

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Isaac Baker
Cheryl Smith

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Jan. 5

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, Jan. 6

TUESDAY, Jan. 7

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8

THURSDAY, Jan. 9

FRIDAY, Jan. 10

SATURDAY, Jan. 11

SUNDAY, Jan. 12

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Jan. 5:

Jan. 6: Greg Zinter

Jan. 7: Bev Piepkorn

Jan. 8:

Jan. 9:

Jan. 10: *Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, Pastor and Confessors*

Jan. 11: Ed Potter, Redazgi Habtezgi

Jan. 12: Ernest Brown, Ronald Bisping

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 5, 2020

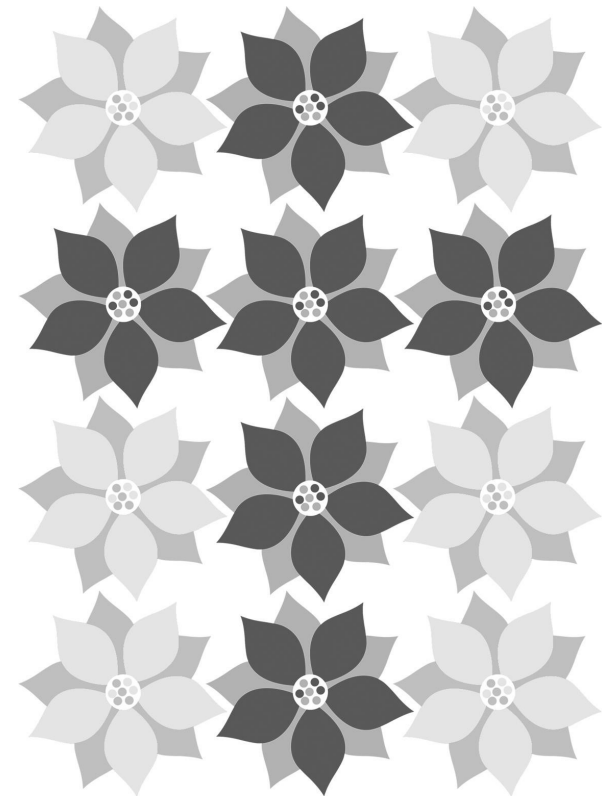
Second Sunday after Christmas



Birthdays

January contact person: Sue Kressin

Jim Radtke & Sue Kressin, Carol Donahoe, Cherie Fleischhacker, Joan Johnson, Suzanne Johnston, Jon Marschke, Tami Nissen-Omosowon, Ed & Marlene Potter, Joe & Kristen Rivera



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).

Jan. 5 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Jingyan Schlechte
(10:30) Eva Gundermann & Sydney Sistas
Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Savard **(10:30)** Judy Brinkman
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum, Jane Sell
(10:30) Dale Trapp, Akbar Muhammad, Erica Moore
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Redazgi Habtezgi
Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Sheila Schlechte **(10:30)** Jackie & Jerry Spiess
Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker **(10:30)** Terianne Bender
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, Bruce Karger, Philip Preuss
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Hanna & Andrew Temme

Last Week's Contributions:

Dec. 29 9:30 ()

No information was given

(\$7,200 needed weekly)

Jan. 12 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Christopher & Owen Schonebaum **(10:30)** Ben & Tim Mohrland
Caretakers: (8:00) John Schonebaum **(10:30)** Admasu Mekonen
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Dale Trapp, Jeremiah Willard
Elder: (8:00) John Schonebaum **(10:30)** Keith Rennerfeldt
Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich **(10:30)** Jackie & Jerry Spiess
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) Roger Binning, B.J. Brown, Scott & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Admasu Mekonen, Todd Mohrland, Erica Moore, Steve Sohn

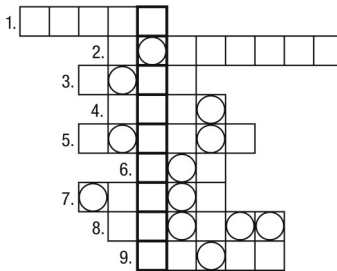


On the third Sunday of each month, our church collects your pocket change for "mites for missions" in the big mite box in the narthex. Please remember to bring your mite box from home or take one with you to fill for next month. These mites go towards mission projects as well as provide aid to those 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~

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.

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the word from the boldface vertical column. Also unscramble the circled letters to reveal a seasonal phrase.



1. Carolers and instrumentalists make this
2. What happens at malls
3. The angel Gabriel appeared to her
4. You'll find this under a Christmas tree
5. He was a carpenter
6. Joseph had to pay this in Bethlehem
7. The "ship of the desert"
8. Cattle eat out of this
9. Shepherds tend this

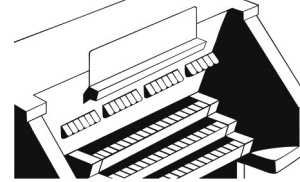
Bold word: _____

Seasonal phrase: _____

Answers: music, shopping, Mary, gift, Joseph, tax, camel, manger, sheep, Christmas, peace on earth

Adult Bible study will meet in the Fireside room where we will resume with the journey through Matthew's Gospel.

From the ORGANIST



Nikolaus Herman (1500-1561) was organist and choirmaster in Joachimsthal, Bohemia, an important mining town where rich silver deposits were first discovered in 1512 and later re-attained prominence as a source for uranium, as well as being the source from which Marie Curie first discovered polonium and radium. Herman wrote his hymns intending them to be used by the boys and girls in the school, and for the daily life of the "housefathers and housemothers" both at home and in their work in the mines. In 1554 Herman wrote "Three Spiritual Christmas Songs of the new-born child Jesus, for the children in Joachimsthal." The first of these songs, "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen alle gleich" soon became one of the most popular German Christmas hymns. As today is still in the season of Christmas, the day of "twelve drummers drumming", this hymn will be sung as our closing hymn today (8:00), and a partita, or set of variations, on this tune by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) will serve as our prelude. ~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 sign up sheet is 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.