

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Joanne Johansen
Eunice Swenson
Vonnie Karger
Marian Harmening

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber
Confirmands:
Sebastian Caquelin
Tucker Chipman
Jingyan Schlechte
Sydney Sistad
Elizabeth Thompson
Hermela Yemane
Yohans Yemane

Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

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

MONDAY, October 28

TUESDAY, October 29

WEDNESDAY, October 30

THURSDAY, October 31

1:00 P.M. F.I.F. (Friends in Fellowship) meet

FRIDAY, November 1

SATURDAY, November 2

SUNDAY, November 3

All Saints' Sunday

Daylight Savings

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

Oct. 27: Walt Peterson

Oct. 28: *St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles*

Oct. 29: Jill Ferrell, Tom Gundermann

Oct. 30:

Oct. 31: Grayson Cao, Madi Cao, *Reformation Day*

Nov. 1: *All Saints' Day*

Nov. 2: Jeff Johnson

Nov. 3:

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 27, 2019
Reformation Sunday



October contact person: **Judy Brinkman:** Bill & Joan Baker, Joanne Borocki, Redazgi Habtezgi & Mana Goytom, Leonard & Katie Miller, Candace Pagel, Bev Piepkorn, Stephanie Sagstetter, Jim & Karen Siegel

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 under the
"WORSHIP" tab
You can watch sermons on YouTube by
searching Saint Stephanus (date).

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 & The Festival Choir

(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 Wussler



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Bruce and Clarice Anderson in honor of God's blessings of the 32 years of marriage, and 48th anniversary of the dedication of the organ.

Last Week's Contributions:

Oct. 20 8:00 (67) 9:30 (72)

Current - \$6,141.07

Concordia Academy - \$10.00

Simon Garden - \$1,100.00

Special Thanks - \$100.00

Missions - \$10.00

Caring & Sharing - \$1,000.00

20x5 - \$5.00

Sunday School - \$4.24

Total - \$8,370.31 (**\$7,200 needed weekly**)

November 3 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Christopher Schonebaum & Calvin Hanan

(10:30) Oliver Bauch & Logan Curtis

Caretakers: (8:00) Joan Baker **(10:30)** Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Dan Savard, John Schonebaum, Jane Sell

(10:30) Erica Moore, Tricia Schmidt, Dale Trapp

Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Redazgi Habtezgi

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

(10:30) Jerry & Jackie Spiess

Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur **(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) B.J. Brown, Reba & Walt Peterson

(10:30) Steve Sohn, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Less than 2 weeks to remember to change your clocks. Time change takes effect on November 3rd.



Thursday Oct. 31 is the last Thursday of the month and is the Metro Senior Gathering for October. Come to St. Stephanus from 1:00-2:30 to play games, share fellowship, and meet new friends! All Metro seniors are welcome. Bring a friend!

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.**

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



"A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken." Probably the best known of Martin Luther's hymns, the words and melody were both written by Luther sometime between 1527 and 1529. This paraphrase of Psalm 46, known as the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation", has over 100 English translations, along with several other languages.

Our hymnal features two variations of the hymn. 656 is the "Rhythmic" tune, most closely resembling the tune as written by Luther, in which the rhythm of the tune follows the sung text. This style is also found in many other early Reformation hymns. The tune later evolved into the "isorhythmic" variation found in hymn 657, first published in 1738 and was popular by the time of J.S. Bach (1685-1750), whose harmonization from Cantata 80 is found in many hymnals today, including ours. Along with the different rhythm, the two versions found in our hymnal also are examples of different translations. We will sing this hymn today as we celebrate the 502nd anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation today. On a musical note, I would also like to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the organ dedication this past Thursday. **~From the organ bench~**



Altar Flowers - Did you know that the altar flowers are paid for totally by member donations? If nobody signs up on a Sunday someone on the Altar Guild usually ends up covering the cost.

There are two vases on the altar. Each vase cost \$21 and you can choose to sponsor one or both.

The flowers can be given in memory of someone, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in thanks for a blessing or a person God has put in your life, or just because! This is published in

the bulletin and you can take home the flowers after the second service or donate them. **The new 2020 sign up sheets** are on the end of the mailboxes near the stairs to the balcony and the lobby. To pay for the flowers, simply put cash or a check in an envelope marked "Altar flowers" and place it in the Sunday offering plate.



Our next voters meeting is Sunday, November 17th, following the 10:30 service. Agenda items include voting on our budget for next year. A light lunch will be served.

Sebastian Caquelin | Psalm 52:8

“But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever”

Tucker Chipman | Psalm 23:4

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Jingyan Schlechte | Psalm 117

“Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.”

Sydney Sistad | Psalm 46:1-2

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.”

Elizabeth Thompson | John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Hermela Yemane | Psalm 32:7-8

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.”

Yohans Yemane | Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”