

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Sue Kressin & Family
Jaz Muhammad
James Kue
Dave Zinter
Emily Peter
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristin Humber

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Sept. 2

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

MONDAY, Sept. 3

Labor Day
Office closed

TUESDAY, Sept. 4

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 5

THURSDAY, Sept. 6

Men's Club meeting

FRIDAY, Sept. 7

3:00 P.M. Feeding Frogtown @ St. Paul City School

SATURDAY, Sept. 8

SUNDAY, Sept. 9

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship
6:00 P.M. St. Stephanus Softball Pioneer 2

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

September 2: *Hannah*

September 3: Janice Uden, Jingyan Schlechte, *Gregory the Great, Pastor*

September 4: *Moses*

September 5: *Zacharias and Elizabeth*

September 6:

September 7:

September 8:

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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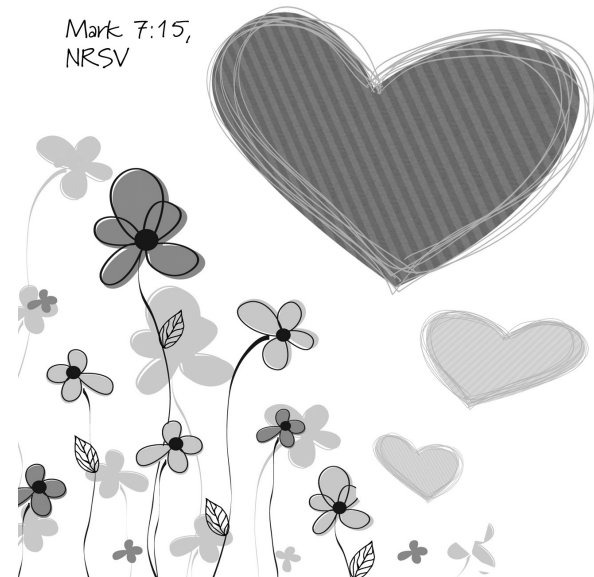
with Jesus Christ and Each Other

September 2, 2018

15th Sunday after Pentecost

There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

Mark 7:15,
NRSV



CELEBRATING



September contact person: Carol Hirt & Lois Holtz

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 Services:

Traditional Worship 8:00 A.M.
Education Hour 9:15 AM
Contemporary Worship 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion at both services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.
Eritrean Service 12 Noon



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Admasu Mekonen

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

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) Terianne Bender
Music: (9:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (9:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (9:30) Admasu Mekonen, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Jerry & Jackie Spiess

Last Week's Contributions:

August 26 9:30 (131)

Current - \$9,231.58

Total - \$9,231.58 (\$7,000 needed weekly)

September 9 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) (10:30)
Caretaker: (8:00) (10:30)
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) (10:30)
Greeters: (8:00) (10:30)
Lector: (8:00) (10:30)
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson **(10:30)** Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) (10:30)
Ushers: (8:00) (10:30)

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 (**4 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.

You are invited to a free interactive exhibition about the Global Refugee

Crisis, Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m. The tour is approximately 1 hr. This exhibition is sponsored by Doctor Without Borders and is being shown in 5 cities in the U.S. this year. You will enter a 360 degree video dome to witness the personal stories of displaced people and make difficult decisions about what you take if you were forced from home.

A representative from the International Association for Refugees, the sponsors for our Jonathon House, has been invited for lunch with us.

Please call Emmy, (651)645-3044, or e-mail emmytreichel@gmail.com or ckflei@yahoo.com if you have questions or to make a reservation for lunch. Reservations are needed for the luncheon.

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.



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 ~

Give the one you love more of your time and attention away from your daily routine at Lutheran Marriage Encounter! The next event is scheduled October 12-14, 2018 at Centerstone Plaza Hotel in Rochester, MN. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575 for more information. Pre-registration is required-don't miss out!



Small Group Book Discussion on *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster

The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from Sept. 13th to Nov. 8th. Meeting time will be 7-8:30 P.M. Our first meeting will be at St.

Stephanus, but the following meetings will be at the home of Emmy Treichel. For the first meeting, please read the first three chapters: 1) Spiritual Disciplines: Door to Liberation; 2) Meditation; & 3) Prayer. As we meet, we can decide as a group how deeply or quickly

we want to go through this book. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Schlechte at 651-779-7381 or sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com

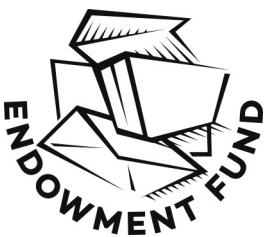
Is there an item at Central Lutheran School that has sentimental value to you? Perhaps some symbol of your or your children's time at the school?
Starting August 9th, Requests for potential sale/gifting of tangible personal property of the Central Lutheran School Association may be made here: <https://goo.gl/BwpZq3>
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.

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 where you can read the whole policy and its implementation.

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.



Endowment Grants - The endowment committee is proud to announce that over \$14,000 was awarded to various individuals and organizations within the church. While not huge, our endowment has grown to a point that earnings can provide significant assistance to support and extend the mission of the church. This year's grants were awarded to Feeding Frogtown, the backpack give-away, the Women's Connecting Group, Concordia Academy students, support

for a seminarian, and seed money to explore a local senior citizen ministry. Over the next year these groups will be sharing with you additional information on how the money is being used. We hope this will inspire others to apply next year as we work to fulfill our sacred calling to care for one another.

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.

SAVE the DATE!!

Jonathan House Blair Residence is set to open here at St. Stephanus this Fall. Supplies are now being collected to stock the house. Donated items may be placed in a collection container that will be located in the Fireside Room below the Jonathan House Bulletin Board where this list is posted

Supplies needed are: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, Kleenex(full size box), 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.

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 more information or to volunteer. ckflei@yahoo.com or 651-348-9051

PRAYER:

Please pray for this ministry as the lease on the house is negotiated and signed, for the residents who will occupy the house, for a successful fundraiser, and resources to furnish and supply the house.

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