

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Elsie Rohrbacher
Shirley Nuechterlein
Chris Tvrdik
Bill Willard
Parker Kruchowski
Family of Dan Rude

Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristin Humber

The Week Ahead

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**

MONDAY, April 30

TUESDAY, May 1

WEDNESDAY, May 2

6:00 P.M. Confirmation

THURSDAY, May 3

7:00 P.M. Book discussion Group@ Emmy
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FRIDAY, May 4

Office closed

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

SATURDAY, May 5

SUNDAY, May 6

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 29:

April 30: Justin Baker, Lynne Heuton

May 1: Abigail Amare, *St. Philip and St. James, Apostles*

May 2: Gene Heuton, Shiori Konda Muhammad,
Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor

May 3:

May 4: Jim Siegel, *Friedrich Wylene, Pastor and Missionary*

May 5: Mana Goytom, *Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler*

CELEBRATING



May contact person: Kathy Fox

Ronald & Mary Bisping, Ron & Jan Brubak, Amy Fleischhacker, Kathy Fleischhacker, Kathy & Harvey Fox, Richard Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Tesfay Maskalo & Messeret Kebede, Akbar & Shiori Muhammad, Steve Sohn, Dave & Mickey Zinter, Greg Zinter

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 29, 2018
5th 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:

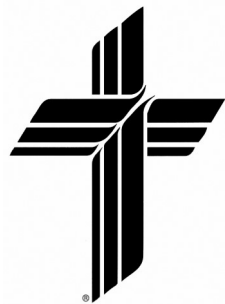
Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of the communion trays. It is distinctly lighter than the surrounding wine. Children who have not received instruction are invited to the rail to receive a blessing. Visitors are welcomed to the rail if you join us in confessing that the Lord gives not only 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 29 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Emma Pagel & Micah Thompson
(10:30) Eva Gundermann & Simon Heck
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ VanDassor (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Leah & Russ VanDassor
(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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Lee & Lois Bruss

Last Week's Contributions:

April 15 & 22 8:00 (65) 10:30 (105)

Current - \$7,592.89
Sunday School - \$63.80
CLS - \$30.00
Missions - \$10.00
20 x 5- \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$100.00
Total - \$7,801.69 (\$7,000 needed weekly)

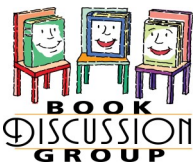
May 6 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan
(10:30) Grace Connolly & Lexi Miller
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) John Schonebaum, Jane Sell, Megan Huff
(10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Tricia Schmidt, Jeremiah Willard
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt
Greeters: (8:00) Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Dale Trapp
Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Michelle Connolly
Music: (8:00) Organ: Bruce Anderson
(10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Collin Hanan, Wayne Warnest, Walt & Reba Peterson
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Noah Miller, Jan & Ron Brubak

Altar Flowers - Did you know that the altar flowers are paid for totally by member donations. If nobody signs up the a Sunday someone on the Altar Guild usually ends up covering the cost. About half of the Sundays have not be signed up for this year, and the Altar Guild is considering stopping the use of fresh flowers.

During the next three months these Sundays do not have a sponsor (5/27, 6/3, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, and 7/15). There are two vases on the altar. Each vase cost \$21 and you can choose to sponsor one or both.

The flowers can be given in memory of someone, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in thanks for a blessing or a person God has put in your life. This is published in the bulletin and you can take home the flowers after the second service or donate them. The sign up sheet is on the end of the mailboxes near the stairs to the balcony and the lobby. To pay for the flowers, simply put cash or a check to St. Stephanus along with your name in an envelope marked "altar flowers" and place in the Sunday offering.



Book discussion will be on May 3rd at 7 P.M. at Emmy Treichel's home. Discussion will be through chapter 21 of Philip Yancey's book, *Disappointment with God*. In these chapters, "God within the shadows," Yancey looks from God's perspective through scripture. Future meetings are May 17 and May 31. Contact Sheila Schlechte at 651-779-7381 or sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Jonathan House Support Opportunity

International Association for Refugees is set to open the second Jonathan House here at St. Stephanus in September 2018.

During May, we can help to fill the supply closet at Jonathan House on Hyacinth Ave. The supply list is posted on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room. Donated items can be placed in the collection bin below the bulletin board. For more information contact Cherie Fleischhacker 651-348-9051 or ckfleis@yahoo.com

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.

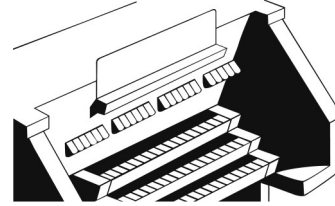
In all cases, people have already been approached to fill these positions, but if the Spirit moves you to want to serve in any of these capacities, please let Leah VanDassor know!

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

thanks,
Leah

Adult Bible study will be in the Fireside room

From the ORGANIST



The hymn tune MIT FREUDEN ZART, which is the tune used for the hymn "With High Delight" is a melody credited to the "Bohemian Brethren", from the Moravian Church, hence is known in some hymnals as BOHEMIAN BROTHERN. 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 is a setting of this hymn tune.

SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT was originally the tune to a fifteenth-century folk song, "Der reich Mann war geritten aus," and it was adopted by the Bohemian Brethren for their 1566 hymnal, *Kirchengeseng*. The tune is an example of a *contrafactum* - a tune which was changed from the folk/court use to church use. The title is from the German text most commonly set to the tune, "Sun of Justice", based on the theme of yearning for justice and unity created by the prophet Malachi. The hymn was first published in 1932 as a compilation by Otto Riethmüller from older stanzas by different hymnwriters from as far back as the 18th century, and was intended as a wakeup call to the German church facing the rise of the Nazis. Our hymnal uses this tune for the hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing", and is the prescribed Hymn of the Day to accompany today's Gospel reading. The offering voluntary and postlude (8:00) will be two settings of this hymn tune.

~From the organ bench~



Special Voter's Meeting TODAY 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

Please welcome and pray for our newest Confirmands that will be getting confirmed next Sunday at the late service. Wyattte Nissen, Lexi Miller, Addy Munoz, Kayla Sura, Ryan LeClair-Sura

Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV) - Kayla Sura

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Psalms 91:9-12 (NIV) - Wyattte Nissen

If you say, “The LORD is my refuge,”
and you make the Most High your dwelling,

10

no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

11

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;

12

they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Philippians 4:9 (NIV) - Lexi Miller

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—
put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) - Addy Munoz

But those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NASB) - Ryan LeClair-Sura

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them,
for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you
or forsake you.”



Confirmation NEWS