordia Academy's Holiday Craft Fair on November 11, 9 am - 3 pm, it's not too late to register. Visit ConcordiaAcademy.com/craftfair for details about attending this great event, as well as online registration for vendors.

Concordia Academy's Second Annual Comedy Cabaret on October 28 at 7 pm features improvisational comedy troupe ComedySportz Twin Cities, followed by a reception with light hors d'oeuvres and beverages. All proceeds support CA student scholarships; last year, this event raised \$30,000! Get more information and purchase tickets at ConcordiaAcademy.com/comedy.