

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Brenda Morris
Eunice Swenson
Those having medical
procedures

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

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

MONDAY, September 16

TUESDAY, September 17

WEDNESDAY, September 18

Office Closed
6:00 P.M. Confirmation

THURSDAY, September 19

FRIDAY, September 20

SATURDAY, September 21

SUNDAY, September 22

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
9:15 A.M. Education Hour
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship
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 15, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



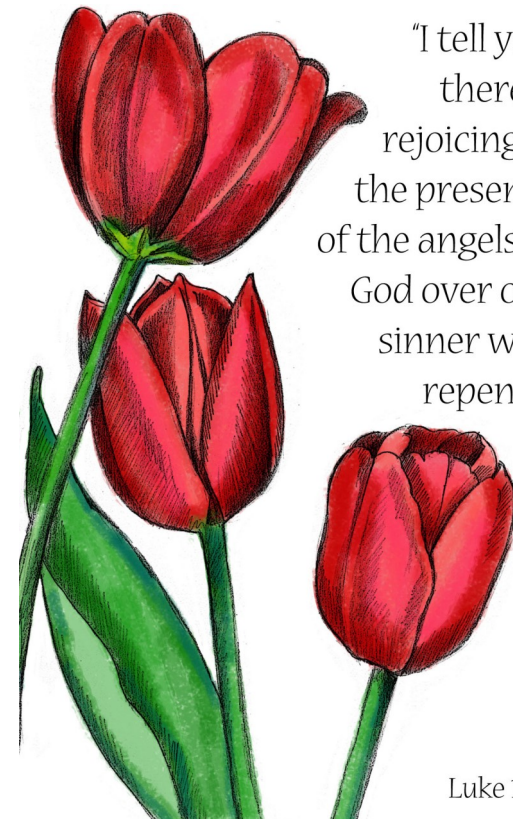
Celebrating a

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Sept. 15: Brittany Willard
Sept. 16: Dan Baker, *Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr*
Sept. 17: Zoey Westphall
Sept. 18: Christian Wussler, Jan Brubak
Sept. 19:
Sept. 20:
Sept. 21: Rose Rask, *St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
Sept. 22: *Jonah*

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



"I tell you,
there is
rejoicing in
the presence
of the angels of
God over one
sinner who
repents."

Luke 15:10

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:
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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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

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 Cantor: Bill Johnson
(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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Akbar & Shiori Muhammad
& Judy Brinkman

Last Week's Contributions:

Sept. 8 8:00 (73) 9:30 (69)

Current - \$7,011.99

Missions - \$2.50

Christian Education - \$2.50

Sharing & Caring - \$500.00

Total - \$7,525.33 **(\$7,200 needed weekly)**

September 22 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Christopher & Owen Schonebaum
(10:30) Genna & Logan Curtis

Caretakers: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Judy Brinkman

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

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

Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan (10:30) Keith Rennerfeldt

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Dan Savard (10:30) Jerry & Jackie Spiess

Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (10:30) Michelle Connolly

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

Soundboard: (8:00) (10:30) Leonard Miller

Ushers: (8:00) B.J. Brown, Tesfaya Maskalo, Dan Savard, John Schonebaum
(10:30) Todd Mohrland, Steve Sohn, Jeremiah & Trent Willard



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

Congregational Meeting

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 **TODAY**. Forms are available from Lynne Heuton.



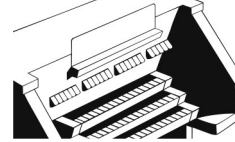
On the third Sunday of each month, our church collects your pocket change for "mites for missions" in the big mite box in the narthex. Please remember to bring your mite box from home or take one with you to fill for next month. These mites go towards mission projects as well as provide aid to those 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!

From the **ORGANIST**



Today's prelude music, (8:00) "Sheep May Safely Graze" is a popular tune taken from an aria of one of J.S. Bach's cantatas, #208. Originally written for a soprano soloist accompanied by two recorders and organ, today's prelude will be a setting of the piece as scored for organ by Stainton de B. Taylor (1903-1975), an English organist. In the aria the soloist sings "Sheep can graze safely, where a good shepherd watches. Where princes govern well, one senses peace and harmony and the region is blessed." Bach, along with Salomo Franck who wrote the lyrics, composed the "Hunting Cantata" to celebrate the birthday of Duke Christian of Sachsen-Weissenfels, a passionate hunter and royalty, and Bach knew that flattering royalty never did a composer any harm. Although the original cantata basically celebrates the joys of hunting, one could also interpret this piece as celebrating our Good Shepherd, as we find in today's readings. And the next time you hear this piece quietly played at a wedding, you can enjoy the knowledge that maybe you're listening to a good hunting tune! ~**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

#2

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

When: Tuesday, October 15th 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

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** ckfleis@yahoo.com or 651-348-9051

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

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 ckfleis@yahoo.com of 651-348-9051.



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/can. (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 or 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 or Lynn Thompson at 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



Our metro senior group (Friends in Fellowship) will meet for fellowship and games **Thursday Sept. 26.** All friends are welcome to meet in the Fellowship hall of St. Stephanus at 1:00 P.M.

Our Saviours Lutheran Church invited us to join them for a sauerkraut lunch Nov. 21. Emmaus Lutheran Church invited us to join them for their noon service/lunch during December's Advent services.