

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Stephanie Baker
Bill Willard
Richard Johnson

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 2

Advent

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion
9:15 A.M. Education hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/ Communion
Noon Eritrean Worship

MONDAY, December 3

TUESDAY, December 4

WEDNESDAY, December 5

6:30 P.M. Advent Worship

THURSDAY, December 6

3:30 P.M. Youth Farm

FRIDAY, December 7

Office closed

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

SATURDAY, December 8

SUNDAY, December 9

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship
Noon Eritrean Worship

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 2, 2018

CELEBRATING



Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 2:
Dec. 3: Staci Westphall
Dec. 4: *John of Damascus, Theologian & Hymnwriter*
Dec. 5: Cherie Fleischhacker
Dec. 6: *Nicholas of Myra, Pastor*
Dec. 7: *Ambrose of Milan, Pastor & Hymnwriter*
Dec. 8:

December contact persons: Lynne Heuton & Connie Petersen
Dan Baker, Clarence & Yoshiko Benson, Kyle & Cassy Corey, Gene & Lynne Heuton, Joan Johnson, Connie Petersen, Keith Rennerfeldt, Matt Rennerfeldt, Dan & Sharon Savard, Katie Schrader, Dale Trapp



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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.

December 2 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Philip Stohlmann

Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Christopher Schonebaum
(10:30) Savannah & Sebastian Caquelin

Caretaker: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Jane Sell, Leah & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Gene Heuton, Dale Trapp, Megan Huff

Elder: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt

Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson, Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Lynne Heuton, Dale Trapp

Lector: (8:00) Jay Schlechte (10:30) David Sura

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

Soundboard: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Leonard Miller

Ushers: (8:00) Scott Goodrich, Wayne Warnest, Walt & Reba Peterson
(10:30) Jeff Wussler, Admasu Mekonen, Jan & Ron Brubak



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Last Week's Contributions:

November 25 8:00 (68) 10:30 (87)

Current - \$ 3,467.42

Total - \$3,467.42 (\$7,000 needed weekly)

December 9 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Owen Schonebaum
(10:30) Larissa Doran & Lexi Miller

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

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

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

Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown

(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Candy Pagel

Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Katie Miller

Music: (8:00) Organist: Stella O'Neill (10:30) Worship Band

Soundboard: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Leonard Miller

Ushers: (8:00) B.J. Brown, Bruce Karger, Philip Pruess
(10:30) Noah Miller, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Making known the love of God by word and deed within our school, church, community, and world.

Save the date for the 5th annual King of Kings Lutheran School Epiphany Fest: **A Celebration of the Epiphany in Poetry, Song, Drama, and Story** featuring the Children of King of Kings Lutheran School and The King of Kings “On a

Wing and a Prayer Players.” Dr. Jeffrey E. Burkart – Organist
Friday, January 11, 2019 - 1:00 P.M. at King of Kings Lutheran Church,
2330 N. Dale St., Roseville, MN

The celebration is free and open to the public.

A noon luncheon prior to the event is available **by reservation only**. **The cost is \$10.00 per person**. For more information, call the King of Kings office at 651-484-5142.

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.

Volunteer:

Many thanks to the volunteers who offered time, skills and labor yesterday to help prepare the Blair house for residents.

Donate:

Furniture is now being gathered to furnish the house for the Jonathon House residents. IF you have new or gently used items to donate, please take a photograph and sent to joshl@iafr.org or contact Cherie Fleischhacker at 651-348-9051 or ckfle1@yahoo.com

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.

Bible Study: “Living as a Christian in today’s culture” will be in the Fireside Room and presented by Pastor Stohlmann

Pastor Thompson is on vacation today. We welcome Rev. P.J. Stohlmann this morning. Rev. Stohlmann has been with us before. He served as a pastor for four years in the Rochester area and has most recently done hospital chaplaincy work at Abbott Northwestern. We welcome Pastor Stohlmann and thank him for his service to us today.

*Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.*



This hymn we sing today is actually a third-hand version of the hymn. The original Latin plainsong melody "Veni, Redemptor gentium", is attributed to Ambrose of Milan (340-397), and was commonly used in the Roman Catholic tradition. Ambrose suggested that it be sung with antiphonal groups alternating the verses. Martin Luther (1483-1546) translated the hymn to German, with Johann Walther (1496-1570) adapting the plainchant tune. J.S. Bach (1685-1750) harmonized the tune, more than 150 years after Luther's original version was first published, and this harmonization is still the version published in many hymnals today.

The hymn points out that the Savior of the world came not only to the Jews, but to "Heiden" - literally to the heathen. This is not a negative connotation, however, it is simply a reference to the Gentiles. The words begin as a petition for the Savior of the nations to come to the world, then gives way to amazement that God would be born of a woman on earth. In this hymn we affirm the article of Incarnation as stated in the Nicene Creed: *"I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man."*

This morning we will sing this hymn as our Hymn of the Day (8:00), and a partita on the tune will serve as the prelude. Note the musical references to the words for each section/stanza. ~The Organ Bench~

Just a reminder all monies received by 12/31/18 will be included on your 2018 statement. Any contributions received after this date will be put on your 2019 statement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dale Trapp.



Join us for Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays in December (12/5, 12/12 and 12/19) as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.
 Christmas Eve 4:00 P.M. & 10:00 P.M. Candle-light Service
 Christmas Day 9:30 A.M.
 New Years Eve 6:30 P.M.



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 ~

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.**

Countdown of Giving

25 24 23

As people remember the gift of Christ, let's remember those around us with little acts of giving.

Make an Advent paper chain to count down the days until Christmas.

What you will need:

- 5 sheets of construction paper (8" x 11")
- scissors
- markers or crayons
- tape or glue



Here's what to do:

1. Cut the construction paper into 1" x 11" strips (You will need 25 strips but you will have extra.)
2. Have fun thinking of 25 different acts of giving you can do for others. (Here are just a few suggestions: Make and send a card; draw a picture; make an ornament; give a hug or a smile; have a cheerful attitude (all day); call someone you haven't seen for awhile or send the person an e-mail; bake cookies to share. The possibilities are endless!)
3. Number each strip with one number, numbering them 1-25.
4. Write one giving idea on each strip. You can repeat some.
5. Tape or glue strips into a paper chain, with number 25 first, counting backwards to 1.
6. Start on December 1 and give the gift on link 25. The next day give gift 24. Continue until you reach gift 1 on Christmas!
7. When you give your gifts, remember God's greatest gift to us — *His Son Jesus.*

