

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Dianne & Wayne
Warnest/Newman families
Marie Benson
Luann Schmidt
Micky Zinter

Blessings/Guidance

Baptism of Ethan David
Dahlke
Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter
All those traveling

Shut in

Corene Diedrich
2057 Giesmann St.
Roseville, MN 55113

CELEBRATING



April contact person: Marie Benson

Terianne Bender, Marie Benson, Barb Brown, Wendy Curtis, Megan Huff, Jill Katzenmaier, Mark Lageson, Candace Pagel, Ashley Preuss, Jackie & Philip Preuss, Jennifer Taylor

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 8

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

MONDAY, April 9

TUESDAY, April 10

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

WEDNESDAY, April 11

6:00 P.M. Confirmation

THURSDAY, April 12

FRIDAY, April 13

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

SATURDAY, April 14

SUNDAY, April 15

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

April 8:
April 9: *Job*
April 10:
April 11:
April 12: Ana Thompson
April 13: Cameron Connolly, Mickey Zinter
April 14:

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 8, 2018
2nd Sunday of Easter

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REDEEMER
LIVES!

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:

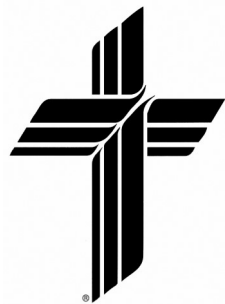
Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of the communion trays. It is distinctly lighter than the surrounding wine. Children who have not received instruction are invited to the rail to receive a blessing. Visitors are welcomed to the rail if you join us in confessing that the Lord gives not only 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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April 8 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Elizabeth Thompson
(10:30) Emma Pagel & Kayla Sura
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker (10:30) Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Jerry Spiess
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Candy Pagel
Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) David Sura
Music: (8:00) Organ: Bruce Anderson Cantor: John Schonebaum
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Dan Savard (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, Bruce Karger, Tesfaya Maskalo, Philip Pruess
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Admasu Mekonen, Trent & Jeremiah Willard



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Joan & Ernie Brown thanking God for the many blessings of 63 years of marriage.

Last Week's Contributions:

March 29,30 & April 1 8:00 (107) 10:30 (161)

Current - \$10,552.43 CLS-\$40.00
Special Thanks - \$140.00 Maundy Thurs. - \$ 636.00
Missions - \$10.00 Total - \$11,378.43 **(\$6,500 needed weekly)**

April 15 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Zhenghong & Jingyan Schlechte
(10:30) Abigail & Haikel Amare
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker (10:30) Russ Van Dassor
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum, Jane Sell
(10:30) Megan Huff, Todd Mohrland, Tricia Schmidt
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Gene Heuton
Greeters: (8:00) Corine Goodrich & Sheila Schlechte
(10:30) Lynne Heuton & Dale Trapp
Lector: (8:00) Jay Schlechte (10:30) Karen Mohrland
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Corine & Scott Goodrich, Reba & Walt Peterson
(10:30) Dale Trapp, Rich, Tarrie, Jon Culbert

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.**

Book Discussion: Why, if God is so hungry for a relationship with us, does he seem so distant? Why, if God cares for us, do bad things happen? Do you ever ask yourself these questions? Philip Yancey's book, *Disappointment with God*, poses three questions that Christians wonder but seldom ask aloud: Is God unfair? Is God silent? Is God hidden. Yancey answers with clarity, honesty and biblical assurance, helping us see beyond the cynicism that life's disappointments can breed and points us to a stronger, wiser faith. Sheila Schlechte & Lynn Thompson will meet twice a month starting mid April to discuss the book and their reflections on these questions. Dates and time are to be determined. Please let them know if you are interested in this discussion. You may contact Sheila at 651-779-7381 or sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com.



Just a reminder that there are at least 21 weeks left of the year where no one has signed up for altar flowers. We need you to sign up.

Altar Flowers



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 secondary 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 ~

Adult Bible study will be in the Fireside room

The first Sunday after Easter is known as "Low Sunday" because of the contrast between the great Easter festival and the lesser degree of celebration of this last day of the Easter Octave. The Latin Introit for the day in the Catholic tradition is "Quasi modo geniti infantes, rationabile, sine dolo lac concupiscite", which has led the day to also be known as "Quasimodo Sunday". If that name sounds familiar, in Victor Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*, the deformed baby was found abandoned in Notre Dame on the first Sunday after Easter, who names the baby after the day on which he was found.

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN is an adaptation of a medieval chant used for "Victimae Paschali laudes" (the same chant is the source for CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN). The tune's arrangement is credited to Johann Walther (1496-1570), in whose 1524 *Gesangk Buchleyn* it was first published. But it is possible that Martin Luther (1483-1546) also had a hand in its arrangement, as he wrote the text. One of the earliest and best-known Lutheran chorales, CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN is a magnificent tune with vigor and lightness characteristic of Easter carols. Many organ compositions are based on this tune, including our prelude today (8:00), a fantasia on the tune by Georg Boehm. A special thanks to our Festival Choir who opened our 8:00 Easter Celebration with this hymn last week

Judas Maccabaeus is George Frederic Handel's oratorio which tells the story of Hanukkah. This dramatization is based on the Maccabean Revolt (167-160 BC), when a Jewish army rose up against the Seleucid Empire (present day Syria). Moving from mournful despair to a stirring rallying cry, the oratorio culminates in triumphant exultation. Today's postlude is based on the jubilation after Judas Maccabaeus achieves victory as Handel included in the movement *See, the Conqu'ring Hero Comes!* The tune is commonly used in hymnals today for the Easter hymn "Thine Is the Glory".
~From the organ bench~

Thank you to all the volunteer musicians, singing voices, cooks and servers, general volunteers and all who helped us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus in Holy Week and on Easter. Your service in our worship and our congregational life are most welcome. I am continually humbled and thankful for my coworkers here in particular: Bruce Anderson, Clarice Anderson, Amy Gundermann, Megan Huff, Admasu Mekonen and Wayne Warnest. Thanks for your work in getting all the things done, and done well. Christ is Risen! In Him We Rise!

-Pastor Thompson