

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Vera Schwagel
Jaz Muhammad
Shirley Nuechterlein

Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kirstin Humber

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Sept. 23

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

MONDAY, Sept. 24

TUESDAY, Sept. 25

5:00 P.M. Free Farmers Market

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 26

6:00 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. Jonathan House prayer group

THURSDAY, Sept. 27

FRIDAY, Sept. 28

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

SATURDAY, Sept. 29

SUNDAY, Sept. 30

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 23:

September 24:

September 25: Allison Johnson

September 26: Christopher Schonebaum

September 27: Savannah Caquelin

September 28:

September 29: *St. Michael & All Angels*

CELEBRATING



September contact person: Carol Hirt & Lois Holtz

Elizabeth Asefa, Erin 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 23, 2018

18th Sunday after Pentecost

The
“SON *of* MAN
is to be betrayed...
they will kill him, and
three days after being
killed, he will rise again.”



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

September 23 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Micah Thompson (10:30) Grace Connolly & Joshua Langemo
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Jerry Spiess
Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich (10:30) Judy Brinkman & Marty Langemo
Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Michelle Connolly
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Bruce Karger, Philip Pruess, Reba & Walt Peterson (10:30) Steve Sohn, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Terianne Bender

Last Week's Contributions:

Sept 16 8:00 (88) 10:30 (115)

Current - \$3,239.00 Fidelity - \$850.00
Endowment - \$125.00 Other - \$40.00
Total - \$4,254.00 (**\$7,000 needed weekly**)

September 30 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Oliver Bauch & Ana Thompson (10:30) Savannah & Sebastian Caquelin
Caretaker: (8:00) Russ Van Dassar (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Tricia Schmidt, Leah Van Dassar (10:30) Jane Sell, Dale Trapp, Jeremiah Willard
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Dan Savard
Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Candy Pagel (10:30) Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Sharon Savard
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, Collin Hanan, Richard Johnson, Tesfaya Maskalo (10:30) Emmet Heck, Steve Sohn, Noah Miller, Jeff Wussler

THANK YOU to all you who staffed the volunteer fair last Sunday, those who visited with us, and those who signed up for a new stewardship of time opportunity! The winner of the drawing is Ben Mohrland – congratulations Ben!

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of workers and contributions for our “coffee hour” after first service!

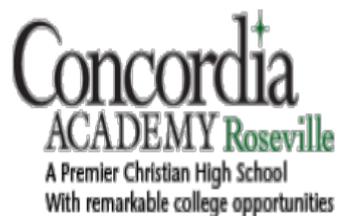
All members of St. Stephanus are listed to participate for one month during the year for various activities. (listed on the back page of the church bulletin)

We are asking that you make a commitment by choosing one Sunday during the month that you are scheduled to serve. Please sign up on the sheet located on the treat table.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Joan Baker and Lynn Thompson for their loyalty in giving of their time on Sunday mornings in the past. They will be available to help make the transition. The caretakers have graciously consented to making the coffee.

If you are not able to work, please consider purchasing treats and ask one of the people listed on the month to fill in for you. Financial donations are needed to purchase coffee, cups and paper products.

~Women’s Ministry-Lois Holtz~



CA Homecoming on Oct. 5

You're invited to Concordia Academy's Homecoming on Friday, October 5. A carnival with plenty of fun kids' games starts at 5:30 PM, followed by the football game vs. Humboldt at 7 PM. Admission is free for all children, as well as CA alumni. Admission for other adults is \$6. Join in this great celebration of CA's 125 years "In The Light!"

CA Craft Fair on Nov. 10

Concordia Academy's annual Holiday Craft Fair takes place November 10, 9 AM - 3 PM. If you are a vendor who would like to participate, sign up now before spaces are gone! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair.

Bible Study: How do I write, speak, communicate a significant Spiritual event, place, activity, presence of God in my life to others? Sunday, 9/16, we started looking at crafting and communicating a Spiritual Autobiography during our Education Hour. It is my hope that it opens us up as a community to share the work of God in our lives so that we may be better able to speak to the work of God in the lives of others. After the 8:00 service grab a treat and coffee and join us in the Fireside Room.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871), the granddaughter of a famous English evangelical preacher was known as a humorous poet during her youth. At age 32, she suffered from a serious illness that left her disabled for the remainder of her life. After struggling with rage and inner conflict following the illness, she found inner peace through her faith in God and turned her literary talents to writing hymns - over her lifetime, Elliott wrote about 150 hymns.

In 1834, Elliott was living in Brighton, England. One day when everyone in her family had gone to a church bazaar, Elliott was left alone, confined by her sickness. Though depressed with feelings of uselessness and loneliness, she recalled the message "Come to Christ just as you are," which led to the writing of her most famous hymn. People aren't "good enough" or "not good enough" to come to Jesus. It is through God's initiative, pardon, promises and free love mentioned throughout the hymn that everyone can come to Jesus. Just like Elliott, people will face "conflict", "doubt" and "fighting and fears within and without", but one can find rest in Jesus. Today we will sing this Elliott hymn, "Just as I Am", and it will also serve as the voluntary during the offering (8:00). ~From the organ bench~

*****Special Voter's meeting October 7 (after the late service) to discuss the sale of 775 Lexington (Central Lutheran School property)*****

Optimize your marriage with a one-of-a-kind experience at the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter event scheduled October 12-14, 2018 at Centerstone Plaza Hotel in Rochester, MN. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahan at mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575 for more information. Pre-registration is required-don't miss out!



Sheltering Hope Breakfast

You're invited! Join us for an hour of stories, celebration, and HOPE as we reflect on our first year providing safe, stable housing to asylum seekers in the Twin Cities and share what's next for Jonathan House.

This is a free breakfast event and there is no financial commitment in attending. Attendees will have an opportunity to become a Friend of Jonathan House and donate toward our second site in partnership with St. Stephanus, scheduled to open Fall 2018.

Come and learn how Jonathan House is making a difference in individuals' lives and how you can shelter hope for some of the 3,000 asylum seekers living in Minnesota.

If you plan to attend, **please contact Lynn Thompson by October 2.**

Unable to attend but still wish to donate?

1. Write a check to:

"International Association for Refugees"

2. Write "Jonathan House" in the Memo
3. Drop the check at St. Stephanus church office in an envelope marked for Lynn Thompson.

Donate Online:

1. Go to www.iafr.org
2. Click Donate
3. Select Project: Jonathan House

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 Fire-side room.

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. Jonathan House provides supportive housing to asylum-seeking refugees in the Twin Cities.

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.

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 or 651-348-9051

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 include: 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.