

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Sue Kressin & Family
Jaz Muhammad
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Corene Diedrich

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Sept. 9

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

MONDAY, Sept. 10

TUESDAY, Sept. 11

5:00 P.M. Free Farmers Market
7:00 P.M. PPC

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 12

THURSDAY, Sept. 13

FRIDAY, Sept. 14

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

SATURDAY, Sept. 15

SUNDAY, Sept. 16

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/ Communion
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/ Communion
8:00 P.M. St. Stephanus Softball Pioneer 4

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

September 9:
September 10: Phillip Radtke
September 11:
September 12: Jennifer Caquelin
September 13:
September 14: *Holy Cross Day*
September 15: Brittany Willard

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

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

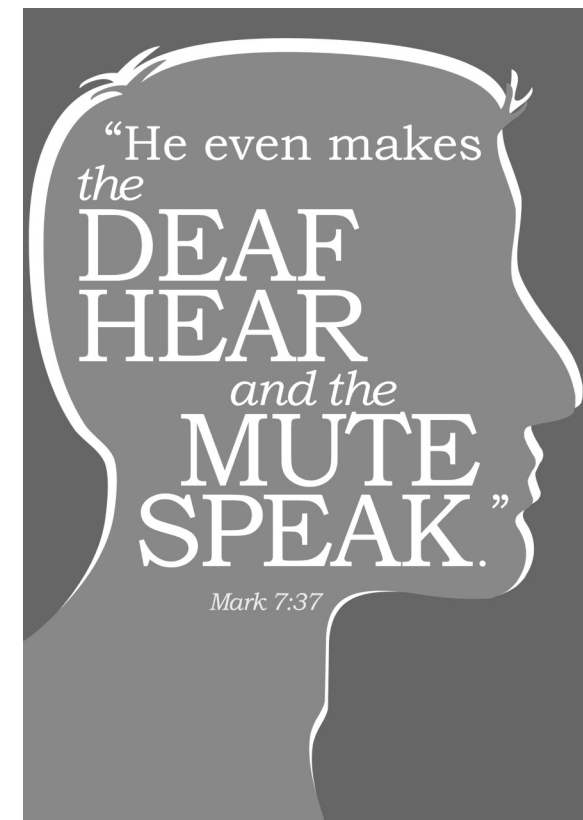
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

September 9, 2018

16th Sunday after Pentecost



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:

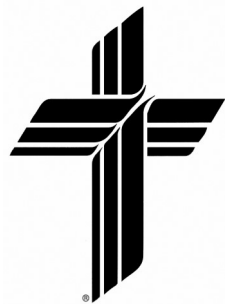
Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of the communion trays. It is distinctly lighter than the surrounding wine. Children who have not received instruction are invited to the rail to receive a blessing. Visitors are welcomed to the rail if you join us in confessing that the Lord gives not only 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 9 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Elizabeth & Micah Thompson (10:30) Grace Connolly & Emma Pagel

Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker (10:30) Rich Culbert

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)

Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Dan Savard (10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Candy Pagel

Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Michelle Connolly

Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band

Soundboard: (8:00) Dan Savard (10:30) Leonard Miller

Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, Bruce Karger, Philip Pruess, John Schonebaum
(10:30) Admasu Mekonen, Steve Sohn, Jeremiah & Trent Willard



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

David & Diana Betts in thanksgiving for our family.

Last Week's Contributions:

Sept 2 @ 9:30 (92)

Current - \$5,517.00

Missions - \$25.00

Total - \$5,542.00 (\$7,000 needed weekly)

September 16 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Owen Schonebaum & Sydney Sista
(10:30) Kayla Sura

Caretaker: (8:00) Ron Brubak (10:30) Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Megan Huff, John Schonebaum
(10:30) Erica Moore, Akbar Muhammad, Jeremiah Willard

Elder: (8:00) Wayne Warnest (10:30) Gene Heuton

Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown (10:30) Lynne Heuton & Candy Pagel

Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny (10:30) David Sura

Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band

Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller

Ushers: (8:00) Richard Johnson, Tesfaya Maskalo, Reba & Walt Peterson
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Steve Sohn, Dale Trapp, Jeff Wussler

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.

Lunch and Learn:

Tour the FORCED FROM HOME Exhibition and return for lunch at St. Stephanus on Saturday, September 15 (see information in today's bulletin).

Save the Date:

Please join volunteers and staff members of Jonathan House for the First Annual Jonathan House Sheltering Hope Breakfast at St. Stephanus on Tuesday, October 9th, 8-9 A.M.

Donations needed:

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 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.

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.

No Bible Study today. It will return next Sunday in the Fireside Room

Dr. Maurice Greene (1695-1755) was a friend of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), and celebrated organist and composer, serving as organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. In 1765 the publication of the "Collection of Voluntaries for Organ or Harpsichord composed by Dr. Green, Mr. Travers and several other eminent Masters" is an example of the style of English music of the period, exhibiting a fondness for trumpet or horn fanfares. English organs of the time seldom included pedal divisions; when pedals were present they were used to extend the range of the keyboard. Today's prelude (8:00) is a setting from this collection - the authorship is unknown as the individual pieces were not identified as to a composer.

Though John Wesley (1703-1791) is called the father of Methodism, his brother Charles Wesley (1707-1788) was a strong proponent of Methodist congregational singing. Charles Wesley disliked the prevalence of the psalms sung in worship at his time, and his solution was to give to Methodism, and to modern hymnody, many original hymn texts, including "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," which he wrote for Sunday, May 21, 1739 - the first anniversary of his conversion on Pentecost Sunday, or Whitsunday as it was then known. The hymn was first published in a 1780 Methodist hymn collection, in eighteen stanzas, the seventh of which became the first stanza of the hymn we now know. Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829) wrote the tune AZMON, which was arranged by Lowell Mason (1792-1872) to be used with the hymn. Today's postlude (8:00) is a Paul Manz setting of this tune.

Today, as we return to two services and begin our back-to-school/fall worship schedule, we will also change the liturgy used for the traditional service. We find a Service of Prayer and Preaching in our hymnal. Another form of this service, upon which today's service is based, is found in a past Worship Supplement and uses a structure of prayer with a pattern also suggested for individual private prayer. This pattern can be summarized in the word ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. ~From the organ bench~



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 ~



NEW RECYCLING/TRASH BINS ARE NOW LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH BUILDING.

Here are a few guidelines for using:

Bins are 3 different colors.

- **Tall GRAY bins and small BLACK bins** are for trash, such as: Kleenex, all Styrofoam products, plastic bags, take out containers.
- **All BLUE bins** are for recycled materials, such as: **clean** cardboard, paper, glass containers, plastic containers, metal containers.
- **All GREEN bins** are for compostable materials, such as: food scraps, paper napkins, compostable plates & plastic silverware, restroom towels, greasy pizza boxes, coffee grounds, tea bags.

You are invited to a free Interactive Exhibition and Luncheon about the Global Refugee Crisis.

This exhibition, called 'Forced From Home', is sponsored by "Doctors Without Borders" and is being shown in 5 cities in the United States this year and will be here September 9-16.

On this one-hour tour, you will enter a 360° video dome to witness the personal stories of displaced people, walk through scenes representing a refugee's journey, and make difficult decisions about what you would take if you were forced from home.

Please join members of St. Stephanus on Saturday morning, September 15 for the 10A.M. tour and then return to St. Stephanus for lunch and conversation. If you wish to carpool to the exhibition, please meet in the church parking at 9:15 A.M. to leave by 9:30 A.M. (Please note that the date was incorrect in last week's bulletin)

Much can be learned from this exhibit as St. Stephanus begins its relationship with the Jonathon House residence for people seeking asylum. We have also invited a staff member from the International Association of Refugees to join us for lunch.

If you have questions or to make reservations for lunch, please contact Emmy Treichel, emmytreichel@gmail.com or Cherie Fleischhacker 651-348-9051 or ckflei@yahoo.com

(Reservations are needed for the luncheon that will be provided using a grant from Thrivent)

If you wish to tour the exhibition at another time, please feel free to join us for lunch.

More information on times and dates for this tour can be found at:

<http://www.forcedfromhome.com/locations/the-commons/>

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.

How about this for a fall adventure? Receive the gift of enhanced communication skills 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 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.

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 (**3 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 box located in the Fireside room.