

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Cheryl Smith

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University  
Paul & Kristen Humber

### Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, August 18

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion  
10:30 A.M. Education Hour  
Noon Eritrean Worship

### MONDAY, August 19

### TUESDAY, August 20

### WEDNESDAY, August 21

6:00 P.M. Confirmation meeting

### THURSDAY, August 22

7:00 P.M. Men's Club meeting

### FRIDAY, August 23

### SATURDAY, August 24

### SUNDAY, August 25

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship  
10:30 A.M. Education Hour  
Noon Eritrean Worship

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

August 18: Janet Spielman

August 19:

August 20: *Elijah*

August 21: *Ezekiel*

August 22: Janine Langemo, Lorraine Byland

August 23:

August 24: *St. Bartholomen, Apostle*

August 25:

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church  
Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 18, 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



### August contact persons: Jane & Doug Sell

Tricia & Michael Bauch, Lorraine & Eugene Byland, James & Sarah Dahlke,  
Carol Hirt, Joanne Johansen, Kaye Nuechterlein, Amy & David Sura, Karen  
Trudeau



*I came to bring  
fire to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

## 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 Summer Services: May 26-Sept 1 (2019)

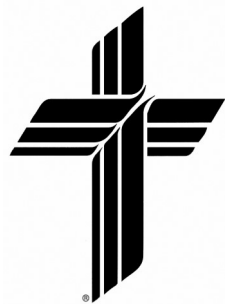
Worship 9:30 AM

Education Hour 10:45 AM

Holy Communion 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

Bible readings are located at  
[www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org)  
You can watch sermons on YouTube by  
searching Saint Stephanus (date).

## August 18 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (9:30)** Elizabeth & Micah Thompson

**Caretaker: (9:30)** Joan Baker

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (9:30)** Megan Huff, Tricia Schmidt, Jane Sell,  
Matt Hanan, Dan Savard

**Elder: (9:30)** Wayne Warnest

**Greeters: (9:30)** Jerry & Jackie Spiess

**Lector: (9:30)** Lois Thur

**Music: (9:30)** Worship Band

**Soundboard: (9:30)** Todd Mohrland

**Ushers: (9:30)** Roger Binning, Collin Hanan, Reba & Walt Peterson

## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Mickey & Dave Zinter



Last weeks flowers were given by Steve & Martha Sohn in memory of their parents Rev. Walter and Joan Sohn

## Last Week's Contributions:

August 11 9:30 (85)

Current - \$3,275.00

Mission - \$3.00

Christian Education - \$3.00 Total - \$3,281.00 **(\$7,200 needed weekly)**

## August 25 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (9:30)** Emma Pagel & Jingyan Schlechte

**Caretaker: (9:30)** Rich Culbert

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (9:30)**

**Elder: (9:30)** Redazgi Habtezgi

**Greeters: (9:30)** Candy Pagel & Dan Savard

**Lector: (9:30)** Jay Schlechte

**Music: (9:30)** Worship Band

**Soundboard: (9:30)** Dan Savard

**Ushers: (9:30)** Erica Moore, Rich, Tarrie, Jon Culbert



**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 aid 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 ~

**Do you wish for more time to connect with other Christians** through conversation and fellowship?

Please come to a pot-luck dinner on **Thursday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 P.M.** at Emmy Trichel's home to discuss being part of a connecting small group. Please let Emmy at 651-645-3044 or Sheila Schlechte (sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com) know if you can attend.

### **Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear by Scott Bader-Saye**

"How do you acknowledge fear without being manipulated by it? Jesus' words do not promise safety. Following the life of Jesus will mean walking in the way of the cross. Christian discipleship will mean surrendering the power that masquerades as security in order to love the neighbor and welcome the stranger. It will mean avoiding the safe path in order to pursue the good. But in a culture of fear, we find such risks all the more difficult, since our natural inclinations lead us to close in on ourselves when we face danger. How can we maintain the posture of the open hand toward a world that scares us?" This book hopes to provide resources for living into the joyful freedom as children of God. Chapters include: community and courage, narrative and providence, security and vulnerability, the risk of hospitality, the risk of peacemaking, and the risk of generosity.

If you are interested in meeting with others to discuss the topics of this book, please contact Sheila Schlechte (sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com). Participants would benefit most by getting a copy of the book to read, but it is not required. Dates, times, and amount of time spent on this topic will depend on participants interest and availability.

**Adult Bible study will be in the Fireside room**

**Reminder: We will go back to 2 services (8:00 Traditional and 10:30 Contemporary) September 8th.**

**The office has received several calls** about a text claiming to be from Pastor Thompson where he was asking for gift cards. **PASTOR WILL NEVER TEXT OR EMAIL YOU ASKING FOR GIFT CARDS!** The office thanks you for calling and verifying this information.

**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.

Do you have a heart for asylum seekers in the Twin Cities? Are you wondering how you personally can be involved in the ministry of Jonathan House? Join us for our monthly Community Meal! Spend some time getting to know our staff, residents, and other volunteers as we share a delicious potluck brunch together.

Where: Jonathan House East side,  
Upcoming Events:

- Sheltering Hope Breakfast, Tuesday October 15, 8A.M - 9A.M.
- Next Community Meal is Saturday September 21, 10A.M. (**876 Hyacinth Ave E, St. Paul MN 55106.** It is a 2-story white house adjacent to the First Covenant Church parking lot.)

For more information contact Cherie Fleischhacker at ckfleis@yahoo.com of 651-348-9051.