

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy  
Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, September 8

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

### MONDAY, September 9

### TUESDAY, September 10

5:00 P.M. Free Produce  
7:00 P.M. P.P.C

### WEDNESDAY, September 11

### THURSDAY, September 12

### FRIDAY, September 13

### SATURDAY, September 14

### SUNDAY, September 15

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

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

September 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating a

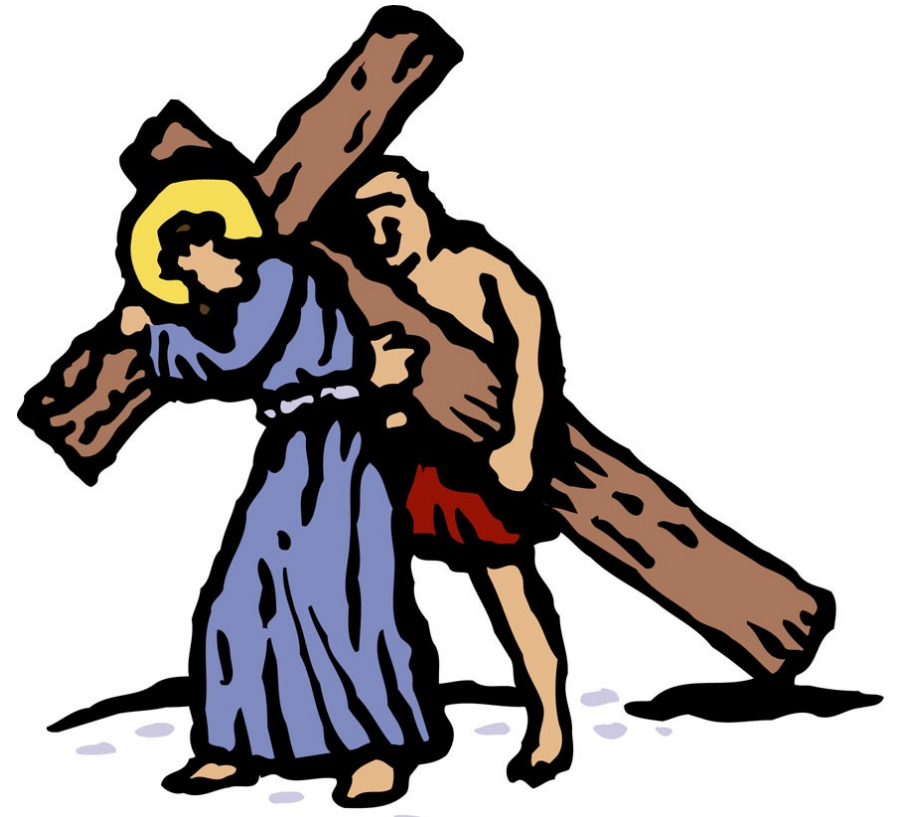


### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Sept. 8:  
Sept. 9: Richard Johnson  
Sept. 10: Phillip Radtke  
Sept. 11: Emmet Heck, Yohannes Ghebru  
Sept. 12: Jennifer Caquelin  
Sept. 13: Tarrie Culbert  
Sept. 14: Bethany Hirsch, *Holy Cross Day*  
Sept. 15: Brittany Willard

### September contact person: Marie Benson

Marie Benson, David & Diana Betts, Erin Betts, Lynne Billing, Kathy Fleischhacker, John & Colleen Heck, Megan Huff, Erica Moore, Walt & Reba Peterson, Breanna Rose, Wayne & Dianne Warnest



## 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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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).

## September 8 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (8:00)** Genna Curtis & Calvin Hanan

**(10:30)** Sophia Baker & Joshua Langemo

**Caretakers: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Rich Culbert

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (8:00)** **(10:30)**

**Elder: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Redazgi Habtezgi

**Greeters: (8:00)** B.J. Brown & Dan Savard **(10:30)** Janine, Marty & Zach Langemo

**Lector: (8:00)** Michelle Connolly **(10:30)** Karen Mohrland

**Music: (8:00)** Organist: Bruce Anderson **(10:30)** Worship Band

**Soundboard: (8:00)** Scott Goodrich **(10:30)** Leonard Miller

**Ushers: (8:00)** Roger Binning, B.J. Brown, Bruce Karger, Philip Preuss  
**(10:30)** Todd Mohrland, Steve Sohn, Jeremiah & Trent Willard



## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Erica Moore

## Last Week's Contributions:

Sept.1 9:30 (94)

Current - \$3,858.20

Total - \$3,858.20 **(\$7,200 needed weekly)**

## September 15 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (8:00)** Zhenghong Schlechte & Christopher Schonebaum

**(10:30)** Oliver Bauch & Sydney Sistad

**Caretaker: (8:00)** John Schonebaum **(10:30)** Admasu Mekonen

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (8:00)** Megan Huff, John Schonebaum, Jane Sell  
**(10:30)** Redazgi Habtezgi, Tricia Schmidt, Jeremiah Willard

**Elder: (8:00)** John Schonebaum **(10:30)** Keith Rennerfeldt

**Greeters: (8:00)** Marie Benson & Dan Savard

**(10:30)** Tarrie Culbert & Lynne Heuton

**Lector: (8:00)** Shelly Novotny **(10:30)** Katie Miller

**Music: (8:00)** Organist: Bruce Anderson **(10:30)** Worship Band

**Soundboard: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Leonard Miller

**Ushers: (8:00)** Jan & Ron Brubak, Reba & Walt Peterson  
**(10:30)** Steve Sohn, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



**Our next quarterly voters meeting is Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 PM.**

## Congregational Meeting

**Small Group Discussion** on “Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear” starts Thursday, Sept. 12.

All are welcome to participate in the discussion and fellowship on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7 P.M.** at Emmy's home. The book title above by Scott Bader-Saye will be a springboard for our discussion. We realize that not everyone's circumstances give them the space and energy, so do not let that hinder you from attending. **EVERYONE** brings their life experiences with them to add to the sharing. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila at [sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com).

**Tuition Assistance** - While there is no money available through the St. Stephanus Endowments, we have determined that there are other funds available for supplemental tuition assistance. If you have a child attending a Christian grade school, high school, or college/seminary and would like additional financial assistance please complete a financial aid application and return it to Lynne Heuton by September 15th. Forms are available from Lynne Heuton or the church office.



**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 ~

### **Adult Bible study: Unfolding the story of God in Jesus**

We will be looking at the Gospel of Matthew for the foreseeable future. We will go verse by verse, chapter by chapter, to listen and dwell in the story of Jesus entering this world for us. How will the Spirit of God use this time and hearing to change us? Join us on Sundays in the Fireside room and find out!



**The English composer, Gustav Holst** (1874-1934), after hearing a particularly moving orchestral performance in 1914, set about to compose his own orchestral score. This seven-part work, written between 1914 and 1916 eventually became entitled *The Planets*, with each of the seven movements representing one of the planets (in the astrological sense). The fourth section, “Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity”, with an especially stately theme, was further adapted by Holst in 1921 to match the words to the British patriotic poem "I vow to thee my country". In 1982, an English Vicar, Michael Perry (1942-1996), penned the words to a new hymn "O God Beyond All Praising" utilizing the same tune "in response to a call for alternative words that would be more appropriate for Christian worship." Our hymnal contains yet another hymn set to the same tune, "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God", as written by Stephen P. Starke (b. 1955), which was written specifically for the Lutheran Service Book. This hymn, written to function as a Te Deum, or Hymn of Praise, will serve as our Hymn of Praise through the end of the church year for the Traditional Service. A Fanfare and Toccata based on this tune will serve as the postlude today (8:00). ~From the organ bench~

**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. If you are leaving notes for staff members **PLEASE DATE AND SIGN IT.**

# Jonathan House Volunteer Opportunities

## #1

What: Construction, demolition, digging

When: TBD a couple dates in September

Where: Jonathan House's front porch

Why: The porch was built with no foundation, so in order to secure and rebuild the steps we need to dig underneath and pour some concrete footings. A licensed contractor will be heading up this project, but able bodied volunteers would help to cut costs and speed the completion of the project.

Who to contact: Lynn Thompson [goodluna07@gmail.com](mailto:goodluna07@gmail.com)

## #2

What: Make coffee, fill carafes, water pitchers and creamers, set on tables and refill as needed

When: Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 6am – 9am

Where: PAIKKA located at 550 Vandalia St. Suite 165, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55114

Why: To provide coffee and water for the Jonathan House's Sheltering Hope Breakfast fundraiser.

Who to contact: Cherie Fleischhacker [ckfleis@yahoo.com](mailto:ckfleis@yahoo.com)

## Serving Families at Ronald McDonald House -

We will be providing meals for the families of patients at Gillette Children's Hospital. We are looking for 3-4 volunteers to assist in set up and serving. Our next date is **Saturday, September 14 (4:30-7:30)**. If you are interested in helping, please contact Emmy Treichel. We continue this service opportunity in remembrance of Simon Caquelin. This allows us to provide a home-away-from-home cooked meal to the families and friends of patients at a time when they most need our care and support.



Each year The Ronald McDonald House of the Twin Cities raises \$20,000 through the collection of beverage can tabs. Please save your tabs; tabs only, not the entire lid. (Tab openers from pet food cans, tennis ball containers, and soup cans, etc. are also accepted). Filled collection boxes or bags can be emptied into or left next to the large collection container located on top of the information tower in the church lobby where you may also pick up a collection box. The collected tabs will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House of The Twin Cities in remembrance of Simon. If there are questions, please contact Cherie Fleischhacker at [ckfleis@yahoo.com](mailto:ckfleis@yahoo.com) or 651-348-9051.

**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.

**TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED:**

Jonathan House residents attend English classes at The International Institute of Minnesota. Drivers from St. Stephanus and one other congregation have provided transportation for the 2 students. We now need a replacement driver for Monday afternoons to pick up students at 1pm from classes and drive them to their home. The International Institute of Minnesota is located at 1694 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108, just across Como Ave from the State Fairgrounds. It is a short drive to their home at 738 Blair Ave, St. Paul 55104. (Corner house behind St. Stephanus at Blair and Grotto). Jonathan House requires that the driver be female or that a male driver would have a female partner.

To volunteer, please contact Cherie Fleischhacker [ckflei@yahoo.com](mailto:ckflei@yahoo.com) or 651-348-9051

**Join us for food and fellowship at our monthly get together!**

Jonathan House Community Meal

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.

**When**

**Saturday, September 21, 10:00-11:30am.** Potluck brunch, bring a dish to share! No pork products please.

**Where**

The September Community Meal will held at **Jonathan House Eastside, 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 [ckflei@yahoo.com](mailto:ckflei@yahoo.com) of 651-348-9051.

## Simon's Garden

The PPC has formed a committee under the direction of the Trustees to create a garden on the southeast corner of the building (looking out from the lobby windows and behind the church sign.) This garden will be created in memory of Simon Caquelin, who's life, joy and faith touched so many of us and is greatly missed here. The garden will be a place for prayer, meditation and healing for all who are grieving and struggling with the ache of loss in this life. It will also reflect the playfulness, silliness and joy that Simon lived, as mourners seek the hope of new life and restoration. The garden's design and creation will be overseen by the committee, with approval by the PPC. If you would like to be a part of this process please contact Dale Trapp at [dtrapp@csp.edu](mailto:dtrapp@csp.edu) or Lynn Thompson at [goodluna07@gmail.com](mailto:goodluna07@gmail.com) A dedicated account has also been set up, if you would like to make a donation towards the materials for the garden.

"Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." Luke 1:79

"Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever." Isaiah 55:13

## Upcoming dates to help at Simon's Garden

What: Gardening, mulching, moving plants

When: Tuesday, Sept. 3 10am – 12pm

Wednesday, Sept. 4 10am – 12pm

Saturday, Sept. 7 10am – 12pm

Where: Simon's Garden (front of church)

Who to contact: Lynn Thompson [goodluna07@gmail.com](mailto:goodluna07@gmail.com) or Dale Trapp [dtrapp@csp.edu](mailto:dtrapp@csp.edu)