

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Cheryl Smith
Clarice Anderson

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Feb. 9

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

MONDAY, Feb. 10

TUESDAY, Feb. 11

7:00 P.M.	P.P.C meet
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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12

6:00 P.M.	Confirmation
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THURSDAY, Feb. 13

FRIDAY, Feb. 14

SATURDAY, Feb. 15

SUNDAY, Feb. 16

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

Feb. 09: Lennea Lopez
Feb. 10: *Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul*
Feb. 11:
Feb. 12:
Feb. 13: Sharen Kappes, Suzanne Johnson,
Aquila, Priscilla, Apollon
Feb. 14: Lois Holtz, Lu Clemmensen, Tesfaye
Maskalo, Valentine, Martyr
Feb. 15: Karen Byland, *Philemon and Onesimus*
Feb. 16: Ethan Dahlke, Sophie Baker,
Philipp Melanchthon (birth), Confessor



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

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Feb. 9, 2020

Sixth Sunday after the 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. 9 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Vicar Yohannes Ghebru

Assistants: (8:00) John Schonebaum (10:30) Jim Radtke

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



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

Lu Clemmensen in gratitude for 80 years of God's blessings.

Last Week's Contributions:

Feb. 2 8:00 (56) 10:30 (75)

Current - \$4,280.00

Concordia Academy - \$150.00

Sunday School - \$6.25

Missions - \$25.00

Coffee - \$10.00

Total - \$4,471.25 (**\$7,200 needed weekly**)

Feb. 16 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson

Acolytes: (8:00) Jingyan & Zhenghong Schlechte
(10:30) Oliver Bauch & Sydney Sistas

Caretaker: (8:00) Ron Brubak (10:30) Admasu Mekonen

Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson

Communion Assistants: (8:00) John Schonebaum, Matt Hanan, Jane Sell
(10:30) Megan Huff, Erica Moore, Tricia Schmidt

Elder: (8:00) Ron Brubak (10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi

Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Corine Goodrich
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert & Lynne Heuton

Lector: (8:00) Jay Schlechte (10:30) Erica Moore

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, Corine Goodrich, Walt & Reba Peterson
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Jeff Wussler, Jeremiah & Trent Willard

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.



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 your prayers, cards, encouraging words, support and gifts. We are extremely humbled at the outpouring of support through this time.

~Bruce and Clarice Anderson

Concordia ACADEMY

CA Open House on February 25

Concordia Academy's open house on Tuesday, February 25, 6:00-8:00 PM, gives parents and students a great chance to see how they honor God through excellence in academics, arts, athletics and more! You can meet teachers and students, take a tour, and see if CA is the right fit. Get more information at

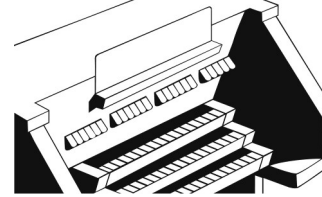
www.concordiaacademy.com.

Register for Concordia Academy Camps

Registration is now open for two dozen Concordia Academy summer camps for students entering Grades 3-12, including Cooking, Painting, and Electronics, as well as old favorites such as Basketball, CSI, Soccer, Art, Theatre, Youth Worship Team, Softball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Dance, Auto Shop, Weight Training G3: Genuinely Great Girls, and more! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/camps to register.

Pastor Thompson is taking his quarterly Sunday off today. We thank John Schonebaum and Jim Radtke for assisting with the liturgy and welcome Vicar Yohannes Ghebru in preaching.

From the ORGANIST



Throughout this season of Epiphany, we see the repeated theme of "light". In fact in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us to let our light shine before others. Today's hymn of the day (8:00), "Thy Strong Word" follows this theme with its imagery of this light overpowering the darkness.

Martin Franzmann (1907-1976), at the time a professor of New Testament at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, wrote the text to this hymn in 1954 to be used as the processional hymn for the seminary's commencement ceremonies.

Initially written with four stanzas, Franzmann kept adding stanzas to the hymn to adjust it to the length of the processional, ending up with ten stanzas by 1959. Franzmann is also credited with the authorship of several other hymns found in our hymnal.

Thomas John Williams (1869-1944) was an insurance man and organist in Wales. He wrote several hymn tunes and anthems, with the best known tune, EBENEZER, written in 1896, which Williams named after Ebenezer Chapel where he attended while composing the tune. It first was published in the Baptist Book of Praise (1900) under the name ASSURANCE since there was already another hymn named EBENEZER. The tune is also known as TON-Y-BOTEL (Tune in a Bottle) as a result of a newspaper story claiming that the tune was found in a bottle washed up on the North Wales coast (fake news was around even then).

Today's prelude and postlude are taken from a setting of the tune by Benjamin M. Culli, organist and composer at Peace Lutheran Church in New Berlin, Wisconsin.

~The Organ Bench~



Congregational Meeting

The next Voters meeting will be Feb. 23rd between services. The agenda includes a follow up to the November budget discussion.