

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Shirley Nuechterlein
Marie Benson
Luann Schmidt
Micky Zinter

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber
All those traveling

Shut in

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

The Week Ahead

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

MONDAY, April 16

TUESDAY, April 17

WEDNESDAY, April 18

6:00 P.M. Confirmation

THURSDAY, April 19

7:00 P.M. Book discussion Group

FRIDAY, April 20

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

SATURDAY, April 21

SUNDAY, April 22

8:00 A. M. Traditional Worship
9:15 A. M. Education Hour
10:30 P. M. Contemporary Worship
6:30 P. M. Girl Scouts

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 15:

April 16: Courtney Willard

April 17: Keith Rennerfeldt

April 18: Latera Admasu, Vincent Cory

April 19:

April 20: Karen Siegel, *Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor*

April 21: Dave Zinter, *Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian*

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

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 15, 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter



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 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 Dassar
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 Cantor: Lois Thur
(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



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

David and Diana Betts and family in memory of David's sister, Nancy, who went to her heavenly home 10 years ago today.

Last Week's Contributions:

April 8 8:00 (57) 10:30 (97)

Current - \$5,120.50
Special Thanks - \$5.00
CLS-\$115.00
Easter - \$ 25.00
Total - \$5,265.50 (\$7,000 needed weekly)

April 22 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Sydney Sistas & Ana Thompson
(10:30) Grace Connolly & Ben Mohrland
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Gene Heuton
Greeters: (8:00) Erin & Justin Baker
(10:30) Lynne Heuton & Candy Pagel
Lector: (8:00) Russ Van Dassar (10:30) Michelle Connolly
Music: (8:00) Organ: Bruce Anderson Cantor: Katie Miller
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, B.J. Brown, Wayne Warnest, Philip Pruess
(10:30) Tesfaya Maskalo, Erica Moore, Trent & Jeremiah Willard

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. **Book discussion will be on Thursdays, April 19, May 3, May 17 and May 31 at 7 P.M. at St. Stephanus.** You may contact Sheila Schlechte at 651-779-7381 or sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Jonathan House is set to open here at St. Stephanus in September 2018.

In the meantime we have several opportunities to support this ministry of helping people as they navigate the difficult process of seeking asylum in our country. We are meeting at St. Stephanus the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7P.M. for a brief update on Jonathan House and for prayer for the ministry, asylum seekers, refugees, etc.

Another way to support this ministry is to donate needed household supplies for the present Jonathan House on Hyacinth Avenue. Supplies will be collected **during the month of May**. Donated items may be placed in a collection container that will be located in the lobby (not the food bin). Supplies needed are: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, Kleenex(full box size), liquid dish soap (24 oz.), toilet bowl cleaner (24 oz.), glass cleaner(24 oz. spray bottle), all purpose cleaner (32 oz. spray bottle), laundry detergent (100 oz.) 13-gallon trash bags (box of 40) 4-gallon trash bags (box of 30), printer paper , plastic forks/spoons/knives, sturdy paper plates, plastic cups, paper cups (for hot drinks) This list is posted on the Jonathan House Bulletin board in the Fireside Room.

We are invited by the residents of Jonathan House Hyacinth Ave for a community potluck meal on **Saturday, April 21 at 10 A.M.** Please bring a dish to share (no pork, please) and meet the residents, staff members, and volunteers involved with this ministry. This is a monthly event happening every 3rd Saturday. Jonathan House address is 876 Hyacinth Avenue E. 55106 For more information contact Cherie Fleischhacker 651-348-9051 or ckfleis@yahoo.com

To stay up to date on everything that is happening with this ministry you can: Like them on Facebook Jonathan House IAFR Subscribe to their email updates: bit.ly/IAFR-MSP or email them with any questions at jonathanhouse@iafr.org

The current residents of the Blair (corner) house are clients of the International Institute of Minnesota and are part of the anti-human trafficking program. Please check the website at IIMN.org for more information about this program. If you meet these tenants please greet them and welcome them to the Frogtown and St. Stephanus community.

Adult Bible study will be in the Fireside room

The hymn tune MIT FREUDEN ZART, which is the tune used in today's hymn of the day (8:00) "With High Delight" is a melody credited to the "Bohemian Brothren", from the Moravian Church, hence is known in some hymnals as BOHEMIAN BROTHREN. Their hymnal *Kirchengesange Buch*, published in 1566 in Eibenschutz, Moravia, used the tune with the lyrics "With High Delight", as penned by George Vetter (1536-1599) - "Mit Freuden zart zu dieser Fahrt", which translates to "With tender joy we praise Thee, Lord. This was later translated into English by Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976) and became the hymn we find in our hymnal today. However, the tune may be much older, having great similarity to the tune used in the 1551 *Geneva Psalter* for Psalm 138, and also shows similarity to a pastoral song "Une pastourelle gentille" published in 1529, which in turn may have originated in the Middle Ages. Today's prelude and offering voluntary are two settings of this hymn tune. ~From the organ bench~



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 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 ~



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.**