

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Isaac Baker
Cheryl Smith

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Jan. 12

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

MONDAY, Jan. 13

TUESDAY, Jan. 14

7:00 P.M.	P.P.C
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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15

6:00 P.M.	Confirmation
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THURSDAY, Jan. 16

FRIDAY, Jan. 17

SATURDAY, Jan. 18

SUNDAY, Jan. 19

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

Jan. 12: Ernest Brown, Ronald Bisping

Jan. 13: Luke Lageson

Jan. 14:

Jan. 15:

Jan. 16: Mark Zabawa

Jan. 17: Marie Benson

Jan. 18: Duston Trudeau, Leah Van Dassor,

The Confession of St. Peter

Jan. 19: Sheila Schlechte

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 12, 2020

First Sunday after Epiphany



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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Bible readings are located at
www.saintstephanus.org under the
"WORSHIP" tab
You can watch sermons on YouTube by
searching Saint Stephanus (date).

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: (8:00) (10:30)

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

Today's Altar flowers are given by:



Altar
Flowers

The Brown family in honor of Ernie's 85th birthday today
&

Kathy Fleischhacker and family in memory of Andrew Fleischhacker Jr.

Last Week's Contributions:

Jan. 5 8:00 (57) 10:30 (58)

Current - \$7,810.41 Missions - \$10.00 Christian Education - \$10.00

Weckwerth memorial for Feeding Frogtown - \$420.00

Weckwerth memorial for Sharing & Caring - \$590.00

Total - \$10,875.41 (**\$7,200 needed weekly**)

Jan. 19 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Elizabeth & Micah Thompson

(10:30) Eva Gundermann & Savannah Caquelin

Caretaker: (8:00) Dan Savard (10:30) Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

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

(10:30) Dan Savard, Akbar Muhammad, Tricia Schmidt

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

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

(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Dale Trapp

Lector: (8:00) Dan Baker (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, Bruce Karger, Ron & Jan Brubak

(10:30) Steve Sohn, Emmet Heck, Admasu Mekonen, Dale Trapp



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~

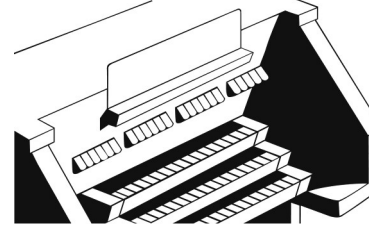
HUMBLE REQUEST: If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home or has an emergency, **PLEASE** call the **CHURCH OFFICE** to leave a message for Pastor Thompson. He would like to visit as soon as possible. Many times, members do not pass this information along and Pastor does not find out about it until after the fact.

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.

Give your spouse the gift of a lifetime-YOU! Give your spouse the gift of YOU at Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience! The next event is scheduled Feb. 14-16, 2020 in Brooklyn Center. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Al & Mary Schallock at ajshallock@hotmail.com or 507-383-8486 for more information. Pre-registration is required-don't miss out!

Adult Bible study will meet in the Fireside room.

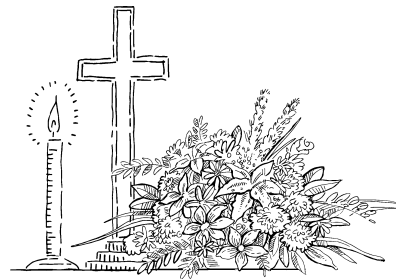
From the ORGANIST



The Season of Light, Epiphany, spans from the celebration of the star guiding the Magi (January 6) to the glory of Transfiguration (which we will celebrate on February 23), after which time we begin the season of Lent. During the Sundays of Epiphany we are brought to the waters of the Jordan where John baptized Jesus, following Jesus in His ministry, and finally to the glory of saints of old surrounding Christ.

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" ("Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern") is one of the

most celebrated Lutheran hymns of this season, originally written in 1597 by Lutheran hymn writer Philipp Nicolai, and is often referred to as "The Queen of Chorales". In the hymn, Nicolai draws upon Revelation 22:16, "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." This is related back to Psalm 45, a mystical wedding song, identifying Jesus with the bridegroom of the psalm. We will sing this hymn today as we celebrate the beginning of the Epiphany season, and today's postlude (8:00) will be a toccata setting of the tune by Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926). ~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.

Altar Flowers

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 and envelope marked "Altar flowers" and place it in the Sunday offering plate.