

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Family of Gene Byland
Isaac Baker
Clarice Anderson
Cheryl Smith

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut ins

Sharen Kappes



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 22

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

MONDAY, December 23

TUESDAY, December 24

Office Closed

4:00 P.M. Service of Lessons & Carols
10:00 P.M. Candlelight Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAY, December 25

Office Closed

9:30 A.M. Worship w/Communion

THURSDAY, December 26

FRIDAY, December 27

SATURDAY, December 28

SUNDAY, December 29

9:30 A.M. Worship w/Communion
Noon Eritrean Worship

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 22:

Dec. 23: Ben Mohrland, Wayne Warnest

Dec. 24: Erica Moore, Ron Brubak, Wendy Curtis

Dec. 25:

Dec. 26: *St. Stephen, Martyr*

Dec. 27: Candace Anderson, *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*

Dec. 28: Elizabeth Sagstetter, *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

Dec. 29: Jeremiah Willard, *David*

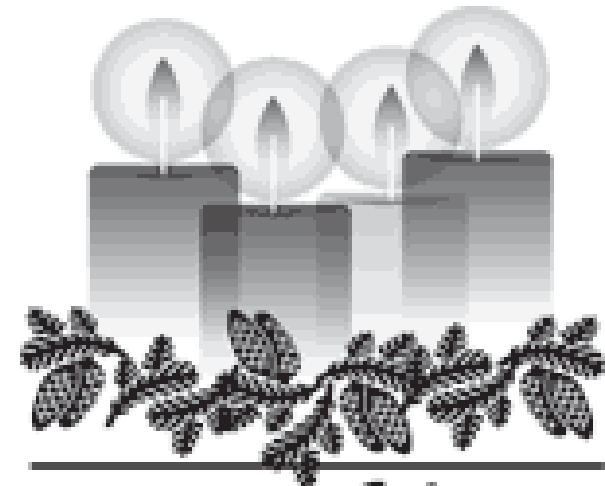
St. Stephanus Lutheran Church
Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Advent



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

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:
Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM
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. 22 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (9:30) Savannah Caquelin & Larissa Doran
Caretaker: (9:30) Rich Culbert
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (9:30)
Elder: (9:30) Keith Rennerfeldt
Greeters: (9:30) Tarrie Culbert & Dale Trapp
Lector: (9:30) Terianne Bender
Music: (9:30) Worship Band
Soundboard: (9:30) Leonard Miller
Ushers: (9:30) Steve Sohn, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Judy Brinkman with praise to the Lord for many happy Christmases with friends and family at St. Stephanus

Last Week's Contributions:

Dec. 15 8:00 (57) 10:30 (94)

Current - \$9,351.40	Christian Education - \$25.00
Thanksgiving - \$1.00	Advent - \$213.00
Caring & Sharing - \$500.00	Sunday School - \$6.00
Total - \$10,096.40 (\$7,200 needed weekly)	

Dec. 29 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (10:30) Elizabeth & Micah Thompson
Caretakers: (10:30) Admasu Mekonen
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Dale Trapp, Jeremiah Willard
Elder: (10:30) Matt Hanan
Greeters: (10:30) Erin Baker & Candy Pagel
Lector: (10:30) Terianne Bender
Music: (10:30) Organist: Bruce Anderson
Soundboard: (10:30) Leonard Miller & Keith Rennerfeldt
Ushers: (10:30) Emmet Heck, Steve Sohn, Scott & Corine Goodrich

An extremely important Men's Club meeting Thursday, Dec. 26 at 7 P.M.
There will be an election for officers at this meeting.

Jonathan House is working on outfitting residents with weather-appropriate clothing for the winter season. They have supplied the following list of items that female residents need. (Other churches are presently working on outfitting the male residents.)

Coats: 3 size XXL, 1 size XL
Hats : 2
Gloves: 4 pairs
Scarves: 4
Boots: 3 pairs size 10
Fleece: 3 size XXL, 1 size XL
Socks: 8 pairs
Long underwear: 1 size XXL, 1 size XL, 1 size 14
Slippers: 1 pair size 9, 3 pairs size 10

If you wish to donate new or gently used items, please contact Cherie Fleischhacker 651-348-9051 or ckfleis@yahoo.com

There will be no adult Bible study today or next week (29th) but we will resume with the journey through Mathew's Gospel on Jan. 5th.

Thank you Bill Johnson for leading and blessing us on our Wednesday services of Holden Evening Prayer through this Advent season!



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.

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.



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