

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Family of Dave
Weckwerth
Isaac Baker
Joanne Johansen
Vonnie Karger
Clarice Anderson

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 8

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

MONDAY, December 9

TUESDAY, December 10

7:00 P.M. P.P.C.

WEDNESDAY, December 11

6:30 P.M. Advent Worship

THURSDAY, December 12

FRIDAY, December 13

SATURDAY, December 14

SUNDAY, December 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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 8:

Dec. 9: Doug Sell

Dec. 10:

Dec. 11:

Dec. 12: Erin Baker, Joan Johnson, Melissa Karger,
Nathaniel Benke

Dec. 13: *Lucia, Martyr*

Dec. 14: Bill Johnson, Lynne Billing, Sebastian
Caquelin

Dec. 15:



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 8, 2019
Second Sunday in Advent



SECOND 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.

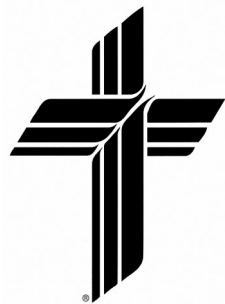
Sunday Services:

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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OFFICE HOURS:
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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. 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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Jane Sell

Last Week's Contributions:

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

Current - \$5,907.30

Advent - \$10.00

Confirmation - \$20.00

Missions - \$25.00

Sharing & Caring - \$500.00

Sunday School - \$6.90

Total - \$6,469.20 (**\$7,200 needed weekly**)

Dec. 15 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

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

(10:30) Savannah & Sebastian Caquelin

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

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) John Schonebaum, Megan Huff

(10:30) Erica Moore, Akbar Muhammad, Jeremiah Willard

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

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown (10:30) Judy Brinkman & Dale Trapp

Lector: (8:00) Lois Thur (10:30) Katie Miller

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

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

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

(10:30) Steve Sohn, Jeff Wussler, Dale Trapp, Emmet Heck

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

A Living Nativity at Bethel Lutheran: Please join us for a celebration of Christmas at our annual Living Nativity! This free event features a live presentation of the Christmas story on Dec. 14 at 6pm and 7pm. Come enjoy this outdoor skit, along with a petting zoo and bonfire. From 5:30-8:00 P.M. head indoors for warm beverages and refreshments, live music with Christmas caroling, and crafts for the kids. People of all ages will enjoy this event that focuses our minds, hearts, and voices on the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Bethel is located at 670 Wheelock Pkwy W in St. Paul.

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

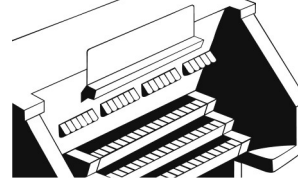
Dec. 25 9:30 A.M. Christmas Day worship with communion

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**



In today's Gospel lesson, we are introduced to John the Baptist. As such, our Hymn of the Day is "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry". Our hymnal pairs these lyrics to the tune *Puer Nobis*. The name of this tune is taken from its original Latin Christmas text, translated into English as "Unto Us a Boy is Born." A setting of this tune by Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733), a French priest who also held the post of organist at Saint-Barthelemy Church in Paris for over forty years, will serve as our prelude this morning (8:00). A slightly feistier version of the tune, as arranged by Aaron David Miller, organist at House of Hope Church on Summit Avenue, will be played as the postlude.

~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." The last performance is today 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.**

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR POP TABS!!

Each year The Ronald McDonald House of the Twin Cities raises \$20,000 through the collection of beverage can tabs. We, at St. Stephanus, are collecting tabs in remembrance of Simon Caquelin. 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. So far, we have received more than 5 gallons of tabs!! Keep collecting! The tabs will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House of The Twin Cities. If there are questions, please contact Cherie Fleischhacker at ckfle1@yahoo.com or 651-348-9051.