

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

David Weckwerth
Ernie Brown
Jeremiah Willard
Ruth Ann Willard
District President Lucas
Woodford

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 7

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

MONDAY, April 8

TUESDAY, April 9

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

WEDNESDAY, April 10

6:30 P.M. Lent Worship

THURSDAY, April 11

FRIDAY, April 12

SATURDAY, April 13

SUNDAY, April 14

Palm Sunday

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

April 7: Alandra Banaei

April 8: Eileen Vierow, Simon Heck

April 9:

April 10:

April 11:

April 12: Ana Thompson

April 13: Cameron Connolly, Mickey Zinter

April 14:

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 125 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 7, 2019

FIFTH
SUNDAY



IN
LENT



April contact persons: Ruth Ann Willard & Cheryl Smith:

Mark Lageson, Terry & Michelle Sistad, Cheryl Smith, Andrew & Hanna Temme,
Andrew & Lynn Thompson, Dale Trapp, Dave & Mary Ann Weckwerth, Jeremiah
& Ruth Ann Willard, David & Mickey Zinter, Greg Zinter

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.

April 7 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Christopher Schonebaum
(10:30) Oliver Bauch & Eva Gundermann
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Leah & Russ VanDassor
(10:30) Erica Moore, Akbar Muhammad, Tricia Schmidt
Elder: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt
Greeters: (8:00) Dan Savard & B.J. Brown
(10:30) Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) David Sura
Music: (8:00) Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (8:00) Dan Savard (10:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (8:00) B.J. Brown, Collin Hanan, Tesfaya Maskalo, Wayne Warnest
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Noah Miller, Admasu Mekonen, Jeff Wussler



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Bill & Joan Baker in recognition and appreciation of the many worship assistants who serve so faithfully every Sunday. Our worship is enriched by all of you!

Last Week's Contributions:

March 31 8:00 (52) 10:30 (69)

Current - \$4,145.00 Lent - \$196.00
Sunday School - \$9.00 Total - \$4,350.00 (\$7,200 needed weekly)

April 14 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Christopher & Owen Schonebaum
(10:30) Larissa Doran & Emma Pagel
Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker (10:30) Rich Culbert
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) Lynne Heuton, Candy Pagel
Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny (10:30) Terianne Bender
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, Bruce Karger, Philip Preuss
(10:30) Noah Miller, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert

HUMBLE REQUEST: If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home or has an emergency, **PLEASE** call the **CHURCH OFFICE** to leave a message for Pastor Thompson. He would like to visit as soon as possible.

Many times, members do not pass this information along and Pastor does not find out about it until after the fact.

A reminder: If you drop off items, furniture or other items for the church please let the office know your name and the reason for dropping it off. When you are leaving notes for staff members **PLEASE DATE AND SIGN IT.**

American Red Cross Blood Drive - The Lex-Ham Community Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 9, at St. George Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Avenue. from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Community Council is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and is initiating new activities with a "beyond our borders" need. As our population ages and as more medical opportunities for blood products are deemed possible, the Red Cross needs to secure more donors. Please e-mail emmytreichel@gmail.com or lexham@lexham.org or call Emmy at 645-3044 to make an appointment.



CA Dinner Auction: "Prost"

Celebrate Concordia Academy at "Prost," the 20th Annual CA Dinner Auction, held on April 13. It's like Oktoberfest in April, including German food and beverages, games, polka music by Mollie B and the Jim Busta Band, and live and silent auctions. Don't miss one of the most fun nights of the year, supporting CA's Scholarship Fund. Get details and reserve tickets at www.concordiaacademy.com/auction.

CA Summer Camps

Registration is now open for two dozen Concordia Academy summer camps for students entering Grades 3-12, including American Sign Language, Flag Football, Vision4Life Service, and Wrestling, as well as old favorites such as Basketball, CSI, Girls Choir, Soccer, Art, Theatre, Youth Worship Team, Softball, G3: Genuinely Great Girls, and more! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.

Bible Study: will meet in the Fireside room.

Possibly the best-known Christian hymn is "Amazing Grace", penned by John Newton, an Anglican priest, 1772. The hymn was written after many years of ministry and strong abolitionist activities in England, but also years of penance for his former vocation as a successful slave trader. He also wrote his own epitaph: "John Newton, Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long labored to destroy." Today's prelude (8:00) is a partita on this hymn.
~The Organ Bench~

A few years ago, due to a generous donation, we were able to purchase a new piano which was then placed in the Fireside Room. We have decided to move this piano up to the balcony to enable its use in worship, with the current (aged and well-worn) piano in the balcony replacing it in the Fireside Room. We enlisted the services of a professional piano moving company to accomplish this task because of the number of flights involved and the sensitivity of the instruments, and the task was completed this past Wednesday. Hopefully you noticed the vast improvement in sound! If you find yourself wishing to help support the financial impact of this move, all donations are welcome - just mark the donation as "piano" and it will be received appropriately. Thank you for your support! ~The Organ Bench~

Important dates: We have begun our Wednesday night worship at 6:30 P.M. (April 10)
April 14 Palm Sunday
April 18 Maundy Thursday
April 19 Good Friday
April 21 Easter Sunday

CALLING ALL SINGERS

Once again we want to pull together a group of singers to sing in a choir for Easter at the 8:00 service. You don't have to be an expert and there are no try-outs so if you can sing, you are in! We will try to get together after the last Wednesday service in the Fireside room to go through a couple of pieces and hymn verses but if you can't make that, we will still welcome you into the group. Please talk to Jim Radtke (jimradtke@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Join us and help us make a joyful noise onto the Lord!
Soli Deo Gloria

Congratulations to Kenzie and Katie, our Director of Christian Outreach/ Education field workers. They received their internship assignments on Sunday, March 31st.

Kenzie will be going to Christ Our Redeemer, Sand Point, ID, and Katie will be going to Immanuel, Asheville, NC. We invite your prayers for them as they finish their work among us and prepare to head to their internships.



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 ~

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.

Jonathan House Community Meal will be held on Sat., April 20th, 10:00-11:30 A.M. at 738 Blair House (Corner house behind the church). Please join in the gathering and spend time getting to know residents, staff and volunteers from Jonathan House while sharing a delicious potluck brunch together. Bring a dish to share! No pork products please.

St. Stephanus has opportunities to:

Pray:

That this is a place where asylum seekers receive strength and encouragement in God.

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

For more information or to volunteer contact Cherie Fleischhacker 651-348-9051 or ckfle@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