

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Luann Schmidt
Family of Ocie Peterson

Blessings/Guidance

St. Stephanus Staff
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut in

Vera Schwagel
Heritage Apartments
1440 Midway Parkway,
#214
St. Paul, MN. 55108

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 25

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 P.M. Contemporary Worship
Voters meeting after late service
6:30 P.M. Girl Scouts

MONDAY, February 26

TUESDAY, February 27

WEDNESDAY, February 28

5:15 P.M. Lent Meal
6:30 P.M. Lent worship service
7:00 P.M. Jonathan House Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, March 1

FRIDAY, March 2

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

SATURDAY, March 3

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

February 25: Lydia Bekele
February 26: Sara Yernberg
February 27: Haikel Amare, Breanna Rose
February 28: Richard Carter
March 1: Riley Bauch, Candace Pagel, Amy Sura, Lois
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March 2:
March 3:

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

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

February 25, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent



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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March 4 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Jingyan & Zhenghong Schlechte
(10:30) Ben Mohrland & Sydney Sistad
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker (10:30) Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Justin Baker, Leah & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Ron Brubak, Akbar Muhammad, Todd Mohrland
Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Dan Savard
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Tarrie Culbert
Lector: (8:00) Sheila Schlechte (10:30) Karen Mohrland
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Richard Johnson, Roger Binning, Bruce Karger, Philip Pruess
(10:30) Jeff Wussler, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Today's Altar flowers are given in:

Celebration of Lloyd & Ocie Peterson's lives

Last Week's Contributions:

Feb. 18 8:00 (69) 10:30 (94)

Current - \$7,602.50	Missions - \$10.00
Special thanks- \$100.00	Ash Wed. - \$100.00
CLS - \$40.00	20 x 5 - \$5.00
Endowment - \$100.00	Lent- \$ 123.00
Total - \$8,080.50 (\$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) (10:30)
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
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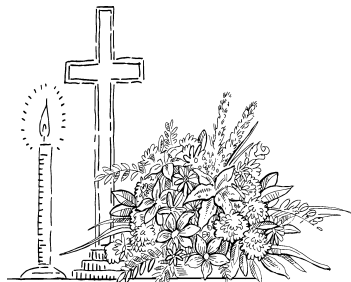


The next Voters Meeting is **TODAY** following the 10:30 service. The agenda will include a Blair House update and ratifying changes to the CLS Constitution. We will order pizza for lunch and take a free will offering to cover the cost.

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.



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



Altar Flowers

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~

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 Schalling (1532-1608), a German theologian and reformer, penned the lyrics "Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr" in 1569. This hymn, translated in our hymnal as "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" is the suggested Hymn of the Day for the second Sunday in Lent. The third verse of this hymn also was used by Bach as the ending chorale "Ach Herr Lass Dein Lieb Engelein" in his oratorio "St. John Passion". In this hymn we confess our faith in God and in his word of promise to bless and keep us. We pray that God would preserve us in the faith, despite the trials of this life, even despite death, and that He would give us a blessed rest while we await the appearing of Christ, when will see him face to face and praise him forevermore! Although the tune is by an unknown composer, several composers have used the tune in their chorales. Two of these settings will be played during the offering and postlude today (8:00).

~From the organ bench~

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"



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.