

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Isaac Baker
Keith Rennerfeldt
David Weckwerth
Joanne Johansen
Vonnie Karger

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 1

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, December 2

TUESDAY, December 3

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

WEDNESDAY, December 4

6:30 P.M. Advent Worship

THURSDAY, December 5

FRIDAY, December 6

Office closed

SATURDAY, December 7

SUNDAY, December 8

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 1: Ruth Ann Willard

Dec. 2

Dec. 3: Staci Westphall

Dec. 4: *John of Damascus, Theologian & Hymnwriter*

Dec. 5: Cheri Fleischhacker

Dec. 6: *Nicholas of Myra, Pastor*

Dec. 7: *Ambrose of Milan, Pastor & Hymnwriter*

Dec. 8:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December contact persons: Lynne Heuton & Connie Petersen

Lynne Heuton, Connie Petersen, Erin Baker, Al Benson, Clarence & Yoshiko Benson, Michelle Connolly, Jeff & Suzanne Johnson, Allison Johnson, Admasu Mekonen & Diribe Desissa, Martha Sohn, Steve Sohn

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

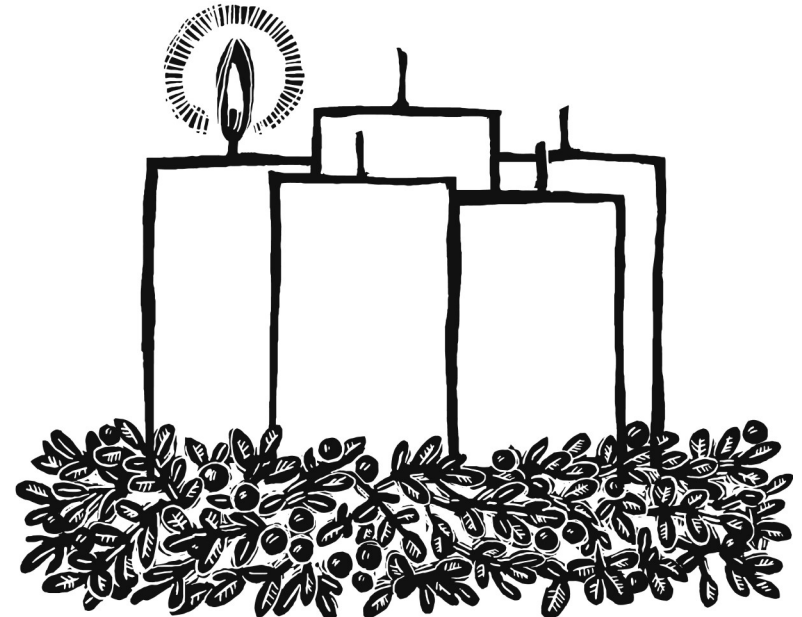
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 1, 2019

First Sunday in Advent



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —

ADVENT

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).

Dec. 1 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Zhenghong Schonebaum

(10:30) Genna & Logan Curtis

Caretakers: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, Megan Huff, Jane Sell

(10:30) Ron Brubak, Redazgi Habtezgi, Jeremiah Willard

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

Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown (10:30) Judy Brinkman & Lynne Heuton

Lector: (8:00) Jay Schlechte (10:30) Erica Moore

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, Reba & Walt Peterson

(10:30) Admasu Mekonen, Erica Moore, Steve Sohn, Jeff Wussler



Altar
Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Jerry & Jackie Spiess

Last Week's Contributions:

Nov. 24 8:00 (53) 10:30 (76)

Current - \$4,317.62

Simon's Garden- \$50.00

Sunday School - \$5.04

Thanksgiving- \$65.00

Total - \$4,437.66 (**\$7,200 needed weekly**)

December 8 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Christopher & Owen Schonebaum

(10:30) Oliver Bauch & Tim Mohrland

Caretaker: (8:00) Joan Baker (10:30) Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

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

Elder: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich

(10:30) Erin Baker & Candy Pagel

Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Karen Mohrland

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, Philip Preuss, Scott & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Admasu Mekonen, Jeremiah & Trent Willard

Friends in Fellowship (F.I.F.) will **NOT** be meeting this month. But we will gather at Emmaus Lutheran December 4,11,18 for their 11:30 Advent worship services followed by a meal. If you need transportation, call Connie Petersen 651-487-2747.

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 ~



Our December Advent worship schedule begins on Wed., Dec. 4 at 6:30 P.M.

Dec. 11 at 6:30 P.M.

Dec. 15 Sunday School Program at 10:30 service

Dec. 18 at 6:30 P.M.

Dec. 22 9:30 A.M. Worship

Dec. 24 4:00 P.M. Lessons & Carols

Dec. 24 10:00 P.M. Candlelight worship with communion

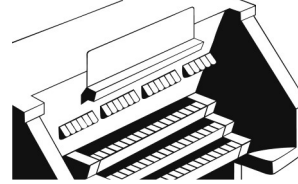
Dec. 25 9:30 A.M. Christmas Day worship with communion

Dec. 29 9:30 A.M. Worship with communion

New Year's Eve worship with communion at 6:30 P.M.

Adult Bible study will meet downstairs in the Fireside Room

From the **ORGANIST**



O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. With references as far back as Boethius (480-524), this chant in its original form had one verse chanted each evening December 17 through 23. The "O" Antiphons as found in hymn 357 are a translation of the original Latin. The antiphons began as: *O Sapientia* (Wisdom), *O Adonai* (Hebrew for God), *O Radix Jesse* (stem of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (key of David), *O Oriens* (Dayspring), *O Rexx genitium* (King of the Gentiles), *O*

Emmanuel. Put together the first letter of the second word of each antiphon spells SARCORE. If read backwards, the letters form the words "Ero cras", meaning "I will be present tomorrow". In 1851, John Mason Neale (1818-1866) discovered this chant in an appendix of an early 18th-century manuscript, and included the antiphons together as one hymn translated to English. Later translations changed the order of the verses and modernized the language. The tune, "Veni, Emmanuel" will be found in the liturgical music used throughout the Advent season (8:00), and will also be the basis for the voluntaries today.

A super-big-special thank you to Jim Radtke, John Schonebaum, and Owen Schonebaum who offered their talents to provide a brass section for our Christ the King service last Sunday.

~From the organ bench~

Concordia Academy Christmas Concert

Join the Concordia Academy band, choirs, and art students at CA's 2019 Christmas Concert, "Unto Us A Son Is Given." Performances are **Saturday, December 7**, at 7:00 pm and **Sunday, December 8**, at 3:00 pm. In addition, artwork from students in CA's first-semester art classes will be exhibited. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Online ticketing is available at www.concordiaacademy.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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.**