

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Jaz Muhammad  
James Kue  
Dave Zinter  
Emily Peter  
Shirley Nuechterlein

### Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristin Humber

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, August 26

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship  
6:30 P.M. Girl Scouts  
8:00 P.M. St. Stephanus Softball Pioneer 2

### MONDAY, August 27

### TUESDAY, August 28

4:00 P.M. Cooking and nutrition class  
5:00 P.M. Free Farmers Produce Market

### WEDNESDAY, August 29

9:00 A.M. Youth Farm

### THURSDAY, August 30

3:30 P.M. Youth Farm

### FRIDAY, August 31

#### Office closed

12:00 P.M. Youth Farm  
1:30 P.M. Feeding Frogtown @ St. Paul City School

### SATURDAY, Sept. 1

### SUNDAY, Sept. 2

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/ Communion  
10:45 A.M. Education Hour

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

August 26:

August 27: Kathy Fox, *Monica, Mother of Augustine*

August 28: *Augustine of Hippo, Pastor and Theologian*

August 29: Alganesh Beyen, *The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist*

August 30: Clarice Anderson, Josh Langemo

August 31: Nora Brown

September 1: Logan Curtis, *Joshua*

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 26, 2018

20th Sunday after Pentecost



CELEBRATING



### September contact person: Carol Hirt

Elizabeth Asefa, Erin & Justin Baker, Earl Berg, Matt & Tiffany Hanan, Carol Hirt, Robert & Lois Holtz, Joanne Johansen, Sharen Kappes, Bruce & Peggy Karger, Marc & Melissa Karger, Vonnie Karger, Nancy Sontag, David & Amy Sura, Emmy Treichel, David & Mary Ann Weckwerth

## 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.

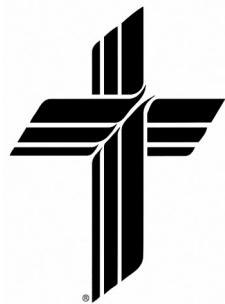
## Sunday Summer Services: May 27-Sept 2 (2018)

Worship 9:30 AM

Education Hour 10:45 AM

Holy Communion at both services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.

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OFFICE HOURS:  
Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM  
Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed.

## August 26 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (9:30)** Grace Connolly & Larissa Doran

**Caretaker: (9:30)** John Schonebaum

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (9:30)**

**Elder: (9:30)** Gene Heuton

**Greeters: (9:30)** Marie Benson & Lynne Heuton

**Lector: (9:30)** Michelle Connolly

**Music: (9:30)** Worship Band

**Soundboard: (9:30)** Leonard Miller

**Ushers: (9:30)** Roger Binning, Steve Sohn, Dale Trapp, Jeff Wussler



## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Brenda Brown in memory of Brad & Casey Brown and  
Dustin Morris.

## Last Week's Contributions:

August 19 9:30 ( 104 )

Current - \$5,188.38

CLS- \$48.00

20x5 - \$5.00

Missions - \$10.00

Debt Reduction-\$40.00

Special Thanks - \$100.00

Total - \$5,391.38 **(\$7,000 needed weekly)**

## September 2 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (9:30)** Abigail & Haikel Amare

**Caretaker: (9:30)** Dan Savard

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (9:30)** Matt Hanan, Erica Moore, Dan Savard,  
Jane Sell, Russ Van Dassar

**Elder: (9:30)** Keith Rennerfeldt

**Greeters: (9:30)** Judy Brinkman & Candy Pagel

**Lector:(9:30)** Karen Mohrland

**Music: (9:30)** Worship Band

**Soundboard: (9:30)** Leonard Miller

**Ushers: (9:30)** Admasu Mekonen, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

**Enhance your communication skills and add pizzazz to your marriage** with Lutheran Marriage Encounter! The next event is scheduled October 12-14, 2018 at Centerstone Plaza Hotel in Rochester, MN. Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at [mcmahonp@comcast.net](mailto:mcmahonp@comcast.net) or 763-561-1575 for more information. Pre-registration is required-don't miss out!

**Thank you** for everyone who helped with the backpack giveaway. We were able to distribute 360 backpacks. 41 people volunteered for different opportunities to make this event a success. ~Tarrie Culbert, Matthew Culbert co coordinators for the backpack giveaway~

**Serving at The Ronald McDonald House** - The Women's Connecting Group is sponsoring a monthly meal at The Ronald McDonald House as we continue to remember Simon Caquelin. We served our first meal in July and it was an incredible experience. Several things contributed to that success: a support staff at the house, a well-stocked kitchen to work in, an enthusiastic team of St. Stephanus volunteers, and an opportunity to interact with parents and families of patients at Gillette Children's Hospital. These meals provide a home-away-from-home cooked meal to families who are spending hours at the bedside of a seriously ill or injured child. With this first meal under our belts we are looking forward to the next. Our goal is to provide at least one meal a month for 12 months. We will be signing up for various times and days of the week to provide volunteer opportunities that will fit into your various schedules. If you would like to consider helping at future meals or have questions, please contact Emmy Treichel or Lynne Heuton and we will put your name on an email list and keep you informed regarding our schedule.

### **Reuse your grocery bags!!**

St. Stephanus is partnering with Second Harvest Heartland and the Frogtown Neighborhood Association to continue bringing food into the Frogtown Community. On Tuesdays (**5 more** Tuesdays) we have a Frogtown Farmer's Market produce distribution. Plastic and paper grocery bags are needed for the weekly distributions. Bags for reuse can be dropped into the grocery cart on Sunday mornings.

### **Bible Study is in the Fireside Room**

**We will be returning** to our 2 services starting Sept. 9th with 8 AM being our Traditional service and our 10:30 being our Contemporary service with Education Hour beginning at 9:15.

**The Parish Planning Council (PPC)**, at the direction of the Voter's Assembly, established a policy concerning continued education support for students attending Lutheran Elementary Schools. We will continue to support families seeking Christian Education at these schools at the same level we did with Central Lutheran School. Please visit [saintstephanus.org](http://saintstephanus.org) where you can read the whole policy and its implementation.

**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.**

### **Small Group Opportunity for September & October:**

You are invited to read Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster which explores central spiritual practices of the Christian faith that lead to spiritual growth. "We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." Romans 7:14-15. Do you find yourself in this vicious circle? Do you struggle to do more and be more, even as a child of God? God wants to show us that HE is the more but our flesh resists hearing that voice, His voice. Spiritual Disciplines can help us toward inner transformation and "liberation from the stifling slavery of self-interest and fear." They can help us shed our superficial habits and "bring the abundance of God into our lives."

The inward Disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study offer avenues of personal examination and change. The outward Disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission, and service help prepare us to make the world a better place. The corporate Disciplines of confession, worship, guidance, and celebration bring us nearer to one another and to God. Foster provides a wealth of examples demonstrating how these Disciplines can become part of our daily activities. Please contact Sheila Schlechte if you are interested in being part of a small group that meets to discuss this book. 651-779-7381 or [sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com)

Is there an item at Central Lutheran School that has sentimental value to you? Perhaps some symbol of your or your children's time at the school?

Starting August 9th, Requests for potential sale/gifting of tangible personal property of the Central Lutheran School Association may be made here: <https://goo.gl/BwpZq3>  
 Until the Properties Manager approves the request, no removal or modification of tangible personal property that is owned in common as the Central Lutheran School Association may occur.


Tangible personal property is defined as:  
 Tangible personal property is everything other than real estate that is used in a business or rental property. Examples of tangible personal property are computers, furniture, tools, machinery, signs, equipment, leasehold improvements, supplies, and leased equipment.

**Attention Parents** - St. Stephanus intends to continue our financial support of Christian Education. Money that was budgeted for students at CLS will now be used to assist students at other Lutheran grade schools. In order to do this, we need your help. We need to identify those students and where they will be attending. If you have a child in grades K - 8th and wish tuition assistance it is important that you contact the Pastor and let him know where your children will be attending. It will also be required that you arrange a meeting with the Pastor to discuss our joint responsibility in Christian Education and what it means to be an active member of our church community. At this meeting he will also explain the various financial assistance available. Please contact the Pastor immediately to set up this meeting.

**Jonathan House Ministry:**  
 Recovery from forced displacement requires a supportive community, life-giving faith and emotional well-being along with the ability to navigate and contribute to society.

To stay up to date on everything that is happening with this ministry you can: check the website at <http://iafr.org>, like them on Facebook Jonathan House IAfr, or email with any questions at [jonathanhouse@iafr.org](mailto:jonathanhouse@iafr.org)

**SAVE the DATE!!**  
 Jonathan House Blair Residence is set to open here at St. Stephanus this Fall. There will be a fundraiser happening at St. Stephanus on Tuesday, October 9th. Please join volunteers and staff members of Jonathan House for breakfast and a tour of the house.  
 Volunteers will be needed for set-up before and clean-up after the fundraiser event. Please contact Cherie Fleischhacker for if you are interested or for more information. [ckfle1@yahoo.com](mailto:ckfle1@yahoo.com) or 651-348-9051




## Just for KIDS

### Vacation Time

Where do you like to go on vacation? Check out these places from the Bible.  
 Use the Scripture verses below to find these places in the puzzle. (If a verse has more than one place, only one is in the puzzle. Figure out which one.) Circle each place in the puzzle.

Answers go: → ↓ ↘



Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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