

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Reba Peterson
Suzanne Johnston
Keith Rennerfeldt

Blessings/Guidance

Zoey Danielle Westphall
Concordia Academy
Paul & Kristen Humber

Shut ins

Corene Diedrich

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 30

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

MONDAY, December 31

Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 1

Office Closed

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

WEDNESDAY, January 2

THURSDAY, January 3

FRIDAY, January 4

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

SATURDAY, January 5

SUNDAY, January 6

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

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

Dec. 31: *Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus*

Jan. 1: *Circumcision and Name of Jesus*

Jan. 2: Ellerie Johnson, Terianne Bender,

J.K. Wilhelm Loebe, Pastor

Jan. 3: Kathy Fleischhacker

Jan 4:

Jan. 5:

CELEBRATING



January contact person: Sue Kressin

David & Diana Betts, Erin Betts, Matt & Jen Caquelin, Marian Harmening, Ronald Hoelscher, Arnie Johnson & Eileen Vierow, Admasu Mekonen & Diribe Desissa, Ed & Marlene Potter, Jim Radtke & Sue Kressin, Jeff & Jodi Wussler

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 30, 2018



Welcome to
Our Family

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 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



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

The family of Kathy Fleischhacker in celebration of her 85th birthday on Jan. 3rd and also from Tami Nissen-Omossowon

Last Week's Contributions:

December 23 9:30 (132)

Current - \$13,794.50	Missions - \$10.00
Concordia - \$50.00	Endowment - \$25.00
Sharing & Caring - \$1,000	20x5 - \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$100.00	Advent - \$150.00
Christmas Eve - \$312.00	Christmas Day - \$75.00
Total - \$15,521.50 (\$7,000 needed weekly)	

Jan 6 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Jingyan & Zhenghong Schlechte (10:30) Ben & Tim Mohrland
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Jane Sell, Leah & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Megan Huff, Dan Savard, Tricia Schmidt
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi
Greeters: (8:00) Corine Goodrich & Sheila Schlechte
(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Tarrie Culbert
Lector: (8:00) Jay Schlechte (10:30) Karen Mohrland
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) Roger Binning, Bruce Karger, Reba & Walt Peterson
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Todd Mohrland, Jerimiah & Trent Willard

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: There will be no Sunday School or Bible Study .

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. 30 9:30 A.M.

New Years Eve 6:30 P.M.

"Vom himmel hoch, da komm ich her" (From Heaven Above to Earth I Come) was written by Martin Luther in 1534 for his children, with Luther possibly also composing the tune himself. The hymn was then republished in 1539 with a new melody, as we find in our hymn book today, using Catherine Winkworth's translation of the lyrics.

This hymn begins with the angel's declaration to the shepherds, with the first five verses being sung by a man dressed as an angel. The following verses describe the shepherds' response, and our welcoming of the savior, with the next nine verses being sung in response by Luther's children, and the last verse sung by the angel and the children together.

A partita based upon this tune by John Eggert serves as our prelude today. This morning's postlude is a setting of the same tune by Anton Wilhelm Leupold, also incorporating the German carol "O du fröliche" ("Oh you joyful").

The Men's Club are asking for Volunteers to help take down and put away the decorations in the sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 10 A.M. Lunch will be provided.

