

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Caquelin family
Shirley Nuechterlein
Dennis Nuechterlein
Luann Schmidt

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut in

John Pracht
103Mt. Vernon Ave
St. Paul, MN. 55117

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 18

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

MONDAY, February 19

TUESDAY, February 20

WEDNESDAY, February 21

6:30 P.M. Lent worship service

THURSDAY, February 22

FRIDAY, February 23

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

SATURDAY, February 24

SUNDAY, January 25

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 P.M. Contemporary Worship
Voters meeting after late service

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

February 18: Anna Miller, Akbar Muhammad, Daniel Piepkorn, *Martin Luther, Doctor & Confessor*
February 19:
February 20: Nancy Sontag
February 21:
February 22:
February 23: *Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor & Martyr*
February 24: Jacklyn Preuss, St. Matthias, Apostle

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent



CELEBRATING



February contact person: Janine Langemo

Alganesh Beyen, Roger & Nancy Binning, John & Colleen Heck, Marty & Janine Langemo, Katie & Leonard Miller, Kyle Munoz, Ocie Peterson, Kristen & Joe Rivera, Rev. Andrew & Lynn Thompson

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

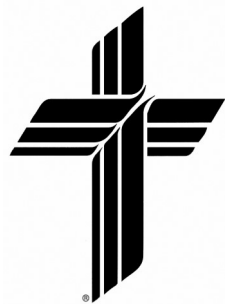
Traditional Worship 8:00 AM

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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February 18 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Jingyan & Zhenghong Schlechte

(10:30) Abigail & Haikel Amare

Caretaker: (8:00) Ron Brubak (10:30) Judy Brinkman

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) John Schonebaum, Jane Sell, Matt Hanan

(10:30) Erica Moore, Akbar Muhammad, Tricia Schmidt

Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt

Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Sheila Schlechte

(10:30) Candy Pagel & Dale Trapp

Lector: (8:00) Jay Schlechte (10:30) Dale Trapp

Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson

(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, Jeff Wussler, Jeremiah & Trent Willard



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Last Week's Contributions:

Feb. 11 8:00 (63) 10:30 (75)

Current - \$ 4,830.61

CLS - \$215.00

Special thanks- \$5.00

Total - \$5,050.61 **(\$6,500 needed weekly)**

February 25 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Elizabeth Thompson

(10:30) Savannah & Sebastian Caquelin

Caretaker: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Dan Savard, Jane Sell (10:30) Dan Savard

Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Dan Savard

Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown

(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Candy Pagel

Lector: (8:00) Terianne Bender (10:30) Fenet Admasu

Music: (8:00) Organ: Bruce Anderson

(10:30) Worship Band

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

Ushers: (8:00) Bruce Karger, Collin Hanan, Reba & Walt Peterson

(10:30) Jeff Wussler, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

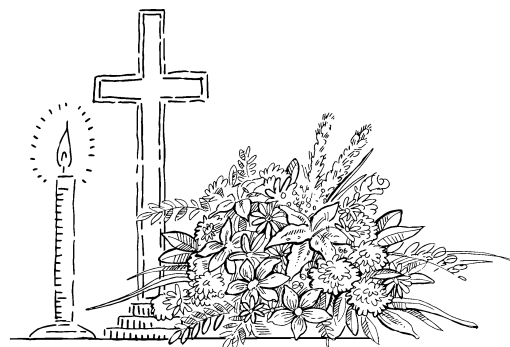


The next Voters Meeting will be Sunday, February 25th following the 10:30 service. The agenda will include a Blair House update and ratifying changes to the CLS Constitution. We will order pizza for lunch and take a free will offering to cover the cost.

Special offering envelopes are for giving to a specific program or for special services. For example, you may wish to use them for the upcoming Lenten, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services. If for a special purpose (Missions, CLS, etc.) please be sure to mark the envelope appropriately so the funds get directed to the area of your choice. 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 support. ~Women's Ministry~



Greetings Friends! Our flower chart for 2018 is hanging on the wall by the narthex mailboxes and is in serious need of flower donations. Please take a moment to sign up for a Sunday or two so we can continue beautifying the sanctuary on Sundays. Thank you for your generosity. ~ The Altar Guild~

Altar Flowers

Bible Study: Located in the Fireside Room

Lenten Worship

Imagine that a friend or family member who is unfamiliar with your Christian faith asks you to summarize the gospel. She isn't looking for a laundry list of doctrines. She has no interest in hearing you recite the Apostles' Creed. She wants to get to the heart of the matter. "In seven words or less," she says, "tell me what you believe as a Christian." What would you say? How would you put it? Are you prepared to confess your faith in Jesus? To be a Christian is to "believe with your heart" and "confess with your mouth" the good news of God's love for us in Christ (Romans 10:9-10). Peter calls us to be prepared always to give a reason for the hope we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15). Christians have the best news in the world to share. But are we prepared to share it? During this season of Lent, we're going to prepare to celebrate Holy Week by sharing why Holy Week is so important. The sermons in our midweek worship services will resemble workshops as we work together to formulate faithful Christian confessions. Come prepared to contribute to the conversation!

"In God, my faithful God, I trust when dark my road." Today's prelude (8:00) is a choral partita, a set of dance variations on the chorale "Auf meinen Lieben Gott" by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). In the late seventeenth century in North Germany, variation suites with the same harmonic progression for the Allemande, Courante, Sarabande, and Gigue were somewhat common. This piece by Buxtehude not only utilizes the same harmonic progression, but the same basic melody in the soprano range for each dance of the partita. The dances included in this partita are: Allemande, Double, Sarabande, Courante, Gigue, and this morning will be prefaced with a harmonization by J.S. Bach. The allemande is an old-fashioned allemande, expressive and without continuous moving notes. The double is more like the eighteenth-century allemande with continuous moving sixteenth notes. The sarabande and courante are much like those found in Buxtehude's harpsichord suites.

This sort of piece was most likely intended for home devotional purposes, and could have been played on any common keyboard instrument such as the harpsichord and clavichord; however it may also have been played on the organ at church. The chorale deals with the subject of placing hope and trust in God. The first verse translates to, "Upon my dear God I trust in times of fear and pain, He can save me any time from sorrow, fear and trouble, He can change my bad fortune, everything is in his hands." Another interpretation of this hymn by Paul Bouman (b. 1918) will be played during the offering, and we also will sing this hymn of placing our trust in God during Communion. ~From the organ bench~



Our Lent worship began on Ash Wednesday on February 14 and will continue through March 21, with worship beginning at 6:30 P.M.
Palm Sunday is Sunday, March 25 with Communion
Maundy Thursday, March 29 with Communion
Good Friday, March 30
Easter Sunday, April 1, with Communion

Central Village Housing

(Sober Housing for Women)



Introducing our Blair House!!! Come meet the residents and owners of CVH. We will be giving tours at each house. Come and find out what sober living is all about.

WHEN: February 28, 2018

TIME: 4:00PM – 7:00PM

WHERE: 734 Blair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

and

513 Central Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55103

No RSVP is required"



NEW RECYCLING/TRASH BINS ARE NOW LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH BUILDING.

Here are a few guidelines for using.

Bins are 3 different colors.

- **Tall GRAY bins and small BLACK bins** are for trash, such as: Kleenex, Styrofoam cups, plates, plastic bags, plastic silverware, take out containers.
- **All BLUE bins** are for recycled materials, such as: paper, glass containers, plastic containers, metal containers.
- **All GREEN bins** are for compostable materials, such as: food scraps, paper napkins, restroom towels, greasy pizza boxes, coffee grounds, tea bags.