

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Karon Newman
Marie Benson
Family of Mai
Luann Schmidt
Caquelin family
Micky Zinter

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber
All those traveling

Shut in

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

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

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 18

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

MONDAY, March 19

TUESDAY, March 20

WEDNESDAY, March 21

5:15 P.M. Lent Meal
6:30 P.M. Lent worship service

THURSDAY, March 22

FRIDAY, March 23

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

SATURDAY, March 24

SUNDAY, March 25

Palm Sunday

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 18:
March 19: Sharon Savard
March 20: Mequela Omosowon, Buddy Westphall
March 21: Bruce Anderson, Elsie Rohrbacher
March 22: Al Benson
March 23:
March 24:

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 18, 2018
Fifth 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.

About Communion:

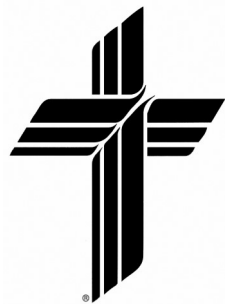
Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of the communion trays. It is distinctly lighter than the surrounding wine. Children who have not received instruction are invited to the rail to receive a blessing. Visitors are welcomed to the rail if you join us in confessing that the Lord gives not only 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.

Prayers:

You are invited to fill out a prayer card located in the pew. Pastor will gather these cards before the prayers of the church. Please print your prayer requests.

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 18 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Assisting the Preacher: Vicar Yohannes Ghebru (10:30)
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan
(10:30) Savannah Caquelin & Addy Munoz
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Justin Baker, Megan Huff, Jane Sell
(10:30) Tricia Schmidt, Akbar Muhammad, Todd Mohrland
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Dianne & Wayne Warnest
Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny (10:30) Katie Miller
Music: (8:00) Organist: 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) Emmet Heck, Noah Miller, Erica Moore, Steve Sohn



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Tammi Nissen-Omosowon

Last Week's Contributions:

March 4 & 11 8:00 (49) 10:30 (63)

Current - \$12,731.83	Missions - \$20.00
Concordia - \$55.00	CLS-\$150.00
Caring & Sharing - \$200.00	Lent - \$110.00
Endowment -\$100.00	Special Thanks - \$5.00
Total - \$13,371.83 (\$6,500 needed weekly)	

March 25 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Emma Pagel & Sydney Sistad
(10:30) Haikel Amare & Oliver Bauch
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ Van Dassor (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Jerry Spiess
Greeters: (8:00) Erin & Justin Baker
(10:30) Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Sharon Savard
Music: (8:00) Organ: Bruce Anderson
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Richard Johnson, John Schonebaum, Corine & Scott Goodrich
(10:30) Dan Savard, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

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

We welcome Dr. Glenn Fluegge, the director of the Cross-cultural Ministry Center (CMC) at Concordia University, Irvine, CA. Dr. Fluegge is the educational and program supervisor for Yohannes Ghebru's vicarage, and is here today on a site visit.

Wednesday, March 21, marks the 332nd anniversary of perhaps the greatest composer of all time, Johann Sebastian Bach, with well over 1000 known compositions. He was a member of a large family of church musicians which remained active for over 200 years. In his lifetime he was merely a well-respected church musician with skill as an organist, but today he is recognized as master interpreter of Holy Scripture and Lutheran doctrine, often inscribing "SDG" or "Soli Deo Gloria" ("To God alone be glory") on his works. Today's voluntaries (8:00) are gathered from his works. The prelude, "Erhält uns Herr, bei deinem Wort" ("Keep us, Lord, faithful to your word") is a chorale on the Luther hymn. This piece is from a handwritten miscellany prepared around 1800 by Christian Heinrich Rinck, with a suggestion that Bach composed this chorale, but since no autograph copy has been found to identify the author, the source is in question. The Prelude and Fugue played for the postlude probably dates to around 1703-1705, while Bach served as organist at Arnstadt. During his tenure at that position, Bach took a four-week leave of absence to visit Lübeck, home of organist Dietrich Buxtehude. Bach walked the 250 miles to Lübeck, returning to his regular position after lingering in Lübeck for three full months.

Some Bach quotes:

"Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul."

"I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music."

"The aim and final reason of all music should be none else but the glory of God and refreshing the soul. Where this is not observed there will be no music, but only a devilish hubbub."

"It's easy to play any musical instrument: all you have to do is touch the right key at the right time and the instrument will play itself."

~From the organ bench~

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How about this for a spring adventure? Receive the gift of enhanced communication skills with 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. ~Eugene Heuton~

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Registration is open for spring and fall sports offered through Concordia Academy's BEAMS (Beacons Elementary And Middle School) Athletics program, including track, football, and dance. Spring and fall BEAMS Athletics are open to students in the appropriate grade levels from any Twin Cities area schools. Go to <http://www.concordiaacademy.com/beams> to get more information and register.

Registration is now open for Concordia Academy's summer camp program. CA offers over two dozen arts, athletics, and STEM camps for students in Grades 3-12. New camps this year include Duct Tape Art, Bella Voce Girls Choir, Radio-Controlled Airplanes, Fastpitch Softball Catching, and G3: Genuinely Great Girls. Get more details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.



Lenten meals begin at 5:15:
- Wed 3/21: Lenten Meal being hosted by Youth Families (Menu: Soups, and grilled cheese)

Palm Sunday is Sunday, March 25 with Communion
Maundy Thursday, March 29 with Communion
Good Friday, March 30
Easter Sunday, April 1, with Communion



**St. Stephanus Men's Club
Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday, April 7, 5-7 P.M.

Adult \$10.00

Children 5 to 12 \$5.00

Tickets available in advance or at the door

Take out is available

The youth group will be holding a bake sale along with the spaghetti dinner. The funds raised will help to support the youth group mission trip. If you would like to donate something please bring it to the church by 5 P.M. on Saturday, April 7th.