

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Vonnie Karger  
Marian Harmening

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University  
Paul & Kristin Humber

### Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, October 20

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, October 21

### TUESDAY, October 22

5:00 P.M. Free Produce

### WEDNESDAY, October 23

6:00 P.M. Confirmation/Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, October 24

### FRIDAY, October 25

### SATURDAY, October 26

5:00 P.M. Sauerkraut Supper

### SUNDAY, October 27

### Reformation Sunday

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship w/Communion  
9:15 A.M. Education Hour  
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship w/Communion &  
Confirmation  
Noon Eritrean Worship

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Oct. 20:  
Oct. 21:  
Oct. 22:  
Oct. 23: Mildred Lopez, *St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr*  
Oct. 24: Scott Goodrich  
Oct. 25: *Dorcus (Tabitha), Lydia and Phoebe, Faithful Women*  
Oct. 26: Esther Lageson  
Oct. 27: Walt Peterson



### October contact persons: Carol James & Tarrie Culbert

Rich & Tarrie Culbert, Doug & Carol James, Alganesh Beyen, Lee & Lois Bruss, Lam & Kate Cao, Bob & Lois Holtz, Josiah & Annie Overfors, Keith Rennerfeldt, Doug & Pam Zimmerman

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

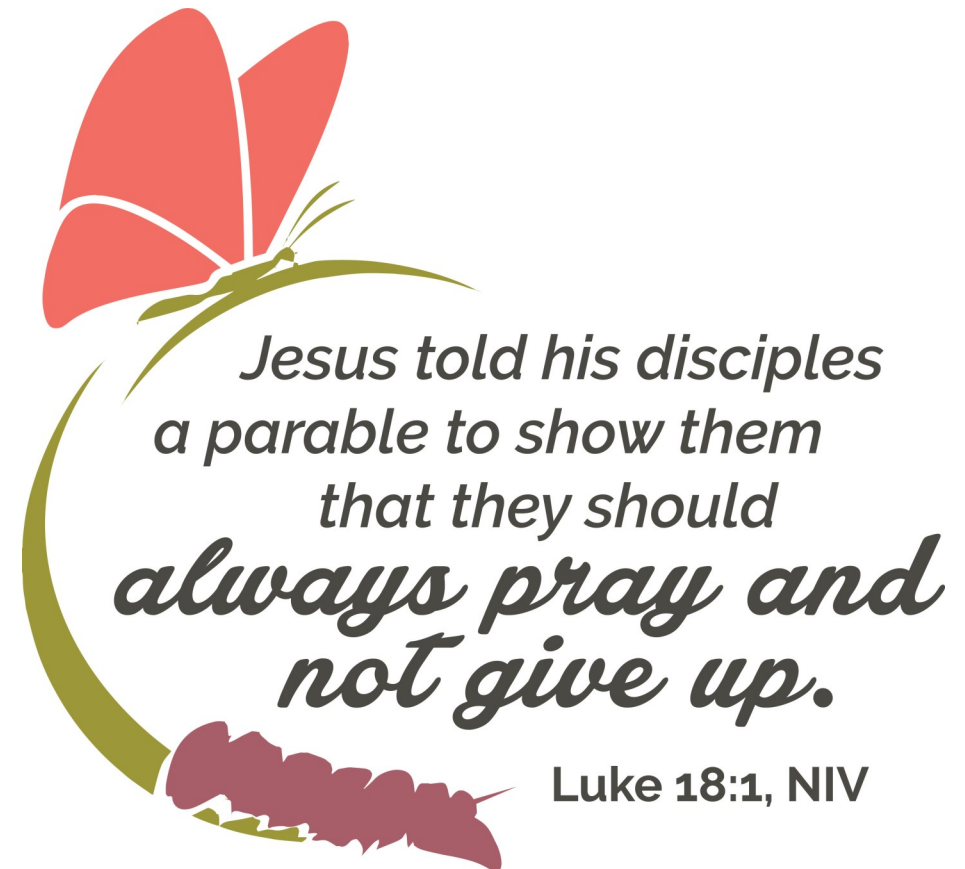
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 20, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Jesus told his disciples  
a parable to show them  
that they should  
always pray and  
not give up.*

Luke 18:1, NIV

## 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.

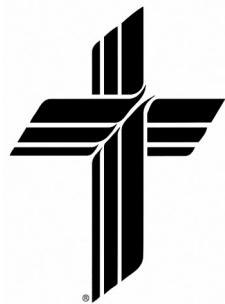
## Sunday Services:

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).

## October 20 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (8:00)** Christopher & Owen Schonebaum

**(10:30)** Savannah & Sebastian Caquelin

**Caretakers: (8:00)** John Schonebaum **(10:30)** Rich Culbert

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (8:00)** Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum, Jane Sell

**(10:30)** Megan Huff, Tricia Schmidt, Dale Trapp

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

**Greeters: (8:00)** B.J. Brown & Sheila Schlechte

**(10:30)** Tarrie Culbert & Dale Trapp

**Lector: (8:00)** Jay Schlechte **(10:30)** Dale Trapp

**Music: (8:00)** Organist: Bruce Anderson, Cantor & Soloist: Lois Thur

**(10:30)** Worship Band

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

**Ushers: (8:00)** B.J. Brown, Collin Hanan, Jan & Ron Brubak

**(10:30)** Steve Sohn, Emmet Heck, Jeremiah & Trent Willard



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:**

## Last Week's Contributions:

Oct. 13 8:00 (65) 9:30 (82)

Current - \$12,570.29

Concordia Academy - \$20.00

Sunday School - \$8.51

Missions - \$1.00

Christian Education - \$1.00

Total - \$ 12,600.80 **(\$7,200 needed weekly)**

## October 27 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson

**Acolytes: (8:00)** Emma Pagel & Elizabeth Thompson

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

**Caretaker: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Judy Brinkman

**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson

**Communion Assistants: (8:00)** Matt Hanan, Dan Savard, John Schonebaum

**(10:30)** Jeremiah Willard, Megan Huff, Tricia Schmidt

**Elder: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Keith Rennerfeldt

**Greeters: (8:00)** Corine Goodrich & Dan Savard

**(10:30)** Janine, Marty, Zach Langemo

**Lector: (8:00)** Terianne Bender **(10:30)** Janine Langemo

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

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

**Ushers: (8:00)** Tesfaya Maskalo, Philip Preuss, Walt & Reba Peterson

**(10:30)** Steve Sohn, Emmet Heck, Erica Moore, Jeff Wusser



**Less than 3 weeks** to remember to change your clocks. Time change takes effect on November 3rd.

**Be a part of the St. Stephanus Bible Bowl team!**

Do you like trivia? Do you like competition? Do you like the Bible? Are you a youth in 7th through 12th grade? Join the St. Stephanus Bible team. We will be studying the book of Judges for a competition with other Minnesota teams on April 4th at Concordia St. Paul. If you are interested contact Lynn Thompson at goodluna07@gmail.com



**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 ~

**Brothers & Sisters in Christ,**

PPC needs to update and alert you to the monetary situation at SSLC as it is today. Currently, the congregation has spent \$268,706; income-to-date has been \$245,202. This means we have spent \$23,504 more than we have taken in, with 3 months left of this year. Please note that monies given that are marked for items not part of a regularly budgeted SSLC item (e.g. Jonathan house, caring and sharing) cannot be used to satisfy our budgeted items.

This is not an attempt at guilt or shame, but the PPC feels strongly that we are obligated to let you know the financial picture. In November, you will again be asked to approve a budget. Based on the current financial picture, the congregation may need to make some difficult decisions to reduce or eliminate some areas of the budget.

To this end, if you are not already, please keep SSLC, PPC, and this situation in your prayers. As we approach our November budget voters' meeting, prayerfully consider what the mission of SSLC, as a Christ-centered congregation, should be and how we best use our resources to fulfill that mission.

Your servants in Christ,  
PPC

**Adult Bible study will meet downstairs in the Fireside Room**

From the  
**ORGANIST**



**"I shall not abandon God for He does not abandon me."** This is the translation of the hymn "Von Gott will ich nich lassen". Ludwig Helmbold (1532-1598) a German hymn-writer and composer wrote in the style of Martin Luther, as far as tone and power, although several years later. Helmbold was serving as conector, the cleric in charge of the parish, at Erfurt, Germany, in 1563 when a plague broke out, during which about 4000 of the inhabitants died. As all who could fled from the place, Helmbold, who remained behind, composed this hymn. In 1565, after the end of the plague, he was appointed dean at the local university, and was crowned as a poet by Emperor Maximilian II in 1566. However, due to his Protestantism he resigned that post a few years later. The melody from this hymn is based on a secular song "Une jeune fillette de grand' valeur", a French folk song of the period. Today we will sing this hymn as our Hymn of the Day (8:00) and the prelude is a chorale based on the tune by J.S. Bach featuring a "joy motif" of which the German music theologian Phillip Spitta wrote, "permeates the piece winding above and around [the chorale melody] like a luxurious garland of amaranth." Only four lines of the melody are heard in the choral, played in the pedal. The prelude closes with a bell-like coda over a pedal point, perhaps illustrating the final lines of the hymn, "after death we will buried deep in the earth; when we have slept, we will be awoken by God." In this "bell" coda, the c sharp note is heard seven times consecutively, indicative of the German funeral bell. ~From the organ bench~



**Calling all singers!**

You are invited to join with us to sing for the Reformation Day services on October 27. We will rehearse on Tuesday evening, October 22, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Radtke at 612-308-4096. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**Sauerkraut Supper will be held October 26th** from 5-7. We are still looking for people who are able to help with serving food and cleanup after the meal. If you are interested in helping please contact Wayne Warnest, Jeremiah Willard, or David Sura.