

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Family of Mai
Luann Schmidt

Blessings/Guidance

Birth of Andrew Trent
Central Lutheran School
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut in

Lisa Bisping
425 Labore Rd
Apt. 203
Little Canada, MN 55113

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 4

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

MONDAY, March 5

TUESDAY, March 6

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

WEDNESDAY, March 7

5:15 P.M. Lent Meal Potluck

Please bring a dish to share!

6:30 P.M. Lent worship service

THURSDAY, March 8

FRIDAY, March 9

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

SATURDAY, March 10

9:00 A.M. Training for Jonathan House

SUNDAY, March 11

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 4: Elizabeth Asefa

March 5: Marty Langemo

March 6: Roger Binning, Todd Mohrland

March 7: Calvin Hanan, Karen Trudeau, Dianne

Warnest, *Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs*

March 8:

March 9:

March 10:

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 4, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATING



March contact person: Lu Clemmensen

Bruce & Clarice Anderson, Joanne Borocki, Kathryn & Lam Cao, Lu Clemmensen, Analisa Fleischhacker, Cheri Fleischhacker, Brenda Morris, Terry & Michelle Sistad, Janice Uden, Jacob & Sara Yernberg, Josh Yernberg, Doug & Pam Zimmerman



Thank you to the many members who participated in the cottage visits during 2017.

There were many ideas generated but the ideas can only be implemented with a commitment to planning and participation by SSLC membership. Ideas are listed below, along with the name of the PPC member you should contact if you are interested in assisting with implementing any of the ideas.

Potlucks, picnics, hamburger fries:	Lynn Thompson
Choir or hand-bell choir:	Dan Savard
More Bible study types/connecting groups:	Pastor Thompson
Training for service helpers:	Dan Savard
Family outreach:	Megan Huff
Social events (theater, etc.):	Lynn Thompson
Parking lot services in summer:	Dan Savard
Young Couples group:	Megan Huff
Senior group events:	Connie Peterson
Singles group:	Megan Huff
Screen/projector for service:	Dan Savard
“Shortfall Sunday” offering	Terianne Bender
Handicapped accessible restrooms	Dan Baker
Air conditioning	Dan Baker
“Special offering” Sunday	Terianne Bender
Share resources w/other congregations:	Erica Moore – people Dan Baker – facilities Jim Radtke
Music w/sermon shown on YouTube	
Lessons on how to get to know the neighboring community to share Jesus w/them:	Jim Radtke
Softer seats:	Dan Baker
Small group fellowship to really get to know one another:	Lynn Thompson
Bring Gospel to the community:	Jim Radtke
Volunteer fair:	Terianne Bender
Ladies aid group:	Connie Peterson
Cancer support group:	Connie Peterson

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!

Martin Luther wrote the words "Es woll uns Gott genädig sein" (*May God be merciful to us*), basing the lyrics on Psalm 67 (*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us...*), in his attempt to paraphrase the psalms in a German singable version. The words were set to the tune *ES WOLLE GOTT UNS GNÄDIG SEIN*, written by Matthias Greittner (1495-1550). This original tune is found in our hymnal as #823, and is the basis of the chorale by Samuel Scheidt which will be heard during our offering (8:00). As part of the development of Lutheran Service Builder, the hymn tune *ELVET BANKS* was used as an alternate setting for this hymn, our Hymn of the Day today, as well as #407, to make a more accessible version of these lesser used hymns, and this is the tune which will be sung during our service today (8:00). ~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



Don't forget the time change on March 11

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.



Give your spouse the gift of your time and attention— Away from your daily routine – at Lutheran Marriage Encounter! The next

event is scheduled April 6 - 8, 2018 at Holiday Inn – St. Cloud, MN. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575 for more information. Pre-registration is required – don't miss out! If you have questions please call the church office if you would like to talk to someone who has taken a marriage encounter weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of Camp Omega. They are planning a number of upgrades to get ready for the construction of the new family retreat center which is scheduled to start May of 2019. See the insert for the updated design. ~Eugene Heuton~



Camp Omega Lutheran Camp, an extension of your ministry, just completed another successful summer camp/retreat season.

Camp Omega's Summer Program Hosted over 1,700 summer campers and guests and over 1,100 day campers, 24 churches partnered for day camp including retreats over 6,000 people served at camp in 2017

In the Rooted Celebrating Growing Campaign to build a new Adult and Family Retreat Center, \$1920,772 has been raised in cash and pledges received. The total project is expected to cost around \$3.3 million. The 10 acres of land with which Camp Omega has a signed purchase agreement, presents the opportunity to re-think the location and design of the original building. This is a huge blessing. Please keep this important effort in your prayers. Camp Omega is encouraging those that originally pledge to the campaign to consider extending their pledge for the coming year. If you didn't originally contribute but would like to support this effort, please do so directly through Camp Omega's website: www.campomega.org. Follow the links to the campaign. Thank you for your continued help and support. God's richest blessings on your ministry!



IAFR – Jonathon House Training

Saturday March 10th 9am – 3pm

Location: St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

For folks interested in volunteering with Jonathan House*, this is the first crucial step to becoming equipped to be a good friend and neighbor to asylum-seeking refugees. Led by IAFR's Director of Church Training, Rachel Uthmann, and U.S. Regional Leader, Sarah Miller, we will cover::

- * Looking at Forcible Displacement
- * IAFR's Continuum of Recovery
- * Christian Witness in a Humanitarian Context
- * Asylum Seekers in the US
- * Opportunities with Jonathan House

* This training is **REQUIRED** for any folks who would like to volunteer with Jonathan House residents. We will provide information on our volunteer application process at the training.

Please RSVP by March 8 to help us plan adequately for refreshments and to help us prepare training materials. Please bring your own sack lunch for the 45-minute lunch break.

Thank you for your care for forcibly displaced individuals! We look forward to partnering with you.

Contact Sarah Miller, sarah@iafr.org with any questions.

IAFR is 100% donor powered. This event is made possible by our faithful financial partners. Donations to offset the cost of this event are most welcome.