

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Cheryl Smith
Clarice Anderson
Jon Williams

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Feb. 2

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, Feb. 3

TUESDAY, Feb. 4

7:00 P.M. Lay Ministry

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5

6:00 P.M. Confirmation

THURSDAY, Feb. 6

FRIDAY, Feb. 7

SATURDAY, Feb.8

SUNDAY, Feb. 9

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Feb. 02: *The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord*

Feb. 03:

Feb. 04: Matt Culbert

Feb. 05: *Jacob (Israel), Patriarch*

Feb. 06: David Betts, Hanna Temme

Feb. 07:

Feb. 08: Terry Sistad

Feb. 09: Lennea Lopez

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Feb. 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



**A Special
Birthday**

February contact person: Sheila Schlechte

Alandra Banaei, Roger & Nancy Binning, Wendy Curtis, Ronald Hoelscher, Marty & Janine Langemo, Kyle Munoz, Shelly Novotny, Jay & Sheila Schlechte, Jackie & Jerry Spiess, Josh Yernberg

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.

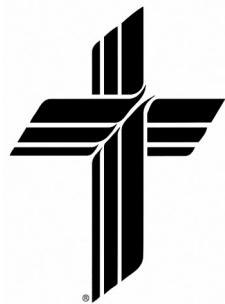
Sunday Services:

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 under the
"WORSHIP" tab
You can watch sermons on YouTube by
searching Saint Stephanus (date).

Feb. 2 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Calvin Hanan & Christopher Schonebaum
(10:30) Sophia Baker & Logan Curtis

Caretaker: (8:00) John Schonebaum **(10:30)** Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) John Schonebaum, Matt Hanan, Jane Sell
(10:30) Akbar Muhammad, Redazgi Habtezgi, Jeremiah Willard

Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Redazgi Habtezgi

Greeters: (8:00) Marie Benson & B.J. Brown
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Erin Baker

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, Bruce Karger, Philip Preuss, John Schonebaum
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Sue Kressin

Last Week's Contributions:

Jan. 26 8:00 (58) 10:30 (83)

Current - \$12,77.37

Total - \$12,77.37 (\$7,200 needed weekly)

Feb. 9 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Owen Schonebaum & Micah Thompson
(10:30) Savannah & Sebastian Caquelin

Caretakers: (8:00) Joan Baker **(10:30)** Dan Savard

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)

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

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Dan Savard
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Candy Pagel

Lector: (8:00) Shelly Novotny **(10:30)** Terianne Bender

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) Steve Sohn, Dan Savard, Jeremiah & Trent Willard



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~



Notes of THANKS

Thank you for all your kindness and grace, not just this last Sunday, but throughout the last ten years that we have been able to share with you. With many joys and sorrows, successes and failures, we are glad to have lived the grace of our God with you. We thank God for you and that life together.

In Jesus,
The Thompson Family

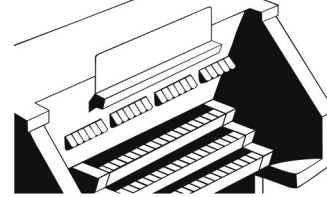
King of Kings Lutheran School will be hosting a seminar to show families the different programs that help make Christian education affordable. This event will be on **February 4 at 6:30pm** in our Jerusalem Room and is open to everyone (current and prospective families).

Do you know someone who has been thinking about applying, but just doesn't know if they can make it work? Then this is the event they won't want to miss! This is a great opportunity to listen to live testimonies on how it is financially possible to make private education a reality. This seminar will also be live streamed through our Facebook page for those who are not able to attend. We hope to see you there! ~Jay Schutte, Principal

Adult Bible study will be in the Fireside room.

The office will be closed this week but voice mail and emails will be checked daily during throughout week. If you need more immediate assistance please call Pastor Thompson at (612) 208-7388.

From the ORGANIST



"O Love, how deep, how broad, how high." We go through the seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, and soon Lent, knowing how the story ends. This does not make the story any less meaningful, but instead adds to the anticipation. Today's closing hymn (8:00) encompasses the entire story of salvation from the birth through the ascension of Christ - a rare scope for a hymn. The original Latin poem upon which the hymn is based consists of twenty-three stanzas, of

which six are included in most modern hymnals, is credited to Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471), a German monk. The tune, DEO GRACIAS, also from the fifteenth century, was originally a victory song "Our King went forth to Normandy", commemorating the victory of King Henry V of England at Agincourt, France in 1415 during the Hundred Years' War. Today's postlude is also a setting of this hymn.

Today's prelude (8:00) is a setting of the hymn tune "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" (English translation: "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"). We sing this hymn today for our opening hymn. The original version of this tune was a composition of Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673) and first appeared in 1664 paired with the text of an Advent hymn. The tune, originally suited more for a solo, was later altered to make it more appropriate for congregational singing and paired with the text of Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684), Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), one of the best known German to English hymn translators, published the English version in 1861. ~The Organ Bench~