

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Cheryl Smith  
Nick and Joanne Borocki  
Jon Williams

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University  
Paul & Kristin Humber

### Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

## Week Ahead

### 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

### MONDAY, Jan. 20

### TUESDAY, Jan. 21

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22

6:00 P.M. Confirmation

### THURSDAY, Jan. 23

7:00 P.M. Men's Club

### FRIDAY, Jan. 24

### SATURDAY, Jan. 25

### SUNDAY, Jan. 26

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. 19: Sheila Schlechte

Jan. 20: Lisa Bisping, Robert Holtz, Sarah

Jan. 21:

Jan. 22:

Jan. 23: Matthew Sagstetter

Jan. 24: *St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor*

Jan. 25: Fred Boterman, Noah Miller, *The Conversion of St. Paul*

Jan. 26: *St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor*



## 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

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 19, 2020

Second Sunday after Epiphany

# Epiphany

## 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](http://www.saintstephanus.org) under the  
"WORSHIP" tab  
You can watch sermons on YouTube by  
searching Saint Stephanus (date).

## Jan. 19 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes: (8:00)** Elizabeth & Micah Thompson  
**(10:30)** Eva Gundermann & Savannah Caquelin  
**Caretaker: (8:00)** Dan Baker **(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



Altar  
Flowers

## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Marie Benson for blessings received  
& also from Arnie Johnson

## Last Week's Contributions:

Jan. 12 8:00 (52) 10:30 (65)  
Current - \$10,544.19 Total - \$10,544.19 (\$7,200 needed weekly)

## Jan. 26 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes: (8:00)** Genna Curtis & Owen Schonebaum  
**(10:30)** Ben Mohrland & Larissa Doran  
**Caretakers: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Judy Brinkman  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)**  
**Elder: (8:00)** Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Keith Rennerfeldt  
**Greeters: (8:00)** Marie Benson & Corine Goodrich  
**(10:30)** Judy Brinkman & Dale Trapp  
**Lector: (8:00)** Lois Thur **(10:30)** Todd Mohrland  
**Music: (8:00)** Organist: Bruce Anderson **(10:30)** Worship Band  
**Soundboard: (8:00)** Dan Savard **(10:30)** Leonard Miller  
**Ushers: (8:00)** Bruce Karger, John Schonebaum, Walt & Reba Peterson  
**(10:30)** Todd Mohrland, Steve Sohn, Dale Trapp, Tesfaya Maskalo



**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.

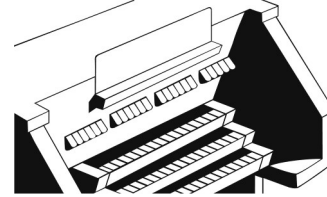
**A reminder:** If you drop off items, furniture or other items for the church please let the office know your name and the reason for dropping it off. If you are leaving notes for staff members **PLEASE DATE AND SIGN IT.**

**How about this for a New Year's Resolution?** Show your spouse how much you care in 2020 by experiencing Lutheran Marriage Encounter together! The next event is scheduled Feb. 14-16, 2020 in Brooklyn Center. Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Al & Mary Schallock at [ajshallock@hotmail.com](mailto:ajshallock@hotmail.com) or 507-383-8486 for more information. Pre-registration is required-don't miss out!

**Concordia University, St. Paul** invites you to the installation of Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich as president. The service will be held on Friday, January 24, at 10:30 A.M. in the Buetow Music Auditorium. A light reception will follow the service. Questions can be directed to Jane Wilke, Director of Church Relations, at [jwilke@csp.edu](mailto:jwilke@csp.edu) or 651-641-8393.

**Adult Bible study** will meet in the Fireside room.

## From the **ORGANIST**



**"Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn"** (translated to "Lord Christ, the Only Son of God" is one of the oldest hymns with a Lutheran basis. Written by Elisabeth Cruciger (1500-1535), this hymn was first printed in the *Erfurt Enchiridion*, the second specifically "Lutheran" hymnal, in 1524 along with eighteen hymns by Martin Luther. This early hymnal was designed to give people hymns they could sing in their daily life - at home, work and school. Today's prelude (8:00) is a group of chorales on this hymn by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621). Sweelinck, a Dutch composer, is recognized as one of the principal figures in organ music, especially in northern Germany with his influence seen in the later styles of Buxtehude and Bach.

**Today's opening hymn** is "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal". The author of these lyrics, Johann Ludwig Conrad Allendorf (1693-1773), was the son of a German pastor who later went on to become a clergyman himself, at one point serving as Lutheran Court Preacher at Cothen, Germany. Allendorf wrote 45 hymns, most of which are still used primarily in German-speaking churches. His works are described as "hymns of love to Christ, the Lamb of God, and the Bridegroom of the believing Soul." The hymn we sing today was penned while Allendorf was pastor at St. Ulrich's Church in Halle, Germany. The words come from these Bible passages: Luke 1:68-79 (Zechariah's song in the temple after seeing the Christ child). 1 John 1:1-2 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us." Isaiah 12: This song of praise and joy ends with the phrase, "Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

The tune for this hymn is sometimes known as "Cothen", named for the city where Allendorf first became a minister, but in our hymnal it's known using the German lyrics of the hymn, "Jesus Ist Kommen, Grund Ewiger Freude". The arranger of the music as found in the hymnal is Paul G. Bunjes, who has a connection to St. Stephanus - it was he who designed our pipe organ.

~The Organ Bench~