

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Shirley Nuechterlein  
Gene Heuton  
Dennis Nuechterlein  
Clarice Anderson

### Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping  
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## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, December 3

#### First Sunday of Advent

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

### MONDAY, December 4

### TUESDAY, December 5

### WEDNESDAY, December 6

5:15 P.M. Meal  
6:30 P.M. Holden's Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY, December 7

### FRIDAY, December 8

### SATURDAY, December 9

2:00 P.M. Family Christmas Party

### SUNDAY, December 10

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship  
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship  
2:00 P.M. Christmas Parents Day Out

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

December 3: Staci Westphall  
December 4: Jennifer Taylor, *John of Damascus, theologian & Hymnwriter*  
December 5: Cheryl Fleischhacker  
December 6: *Nicholas of Myra, Pastor*  
December 7: *Ambrose of Milan, Pastor & Hymnwriter*  
December 8:  
December 9: Doug Sell

CELEBRATING



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

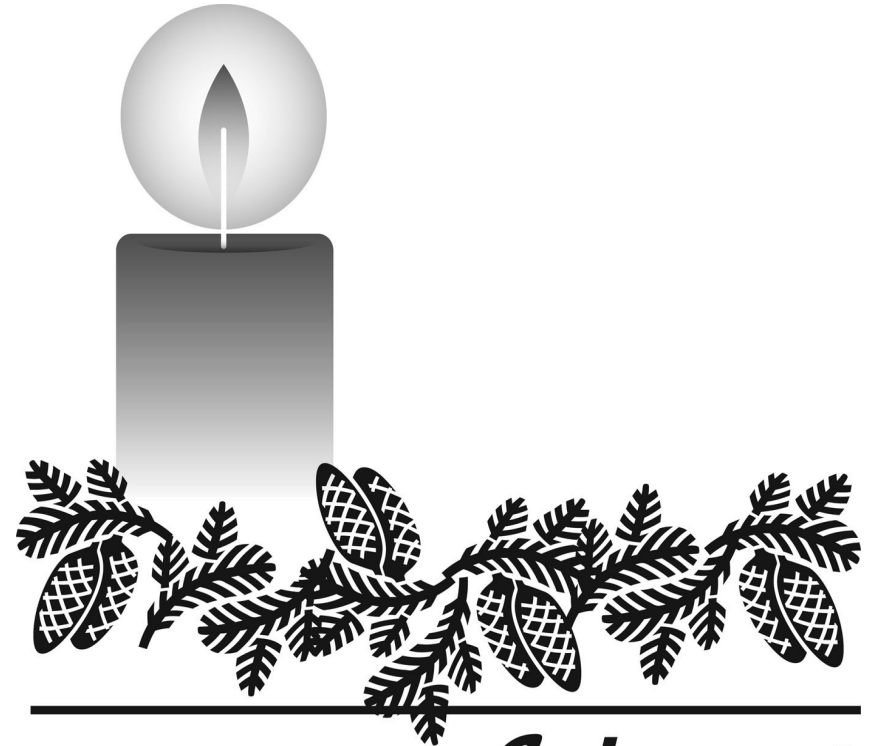
St. Stephanus Lutheran Church  
Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Dec. 3, 2017



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## 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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## December 3 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes: (8:00)** Sophie Baker & Emma Pagel  
**(10:30)** Abigail & Haikel Amare  
**Caretaker: (8:00)** Dan Baker **(10:30)** Admasu Mekonen  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants: (8:00)** Jane Sell, Leah & Russ Van Dassar  
**(10:30)** Akbar Muhammad, Tricia Schmidt, Jeremiah Willard  
**Elder: (8:00)** Wayne Warnest **(10:30)** Gene Heuton  
**Greeters: (8:00)** Erin & Justin Baker **(10:30)** Lynne Heuton & Dale Trapp  
**Lector: (8:00)** Jay Schlechte **(10:30)** Fenet Admasu  
**Music: (8:00)** Organ: Bruce Anderson, Cantor: Jim Radtke **(10:30)** Worship Band  
**Soundboard: (8:00)** Scott Goodrich **(10:30)** Leonard Miller  
**Ushers: (8:00)** Roger Binning, Richard Johnson, Bruce Karger, Philip Pruess  
**(10:30)** Emmet Heck, Steve Sohn, Jan & Ron Brubak



## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Walt & Reba Peterson

## Last Week's Contributions:

November 26 8:00 A.M. ( 60 ) 10:30 A.M. ( 79 )

Current - \$ 4,680.25  
CLS - \$20.00  
Sound System - \$365.00  
Concordia Academy - \$20.00  
Thanksgiving - \$110.00  
Total - \$ 5,195.25 **(\$6,500 needed weekly)**

## December 10 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes: (8:00)** Owen Schonebaum & Micah Thompson  
**(10:30)** Oliver Bauch & Larissa Doran  
**Caretaker: (8:00)** Joan Baker **(10:30)** Judy Brinkman  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)**  
**Elder: (8:00)** Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Keith Rennerfeldt  
**Greeters: (8:00)** Marie Benson & B.J. Brown  
**(10:30)** Janine, Marty & Zach Langemo  
**Lector: (8:00)** Lois Thur **(10:30)** Karen Mohrland  
**Music: (8:00)** Organ: Bruce Anderson, Cantor: John Schonebaum  
**(10:30)** Worship Band  
**Soundboard: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Marty Langemo  
**Ushers: (8:00)** B.J. Brown, John Schonebaum, Scott & Corine Goodrich  
**(10:30)** Todd Mohrland, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

**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](mailto: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>

Contact Lynn Thompson at:

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**Bible Study: will meet in the Fireside Room.**

***Savior of the nations, come,***

*Virgin's Son, make here Your home!*

*Marvel now, O heaven and earth,*

*That the Lord chose such a birth.*

This hymn we sing today is actually a third-hand version of the hymn. The original Latin plainsong melody "Veni, Redemptor gentium", is attributed to Ambrose of Milan (340-397), and was commonly used in the Roman Catholic tradition. Martin Luther (1483-1546) translated the hymn to German, with Johann Walther (1496-1570) adapting the plainchant tune. J.S. Bach (1685-1750) harmonized the tune, more than 150 years after Luther's original version was first published, and this harmonization is still the version published in many hymnals today.

The hymn points out that the Savior of the world came not only to the Jews, but to "Heiden" - literally to the heathen. This is not a negative connotation, however, it is simply a reference to the Gentiles. The words begin as a petition for the Savior of the nations to come to the world, then gives way to amazement that God would be born of a woman on earth. In this hymn we affirm the article of Incarnation as stated in the Nicene Creed: "*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man.*"

This morning we will sing this as our Hymn of the Day (8:00) in a manner Ambrose, the original Latin author, promoted by using the Lectern and Pulpit sides of the church to create two antiphonal groups.

~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.

**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](mailto:marthasohn60@gmail.com).