

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Ernie Brown
Reba Peterson
Suzanne Johnston
Keith Rennerfeldt
Clarice Anderson

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut ins

Corene Diedrich

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 27

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

MONDAY, January 28

TUESDAY, January 29

WEDNESDAY, January 30

6:00 P.M. Confirmation

THURSDAY, January 31

12:30 P.M. Friends in Fellowship (F.I.F)

FRIDAY, February 1

SATURDAY, February 2

SUNDAY, February 3

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

Jan. 27: Adam Bender, *John Chrysostom, Preacher*
Jan. 28: Henry Yernberg
Jan. 29:
Jan. 30:
Jan. 31: Annie Overfors
Feb. 1: Tricia Schmidt
Feb. 2: Mark Savard, *The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord*
Feb. 3:

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday of Epiphany

CELEBRATING



February contact person: Janine Langemo

Alandra Banaei, Roger & Nancy Binning, Wendy Curtis, Ronald Hoelscher, Kyle Munoz, Shelly Novotny, Jay & Sheila Schlechte, Jackie & Gerald Spiess, Cindy Westphall, Josh Yernberg

Epiphany

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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Wayne Warnest
Admasu Mekonen

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM
Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed.

January 27 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Owen Schonebaum & Ana Thompson
(10:30) Emma Pagel & Sydney Sistad
Caretaker: (8:00) (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt
Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Marie Benson
(10:30) Judy Brinkman & Candy Pagel
Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Erica Moore
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, Bruce Karger, Reba & Walt Peterson
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Erica Moore, Emmet Heck, Tesfaya Maskalo



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Doug & Jane Sell in recognition of son, Bradley's birthday today.

Last Week's Contributions:

January 20 8:00 (49) 10:30 (61)

Current - \$5,118.50 Sunday School \$2.29
Missions - \$10.00 20x5 - \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$25.00
Total - \$5,260.79 (\$7,000 needed weekly)

February 3 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Zhenghong Schlechte
(10:30) Oliver Bauch & Eva Gundermann
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Admasu Mekonen
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Dan Savard, Leah & Russ Van Dassar
(10:30) Todd Mohrland, Erica Moore, Tricia Schmidt
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi
Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson, B.J. Brown (10:30) Jerry & Jackie Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (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, B.J. Brown, Collin Hanan, Philip Pruess
(10:30) Jeff Wussler, Admasu Mekonen, Jeremiah & Trent Willard

FIF (Metro churches Friends in Fellowship) met this week to attend a comedy play. We enjoyed fellowship afterwards. Next week Thursday, January 31, and Wednesday, February 27, we will have a social game time together at St. Stephanus at 12:30-2:30. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, February 28, we are planning a field trip to MIA (Minneapolis Institute of Arts). Two decades ago an underwater archaeologist and his team discovered two lost ancient cities under the Mediterranean Sea revealing a wide range of ancient artifacts giving a greater understanding of life during the age of the pharaohs. More than 200 objects will be on display. We have planned a private tour by a dear friend of one of our members.

As soon as possible please purchase your entry ticket for Feb. 28 at 1:30 by calling 612-870-3000. \$20; \$16 for members. No need to mention the tour.

HINT: When calling ask to become a member for FREE. Members receive 20% discount at the store. After signing up let Connie Petersen know that you wish to be part of our tour. We will leave St. Stephanus by 12:30 on Thursday, February 28. Our tour group will be limited to fourteen people. We have three people already signed up. Connie Petersen 615-487-2747

Thank you to all who have helped in various ways with activities associated with the monthly serving groups for 2018 through January 2019. We especially thank those who have served as monthly group leaders. We are now preparing the lists for the year 2019-January 2020. We already have a good list of leaders for the year and will be dividing names of members to serve in the various months. Lists will be updated and rearranged to reflect changes in our membership. Just because you were in a certain month for years you may find yourself in a new spot! Hopefully we don't miss anyone—if so let us know ~Women's Ministry~



LWML Winter Workshop

Please join us on February 2, 2019, from 9-11AM for the LWML Winter Workshop hosted by the St. Paul Metro Zone LWML.

Eastern Heights Lutheran Church
616 Ruth Street N
St. Paul, MN 55119-3936

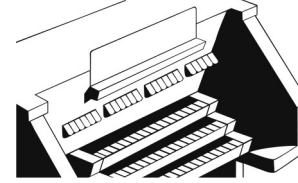
Registration and light breakfast 9AM, speaker 9:45-11AM, free will offering speaker from: Jonathan House "Helping people survive and recover from forced displacement by offering shelter and community"

Bible Study: will meet in the Fireside room.

Beginning January 16, through the month of January, I will be out of the office but please leave a voice mail and or email and I will get back to you.

~Clarice Anderson~

From the **ORGANIST**



How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD

Almighty! Psalm 84:1 Today's prelude (8:00) is Stephen Burtonwood's musical interpretation of Psalm 84:1-4.

Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) has been called the "Chopin of the North," not so much for a similar composition style, but because both were recognized for their tender melodies and

harmonizations. Both men could also be described as nationalistic composers: Chopin for his Polish dances and Grieg for snippets of Norwegian folk music in many of his best-known works. Today's offering voluntary (8:00), as arranged by David Paxton, was taken from the composer's 10-volume set of *Lyrical Pieces* for the piano, 66 different songs written sporadically between 1867 and 1901. Considering it's January and Grieg lived in a northern climate, we might envision a special kind of "peace" symbolized by a snow-covered "woodland."

~The Organ Bench~

Pastor Dan Siedenburger will be retiring on Feb. 24, 2019 after 41 years of ministry. If you would like to send him a note of congratulations, you can send it in care of his daughter, Hannah, to address:

Pastor Dan Siedenburger
C/O Hannah Gage
1975 Betty Jane Ct
North St. Paul, MN. 55109

The Minnesota South District office is looking for a part-time office assistant. The position is up to 25 hours per week and includes reception and hospitality work, administrative duties, database maintenance, and other duties as assigned. Job description and application can be accessed online at: mnsdistrict.org/classified-ads under Parish Position Openings. Applications will be received through Friday, February 15, 2019. Questions? Contact Rick Marko at rick.mark@mnsdistrict.org.

A weekend of discovery-A lifetime of love! Receive the gift of enhanced communication skills with Lutheran Marriage Encounter! The next event is scheduled Feb. 15-17, 2019 in Brooklyn Center, MN. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575 for more information. Special 50% discount off the regular application fee for 2019 events in celebration of Worldwide Marriage Encounter's 50 years of enhancing marriages! Pre-registration is required— don't miss out!



A Can't Miss FREE event for the 5th-8th Graders!

When: Monday, February 18th, 2019 (President's Day)

10AM-1PM at Concordia Academy

Live music with CA Praise Team, Dodgeball Tournament, Games, Lunch, & Fun with Friends!

Who: All 5th-8th grade students will be coming on the same day.

How: RSVP by February 11 to hold your spot!

www.ConcordiaAcademy.com/blast

"Second Tuesday" Luncheons provided by Hamline Midway Elders.

For the months of February, March and April Hamline Midway Elders will be serving their free monthly meal at St. Stephanus. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The meal is prepared by Chef Erik Hendrickson. There will be free blood pressure checks. Lunch is served at 11:30AM and there will be a speaker each month from 12:15-1:00 PM.

February 12th the speaker will speak on "Learning Lab" Hands on demonstration of technology and adaptive equipment with the Learning Lab staff.

March 12 the speaker will speak on "Fraud & Scam Prevention" Patty Lammers, Crime Prevention Specialist with the St. Paul Police Department, will present on ways older adults can protect themselves from the latest scam.

Please **RSVP to 651-209-6542** or info@hmelders.org

Jonathan House Ministry: Shelter, Hope, and Healing for Asylum Seekers
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.

Mark your calendars with the following events happening as we move closer to the opening of Jonathan House on Blair!

Saturday, January 26—9 AM-1 PM Volunteer Cleaning Day. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the house to receive residents. Tasks will involve light-medium physical labor, such as: assembling/moving furniture, cleaning, organizing, and setting up household items.

Your gift of time and energy toward cleaning, unpacking, bed-making, decorating, etc. will help to create a warm welcome for our residents.

Thank you in advance for helping to welcome our asylum-seeking friends into their new safe and welcoming home. For more information or to volunteer contact Cherie Fleischhacker at 651-348-9051 or ckflei@yahoo.com

•**Tuesday, February 12—7 PM-8:30 PM-** House Dedication Service. This will be a time to celebrate and pray over the house, dedicating it and committing all who will come there to the Lord's love and care.

•**Tuesday, February 12—**Jonathan House on Blair open to welcome residents!

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.

We continue to meet at St. Stephanus on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7PM for a brief update on Jonathan House and for prayer for the ministry, asylum seekers, refugees, etc.

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