

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

The family of Pam (Roach)
Petty
Shirley Nuechterlein
Dennis Nuechterlein
Luanne Schmidt
Miquela Omosowon

Blessings/Guidance

Central Lutheran School
Yohannes Ghebru
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping
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Apt. 203
Little Canada, MN 55113



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 7

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/ Communion
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion

MONDAY, January 8

TUESDAY, January 9

7:00 P.M. P.P.C.

WEDNESDAY, January 10

6:00 P.M. Confirmation

THURSDAY, January 11

FRIDAY, January 12

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

SATURDAY, January 13

SUNDAY, January 14

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 P.M. Contemporary Worship

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

January 7: Bev Piepkorn

January 8:

January 9:

January 10: *Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, Pastors & Confessors*

January 11: Redazgi Habtezgi, Ed Potter

January 12: Ron Bisping, Ernie Brown

January 13: Luke Lageson

January contact person: Sue Kressin

David & Diana Betts, Erin Betts, Matt & Jen Caquelin, Marian Harmening, Ronald Hoelscher, Arnie Johnson & Eileen Vierow, Admasu Mekonen & Diribe Desissa, Ed & Marlene Potter, Jim Radtke & Sue Kressin, Jeff & Jodi Wussler

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 7, 2018

Sunday of the Epiphany



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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January 7 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Jingyan & Zhenghong Schlechte
(10:30) Abigail Amare & Lexi Miller
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker **(10:30)** Admasu Mekonen
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Russ & Leah Van Dassar
(10:30) Erica Moore, Akbar Muhammad, Tricia Schmidt
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Jerry Spiess
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Shelia Schlechte **(10:30)** Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Jay Schlechte **(10:30)** Katie Miller
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson Cantor: John Schonebaum
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich **(10:30)** Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Collin Hanan, Richard Johnson, Reba & Walt Peterson
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Noah Miller, Jan & Ron Brubak



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Last Week's Contributions:

Dec. 31

Current - \$ 4,795.00	Missions - \$10.00
Building Fund - \$10.00	Endowment - \$170.00
Special Thanks - \$200.00	Total - \$5,685.00 (\$6,500 needed weekly)

January 14 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Owen Schonebaum & Sydney Sistad
(10:30) Joshua Langemo & Kayla Sura
Caretaker: (8:00) John Schonebaum **(10:30)** Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Jerry Spiess
Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Janine, Marty, Zach Langemo
Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker **(10:30)** David Sura
Music: (8:00) Organ: Bruce Anderson **(10:30)** Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich **(10:30)** Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, Bruce Karger, Philip Pruess, Wayne Warnest
(10:30) Noah Miller, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

The LWML Winter Workshop of the St. Croix River Zone/ St. Paul Metro Zone is Saturday, January 20, 2018 “Being the People of God in our Broken Cities” Guest Speaker Pastor Mark Koschmann, M. Div., M.A. (Fiechtner Chair in Christian Outreach and Instructor in Theology & Ministry at Concordia University St. Paul) St. Peter Lutheran Church ~ Afton, MN (880 Neal Avenue South) Registration & Light Breakfast at 9:00 AM; Workshop at 9:30 AM. Free will offering.

Join me in celebrating that Yohannes Ghebru, a member of St. Stephanus and the Eritrean Church that meets here, has been accepted into a Seminary program and begins his education towards being a pastor in January. Yohannes will be in a program that allows him to do both the educational and practical training of being a pastor from a distance, so he will be here among us doing the work of God in this place as a Vicar at St. Stephanus under my supervision. He will work with us primarily in the Tigrinya speaking congregation, but also with us in the English speaking congregation, to share the light of Jesus Christ with our communities. We look forward to a time in January when we will officially welcome him as a Vicar and help you get to know him better. Please keep him in your prayers.

"³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” – Matthew 9:37-38

-Pastor Thompson

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 support.

~Women’s Ministry ~

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.

Bible Study: Located in the Fireside Room

The Season of Light, Epiphany, spans from the celebration of the star guiding the Magi (January 6) to the glory of Transfiguration (which we will celebrate on February 11). During the Sundays of Epiphany we are brought to the waters of the Jordan where John baptized Jesus, following Jesus in His ministry, and finally to the glory of saints of old surrounding Christ.

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" ("Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern") is one of the most celebrated Lutheran hymns of this season, originally written in 1597 by Lutheran hymn writer Philipp Nicolai, and is often referred to as "The Queen of Chorales". In the hymn, Nicolai draws upon Revelation 22:16, "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." This is related back to Psalm 45, a mystical wedding song, identifying Jesus with the bridegroom of the psalm. Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) created a fantasia on this choral which will serve as our prelude today (8:00). Starting from the cantus firmus (melody) of the hymn, Buxtehude composed a fantasy utilizing different media, such as use of figures of speech, repetition, and echo effects. The first section begins with the melody of the hymn set out from the bottom, with a subsequent shift to soprano. This is followed by a section in the early baroque "stylus fantasticus", a freer form. Rapid successions of faster sixteenth notes and triplets round off this section. The piece continues with a jig, followed by a portion in fugue style. The fantasia ends with a display of new themes, culminating with a brilliant finale with the pedals finally joining the fun in the last few bars.

~From the organ bench~

Thank you to those who have lent their musical abilities in service over the past year, specifically to those who have served as cantor: John Schonebaum, Jim Radtke, Lois Thur, Katie Miller, Bill Johnson. ~From the organ bench~