

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Elsie Rohrbacher
Shirley Nuechterlein
Marie Benson
Luann Schmidt
Micky Zinter
Chris Tvrdik

Blessings/Guidance

St. Stephanus Staff
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut in

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The Week Ahead

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

MONDAY, April 23

TUESDAY, April 24

WEDNESDAY, April 25

6:00 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. J

THURSDAY, April 26

7:00 P.M. Book discussion Group

FRIDAY, April 27

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

SATURDAY, April 28

SUNDAY, April 29

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/ Communion
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion
After late service **Special Voter's Meeting**

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 22:
April 23: Ethan Cao, Jaz Muhammad
April 24: *Johann Walter, Kantor*
April 25: *St. Mark, Evangelist*
April 26: Michael Bauch
April 27:
April 28:

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 22, 2018
4th Sunday of Easter

I AM THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
I KNOW MY SHEEP
AND MY SHEEP
KNOW
ME.



JOHN 10:14, NIV

CELEBRATING



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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OFFICE HOURS:
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April 22 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Sydney Sistad & 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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:
Tami Nissen-Omosowon

Last Week's Contributions:

April 15 8:00 (0) 10:30 (0)

No Church <Snow Day>

Total - (\$7,000 needed weekly)

April 29 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Emma Pagel & Micah Thompson
(10:30) Eva Gundermann & Simon Heck
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ VanDassar (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Leah & Russ VanDassar
(10:30) Dale Trapp, Jeremiah Willard, Tricia Schmidt
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Jerry Spiess
Greeters: (8:00) Erin & Justin Baker
(10:30) Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny (10:30) Sharon Savard
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, Collin Hanan, Richard Johnson
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Emmet Heck, Noah Miller, Jeff Wussler

Special Voter's Meeting on Sunday April 29th following the 10:30 service. Due to the severity of the financial crisis, this meeting will focus on changes to the Bylaws of the CLS Constitution. The Association is being asked to approve a change which will enable the CLS Board to dispose of real property, if necessary, to make whole the people and entities to which CLS is indebted. The CLS Board can be contacted at boardsec@clssp.org

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 7 P.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 in a container located in the fireside room **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. 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

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) was gifted as a child and acquired considerable fame when he was only five years old. At the age of seven, he already served as organist in his parish church in Lichtenstein, Bavaria, and at the age of eight composed a mass for three voices. Rheinberger, a professor of the theory of music and organ was known for his power of musical invention, masterful technique, and a noble solid style.

Rheinberger composed over two hundred works, including oratorios, operas, cantatas, and several instrumental works including twenty sonatas for organ. Today's prelude (8:00) is the opening movement of Rheinberger's third organ sonata, in the style of a pastorate, fitting today's theme of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, and since we are still in the Easter season we close our service (8:00) with the Easter hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing". The hymn tune GELOBT SEI GOTT will also serve as the postlude. Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615) composed this tune for the hymn "Gelobt sei Gott in höchsten Thron" (tr: "Praised be God on highest throne"). This 20-stanza German hymn first published in 1531 was comprised of two stanzas of praise, fifteen stanzas of narration, and three stanzas of prayer, which was later shortened to the Easter hymn we sing today.

~From the organ bench~

Thank you to all who helped to make this years Spaghetti Dinner, and Youth Bake Sale a huge success. ~Men's Club~

This May, the Voters will again be voting for members of the Parish Planning Council (PPC). This group takes up issues and decisions needed to be made for the general running of the congregation. As needed, they make recommendations to the Voters for approval or changes to the business of the church.

The following positions are open for the next two-year term:

Congregation President
1st Vice President
Parish Education
4 positions for CLS board representative

The only requirements laid out by our constitution to be eligible for any of these positions is that you are at least 18 years old and in good standing in the congregation.

In all cases, people have already been approached to fill these positions, but if the Spirit moves you to want to serve in any of these capacities, please let Leah VanDassor know!

If you'd like more info about any of the positions, please contact Pastor Thompson, Dan Savard or Leah VanDassor.

thanks,
Leah