

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Stephanie Baker
Bill Willard
Richard Johnson

Family of Al Donahue

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Corene Diedrich

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 16

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

MONDAY, December 17

TUESDAY, December 18

WEDNESDAY, December 19

6:30 P.M. Advent Worship

THURSDAY, December 20

FRIDAY, December 21

Office closed

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

SATURDAY, December 22

SUNDAY, December 23

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 16:

Dec. 17: *Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men*

Dec. 18:

Dec. 19: Simeon Thompson, Trent Willard,
Adam & Eve

Dec. 20: *Katharina von Bora Luther*

Dec. 21:

Dec. 22:

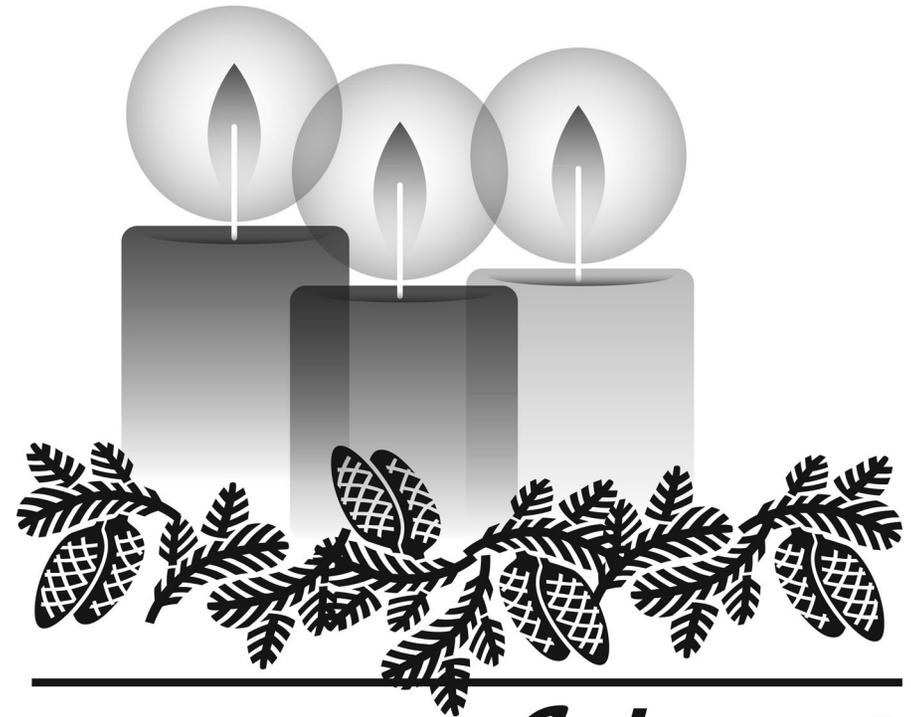
St. Stephanus Lutheran Church
Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 16, 2018



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

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 16 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Jingyan & Zhenghong Schlechte
(10:30) Oliver Bauch & Kayla Sura
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Savard (10:30) Admasu Mekonen
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Dan Savard, John Schonebaum
(10:30) Todd Mohrland, Tricia Schmidt, Jane Sell
Elder: (8:00) Dan Savard (10:30) Gene Heuton
Greeters: (8:00) Dan Savard, Sheila Schlechte
(10:30) Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Sheila 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) Roger Binning, Collin Hanan, Jan & Ron Brubak
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Noah Miller, Erica Moore, Admasu Mekonen



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Wayne & Dianne Warnest in thanksgiving for 45 years of marriage

Last Week's Contributions:

December 9 8:00 (63) 10:30 (118)

Current - \$8,689.00	Special Thanks - \$5.00
CLS Restricted - \$25.00	Sharing & Caring - \$ 500.00
	Sunday School - \$7.46
Total - \$9,219.00 (\$7,000 needed weekly)	

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

A huge thank you to the Men's club for their donation to the purchase of the beautiful Advent wreath. ~Clarice Anderson~



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.



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



"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." - these words from Isaiah 40:1 are the basis for Johann Olearius's hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People". This hymn was not written as an Advent hymn. Olearius prepared it for inclusion in his hymnal *Geistliche Singe-Kunst*, Leipzig, 1671.

This resource introduced many new hymns by Olearius, hymns that tended to be brief but carefully constructed. They were meant to provide something to sing for those days in the Church Year that had not already had a large body of hymnody devoted to them.

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" was written for the Feast of St. John the Baptist on June 24. The first lesson for that day was Isaiah 40:1-5, of which Olearius's hymn is a paraphrase, the skill of which remains in Catherine Winkworth's translation. Though not originally intended for Advent, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" surely embodies both the penitence and the joyful anticipation so characteristic of the season. John the Baptist, after all, figures prominently in the Advent observance, and his entire preaching was a testimony to Christ. Though Christ is not mentioned by name in the hymn, the fulfillment of Isaiah 40 in the preaching of John the Baptist reveals that Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God who by His sacrifice takes away the sin of the world, is the one who brings comfort to Jerusalem and to the world.

The tune is known in Lutheran hymnody by the name "Freu dich sehr," for the text "Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele." The tune originated in the Genevan Psalter as the melody for the metrical version of Psalm 42, but among English-speaking Lutherans, the tune is now most closely associated with Olearius's hymn.

Georg Böhm (1661-1733) is especially known for his development of the chorale partita, a multi-movement piece based on a chorale - often with the movements styled to fit the text of the related stanza. Böhm's partita on "Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele" will serve as our prelude today (8:00). ~The Organ Bench~

The Sunday school program will take place TODAY at the 10:30 service.

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.



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 ~



Altar Flowers

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 an envelope marked "Altar flowers" and place it in the Sunday offering plate.



Join us for Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays in December (12/19) as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

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.

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