

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Reba Peterson
Suzanne Johnston
Keith Rennerfeldt

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Paul & Kristen Humber

Shut ins

Corene Diedrich

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 23

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship
Noon Eritrean Worship

MONDAY, December 24

Office Closed

4:00 P.M. Carols & Lessons
10:00 P.M. Candle Light with Communion

TUESDAY, December 25

Office Closed

9:30 A.M. Worship with Communion

WEDNESDAY, December 26

THURSDAY, December 27

FRIDAY, December 28

Office closed

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

SATURDAY, December 29

SUNDAY, December 30

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion
Noon Eritrean Worship

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 23: Ben Mohrland, Wayne Warnest

Dec. 24: Erica Moore, Ron Brubak

Dec. 25:

Dec. 26: *St. Stephen, Martyr*

Dec. 27: Candace Anderson, *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

Dec. 28: Elizabeth Sagstetter, *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

Dec. 29: Jeremiah Willard, *David*

Dec. 30: Mary Bisping, Peter Kue, Sydney Sistad

CELEBRATING



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

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

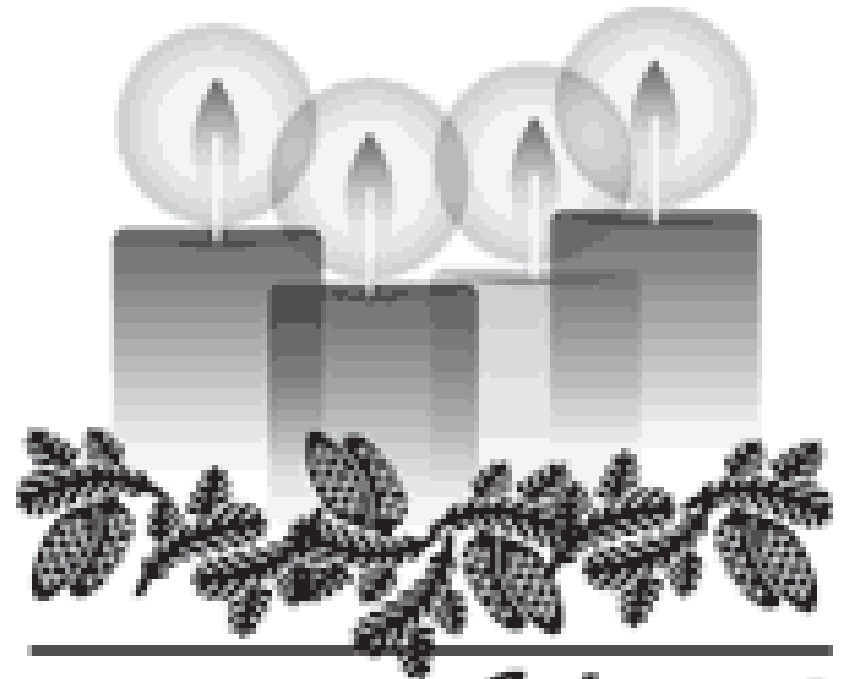
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 23, 2018



FOURTH 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 23 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (9:30) Christopher & Owen Schonebaum
Caretaker: (9:30) Dan Savard
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (9:30)
Elder: (9:30) Dan Savard
Greeters: (9:30) B.J. Brown & Dan Savard
Lector: (9:30) Russ Van Dassor
Music: (9:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (9:30) Dan Savard
Ushers: (9:30) B.J. Brown, Bruce Karger, Philip Pruess, John Schonebaum



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Last Week's Contributions:

December 16 8:00 (65) 10:30 (125)

Current - \$3,822.03
Advent - \$75.00

Endowment - \$100.00
S. Nuechterlein Memorial - \$ 1,500.00

Total - \$5,497.03 (**\$7,000 needed weekly**)

December 30 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (9:30) Calvin Hanan & Emma Pagel
Caretaker: (9:30) Dan Savard
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (9:30) Dale Trapp, Dan Savard, Jane Sell
Elder: (9:30) Dan Savard
Greeters: (9:30) Dan Savard, B.J. Brown
Lector: (9:30) Terianne Bender
Music: (9:30) Organist: Bruce Anderson
Soundboard: (9:30) Keith Rennerfeldt
Ushers: (9:30) Roger Binning, Collin Hanan, B.J. Brown, Wayne Warnest

Merry Christmas to the “Metro Lutheran Seniors”. Since FIF (Friends in Fellowship) are not meeting in December we are planning January events. We have ordered tickets for the theater presentation of The Church Ladies, “You Smell Barn” on January 14 at 1:00 PM. The tickets are \$20.00 and we will car pool from St. Stephanus. Please contact Arnie Johnson 651-707-3843 or Connie Petersen 651-487-2747 to reserve your ticket. We would love to have you join us for the fun! Our next social gathering will be at 12:30 PM Thursday January 31 at St. Stephanus Lutheran. All friends are welcome to come play cards, dominoes, cribbage, or a game of your choice.

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.

Prayer:

Please pray for the volunteers and staff who are preparing the Blair house for residents, for the residents who will be coming to live at Jonathan House, and for the ministry of Jonathan House.

There **will not be** a prayer meeting this month of December.

Information:

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 question at jonathanhouse@iafr.org

Donate:

Furniture is now being gathered to furnish the house for the Jonathon House residents. A list of furniture needs is posted on the Jonathan House bulletin board located in the Fireside Room. 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 ckflei@yahoo.com

Bible Study: will be in the Fireside Room. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Study on Dec. 23 or 30.

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.



Sunday, Dec. 23 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Eve 4:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve 10:00 P.M. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, Dec. 30 9:30 A.M.

New Years Eve 6:30 P.M.



The 2019 flower chart is up and ready to be filled up.

Altar Flowers - Did you know that the altar flowers are paid for totally by member donations? If nobody signs up on a Sunday someone on the Altar Guild usually ends up covering the cost.

There are two vases on the altar. Each vase cost \$21 and you can choose to sponsor one or both.

The flowers can be given in memory of someone, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in thanks for a blessing or a person God has put in your life, or just because! This is published in the bulletin and you can take home the flowers after the second service or donate them. The sign up sheet is on the end of the mailboxes near the stairs to the balcony and the lobby. To pay for the flowers, simply put cash or a check in and envelope marked "Altar flowers" and place it in the Sunday offering plate.