

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Rhoda Giese
Shirley Nuechterlein
Gene Heuton
Dennis Nuechterlein
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Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter
St. Stephanus Staff

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 26

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

MONDAY, November 27

TUESDAY, November 28

WEDNESDAY, November 29

THURSDAY, November 30

FRIDAY, December 1

SATURDAY, December 2

SUNDAY, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

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

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Nov. 26, 2017

Last Sunday of the Church Year

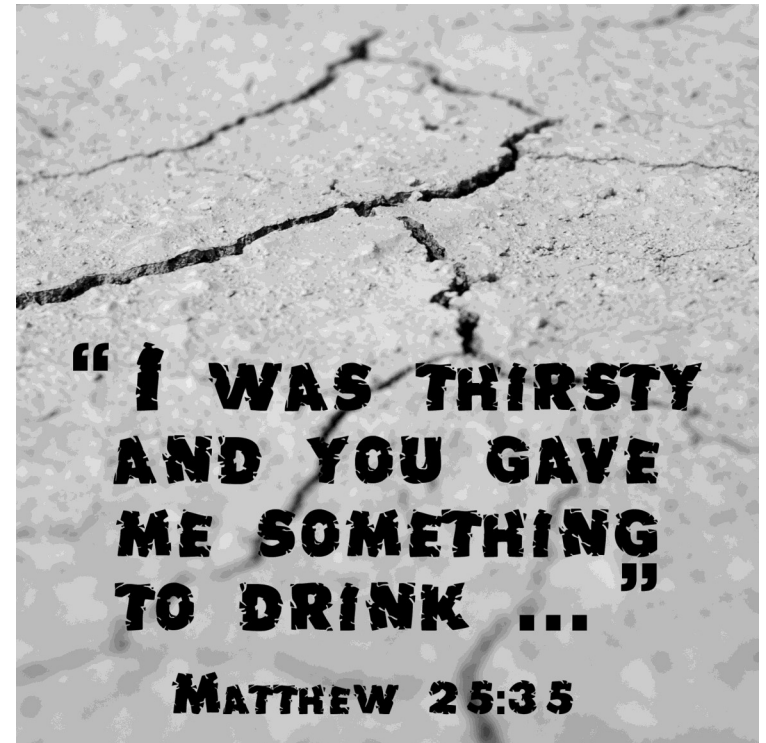
CELEBRATING



Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

November 26: Ben Goodrich, GT Hussein
November 27: Joan Baker
November 28:
November 29: Jill Katzenmaier, Reba Peterson, *Noah*
November 30: Philip Preuss
December 1: Ruth Willard
December 2: Robert Martin Jr.

December contact persons: Lynne Heuton & Connie Peterson
Dan Baker, Clarence & Yoshiko Benson, Kyle & Cassandra Corey, Eugene & Lynne Heuton, Joan Johnson, Keith Rennerfeldt, Dan & Sharon Savard, Dale Trapp



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:

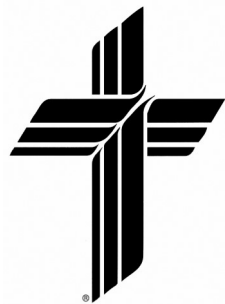
Much more than a Bible Study... come and find true Biblical Relationships. For more info, contact: Megan Huff meghuff@gmail.com

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.
Eritrean Service 12 Noon



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November 26 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Vue Lee
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Owen Schonebaum
(10:30) Sebastian Caquelin & Larissa Doran
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker **(10:30)** Dan Savard
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Jerry Spiess
Greeters: (8:00) Candy Pagel **(10:30)** Jackie Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Russ Van Dassor **(10:30)** Terianne Bender
Music: (8:00) Organ: Bruce Anderson Cantor: John Schonebaum
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt **(10:30)** Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, B.J. Brown, Bruce Karger, Wayne Warnest
(10:30) Tesfaya Maskalo, Noah Miller, Todd Mohrland, Dan Savard



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Corine & Scott Goodrich

Last Week's Contributions:

November 12 8:00 A.M. (69) 10:30 A.M. (119)

Current - \$ 6,907.51	Missions - \$10.00
CLS - \$10.00	Caring & Sharing - \$500.00
Thanksgiving - \$25.00	20 x 5 - \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$100.00	Sunday School - \$48.82
Total - \$ 7,606.33 (\$6,500 needed weekly)	

December 3 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) (10:30)
Caretaker: (8:00) (10:30)
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) (10:30)
Greeters: (8:00) (10:30)
Lector: (8:00) (10:30)
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Camp Omega Update

Camp Omega's goal for their adult/family retreat center was 3.3 million dollars. To date they have raised \$1,920,722 in cash and pledges. That leaves about 1.4 million dollars left to be raised. They are asking those that have made pledges to extend their pledge a year or two if it is at all possible. If you weren't able to make a pledge last year you can still do it this year. If you wish to extend your pledge or make a new one, please call Camp Omega at 507-685-4266 and let them know your intentions.

The Camp is also ready to close on some property behind the dining hall. This land is flat and a design of the retreat center on flat ground could help lower the cost. They are working with new architect firm and general contractor to see if a new design on flat ground would be practical. If you have any questions you can talk to Eugene Heuton or call him at 651-646-1323.

Central Lutheran News!

PRAISE!

The numbers are in and the total fundraising for the 2017 Annual Marathon was \$9,200-just shy of our \$10,000 goal!

The gymnasium floor has been refinished and a BIG thank you to all of the sponsors from 2017!

If you or your group would like to make a marching donation to this even please contact Mrs. Wegner in the school office at 651-645-8649.

HELP WANTED!

Please consider getting involved and volunteering at the school! Current opportunities include:

5-8th grade boys basketball coach

Social Media Specialist

Please join CLS for their 45th Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 3, 2017, 9 A.M.—1 P.M. Free will donation. We will be serving pancakes with many yummy toppings, sausages, coffee, milk, and orange juice!

While you are there, you will be able to shop at our Scholastic Book Fair, win a door prize in our hourly drawings and partake in our first Cookie Walk. Buy a bucket and fill it up with many delicious homemade cookies to enjoy at home!

We are looking for volunteers to make this event a success and there are many ways that you can help. Bake a few dozen cookies to donate to the Cookie Walk, flip some pancakes for your friends or come and help us set up! Here is a link to the sign-up page or call the school office to volunteer. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094eaeaa29a20-central>

Bible Study: will meet in the Fireside Room.

Today we celebrate the "Last Sunday of the Church Year" and next week we begin the season of Advent. This Sunday is also celebrated in many churches as "Christ the King" Sunday. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden refers to this Sunday as either "Sunday of Doom" or "Return of Christ". Our readings today, as they have in recent weeks, follow this theme of the "Return of Christ". Edward Perronet (1726-1792) was the son of an Anglican priest who worked closely with John Wesley and Charles Wesley, also Anglican priests, who later went on to found Methodism. In fact Perronet also later went on to work with John Wesley, occasionally against his will being called upon to preach. One anecdote relates a time Wesley persisted on Perronet preaching, and announcing before the crowd that "Brother Perronet will now speak." Perronet stood before the crowd and declared, "I will now deliver the greatest sermon ever preached on earth." He then read the Sermon on the Mount and promptly sat down.

Perronet penned the words to the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", sometimes called the "National Anthem of Christianity" in the late 18th century. This hymn appears in hymnals under different tunes: DIADEM, MILES' LANE, and a tune written by Oliver Holden, CORONATION, which is the tune used in our hymnal, and will also make appearances as the prelude and postlude this morning (8:00). Oliver Holden (1765-1844) was a carpenter who later became teacher and music-seller is known as one of the pioneers of American psalmody. In fact, the hymnal with which I grew up included all three versions - I recall the hymn building in regality as we would switch versions after each few verses. The original tune for the text was MILES' LANE (1779), then it was also published in Boston under the tune CORONATION (1793). and later it was set to the tune DIADEM (1838). Regardless of the tune, the hymn leaves no doubt that the entire earth - from the "seed of Israel's chosen race" and "sinners" and "martyrs" to "every kindred, every tribe" to "yonder sacred throng" will sing the "everlasting song" at Jesus' feet. What a song to hear!
~From the organ bench~

Join us for Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays in December (12/6, 12/13 and 12/20) as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. There will be a meal served starting at 5:15 P.M. in the Fireside Room.

There will be NO open church Wed. Nov., 29. Open church will return after our 6:30 Advent Worship the following week.

Martha Sohn has a new book available, "God's COLORS for kids of all ages". This book grew out of her first book and collaboration with Marie Woller, "God's Alphabet for kids of all ages". With God's guidance, the next one is a reality! Praise God!
"God's COLORS for kids of all ages" is available from Martha, at \$25.00 per copy. Please contact Martha at marthasohn60@gmail.com.

Family Christmas Party will be held
Saturday, December 9th from 2-4 P.M.

In the Fireside room

Join us for a fun afternoon of cookie decorating,
crafts, music and fun!

Bring your friends and neighbors!

Volunteers and donations needed:

- Old Christmas cards
- Cut out Christmas sugar cookies (several dozen)
- Cookie decorations
- frosting
- colored construction (all colors)
- wrapping paper
- 10-12 wrapped empty boxes
- clear scotch tape (several rolls)
- markers (several boxes)

If you are able to help out on the day of the party
please let Lynn Thompson know.

goodluna07@gmail.com

Christmas Parents Day Out

Sunday, December 10th 2-6pm

Kids will enjoy dinner, crafts and games while parents enjoy 4 hours to finish shopping, wrapping presents or just some peace and quiet.

\$25/per child (\$20 for each additional child.) All proceeds go to the Youth Group Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Tell your family and friends. Everyone is welcome. To sign up go to:

<https://goo.gl/b5e88y>

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