

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Chris Tvrdik  
Cheryl Smith

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy  
Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, March 10

#### Daylight Savings (spring forward)

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

### MONDAY, March 11

### TUESDAY, March 12

7:00 P.M. P.P.C.

### WEDNESDAY, March 13

6:30 P.M. Lent Worship

### THURSDAY, March 14

### FRIDAY, March 15

### SATURDAY, March 16

### SUNDAY, March 17

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

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 10:  
March 11: Brian Sell, Kayla Gundermann  
March 12:  
March 13: Brenda Morris, Corine Goodrich  
March 14:  
March 15:  
March 16: Evelyn Brown  
March 17: *Patrick, Missionary to Ireland*

CELEBRATING



### March contact person: Lu Clemmensen

Lu Clemmensen, Elizabeth Asefa, Dan Baker, Senait Berhe, Mary & Ronald Bisping, Matt & Jennifer Caquelin, Matt & Tiffany Hanan, Arnold Johnson & Eileen Vierow, Doug Johnson, Chou Kue, Amarti Maskalo

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 10, 2019

FIRST  
SUNDAY



IN  
LENT

## 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.

## March 10 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes:** (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Owen Schonebaum  
(10:30) Ben & Tim Mohrland  
**Caretaker:** (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Admasu Mekonen  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants:** (8:00) (10:30)  
**Elder:** (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi  
**Greeters:** (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown  
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Candy Pagel  
**Lector:** (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Todd Mohrland  
**Music:** (8:00) Organist: Stella O'Neill (10:30) Worship Band  
**Soundboard:** (8:00) Keith Rennerfeldt (10:30) Leonard Miller  
**Ushers:** (8:00) Roger Binning, B.J. Brown, Collin Hanan, Bruce Karger  
(10:30) Admasu Mekonen, Todd Mohrland, Jeremiah & Trent Willard



Altar  
Flowers

## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Lee and Lois Bruss in gratitude to God in honor of granddaughter Emily's birthday.

## Last Week's Contributions:

March 3 8:00 (62) 10:30 (89)

Current - \$6,234.00

Mission - \$200.00

Sunday School - \$4.00

Total - \$6,438.00 (\$7,200 needed weekly)

## March 17 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes:** (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Emma Pagel  
(10:30) Lexi Miller & Sydney Sistas  
**Caretaker:** (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Admasu Mekonen  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants:** (8:00) Jane Sell, Leah & Russ Van Dassar  
(10:30) Todd Mohrland, Akbar Muhammad, Jeremiah Willard  
**Elder:** (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt  
**Greeters:** (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich  
(10:30) Jackie & Jerry Spiess  
**Lector:** (8:00) Shelly Novotny (10:30) Katie Miller  
**Music:** (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band  
**Soundboard:** (8:00) Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller  
**Ushers:** (8:00) B.J. Brown, Collin Hanan, Ron & Jan Brubak  
(10:30) Jeff Wussler, Emmet Heck, Admasu Mekonen, Noah Miller

## Jonathan House Ministry

Shelter, Hope, and Healing for Asylum Seekers

Through generous prayers, donations, and support, the Lord has built a house where individuals fleeing from trauma and forced displacement may find rest as they rebuild their lives.

St. Stephanus has opportunities to partner with this ministry.

### Opportunity for Prayer:

That residents have opportunities to contribute their unique talents, experiences, and skills to their new communities.

### Transportation:

Provide transportation from the International Institute of Minnesota (located near the stat fairgrounds) to the Blair house. The resident attends language classes M-Th.

**English conversation:** A volunteer to help provide supplemental English language practice through in-home or community activities.

**Resident Advocate:** Could you see yourself working together, one on one, with a Jonathan House resident; walking alongside them in achieving goals as they rebuild their life and recover from forced displacement? As a Resident Advocate you will benefit from a mutually beneficial friendship in which you and your asylum seeker friend both make a valuable contributions to one another's lives. Training session will be on Thursday March 14, 6:30-8:30P.M. at 1515 East 66th St. Minneapolis.

For more information or to volunteer contact Cherie Fleischhacker 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 <https://iafr.org/11-projects/39-jonathan-house> like them on Facebook Jonathan House IAfr, or email with any questions at [jonathanhouse@iafr.org](mailto:jonathanhouse@iafr.org)

### March Congregational Service Project:

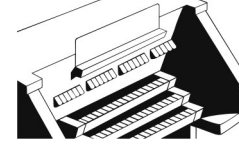
Join us during our Lenten meal time on Wednesday, March 27th from 5:15-6:15P.M., as we come together as a community to serve others. We will make sandwiches for the 363 Sandwich project. 363 is a ministry of the Minneapolis Recreation Development. They deliver these sandwiches to homeless in Minneapolis 363 days a year.

Learn more about his ministry by watching this video: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=484949895016560>

This ministry was also highlighted in the documentary, The Starfish Throwers. NBC Nightly News also ran a 2014 feature on Allan titled 'Sandwich Man' Delivers Helping of Hope to Hungry, and WCCO TV ran a story on 12/24 Homeless Christmas Eve The sandwich ingredients will be provided for by a grant from Thrivent. The manpower for putting them together will be provided for by you! ~Lynn Thompson~

## Bible Study: will meet in the Fireside room.

From the  
**ORGANIST**



**Today marks the First Sunday in Lent** - a mini-celebration of the joy of Easter following the somberness of Ash Wednesday which continues for the next 40 days. As part of the Ash Wednesday service, the voluntaries included settings on the tune "Herzlich tut mich verlangen". This tune was written by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) in approximately 1600, then published by Johann Crüger (1598-1662) in 1613 with a text written by Christoph Knoll (1563-1630) during the plague of 1599, "Herzlich tut mich verlangen" (tr: "I desire dearly a blessed end") as a prayer for a blessed death. In 1656, Crüger then used the same tune to set to Paul Gerhardt's (1607-1676) lyrics "O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden", which translates to the hymn we know today as "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." This tune, also known as the "Passion Chorale" has undergone changes in the rhythmic pattern over time (see hymns 449 and 450 for examples), and the popular style of the time is reflected in the chorales. Various settings of this tune will be played at the midweek services throughout the season of Lent.

Each year the Twin Cities chapter of the American Guild of Organists celebrates Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday (March 21) with a "Before Bach's Birthday Bash" on the Saturday prior to the 21st, with the event being held on March 16 this year. Here's a great opportunity to hear some amazing music played by varied organists (and some other instrumentalists).

9 - 10 AM: The Summit Center for Arts and Innovation, 1524 Summit Avenue.

10:30 - 11:30 AM: St. Thomas More Catholic Church (Summit Avenue at Lexington Parkway)

1 - 2 PM: St. Clement Episcopal Church (901 Portland Avenue)

2:30 - 3:30 PM: Unity Unitarian Church (732 Holly Avenue)

4 - 5 PM: The House of Hope Presbyterian Church (797 Summit Avenue)

~The Organ Bench~



**The Voter Meeting has been rescheduled for March 23rd after the late service. Lunch will be provided.**

# Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins  
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer  
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns  
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil



**Important dates:** March 6 is Ash Wed. We will begin our Wednesday night worship at 6:30 P.M. (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10)  
March 10 Time change (Spring forward)  
April 14 Palm Sunday  
April 18 Maundy Thursday  
April 19 Good Friday  
April 21 Easter Sunday

**Many thanks** to the Shirley Nuechterlein family for the memorial money which allowed us to purchase new blinds in the Fireside Room.



~Women's Ministry~

**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.

**Cancer Companions,** a nine-week support group, begins this Thursday afternoon.

The group meets from 1-2:30P.M. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 674 Johnson Pkwy in St. Paul. The group is led by Kathy and Liz, both are cancer survivors. For more information, call Our Saviour's church office at 651-774-2396.