

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Lu Clemmensen

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristen Humber

Shut ins

Sharen Kappes



**A Special
Birthday**

March contact person: Lu Clemmensen

Elizabeth Asefa, Dan Baker, Senait Berhe, Mary & Ronald Bisping, Matt & Jennifer Caquelin, Lu Clemmensen, Matt & Tiffany Hanan, Eileen Vierow & Arnold Johnson, Doug Johnson, Tesfaye Maskalo & Guttu Hussein

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Feb. 23

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

MONDAY, Feb. 24

TUESDAY, Feb. 25

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

5:30 P.M. Lent meal
6:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Lent worship

THURSDAY, Feb. 27

1:00 P.M. Friends in Fellowship
7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, Feb. 28

SATURDAY, Feb. 29

SUNDAY, March 1

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. 23: *Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr*

Feb. 24: Jackie Preuss, *St. Matthias, Apostle*

Feb. 25: Lydia Bekele

Feb. 26: Andrew Fleischhacker

Feb. 27: Haikel Amare

Feb. 28: Richard Carter

Feb. 29: Riley Bauch

March 1: Amy Sura, Candace Pagel, Lois Thur

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Feb. 23, 2020



Transfiguration
SUNDAY

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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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).

Feb. 23 Worship Assistants

Preacher: Pastor Andrew Thompson
Acolytes: (8:00) Elizabeth & Micah Thompson
(10:30) Genna Curtis & Joshua Langemo
Caretakers: (8:00) Dan Savard **(10:30)** Dan Savard
Video Ministry: Jeff Johnson
Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)
Elder: (8:00) Matt Hanan **(10:30)** Dan Savard
Greeters: (8:00) B.J. Brown & Marie Benson
(10:30) Janine, Marty & Zach Langemo
Lector: (8:00) Terianne Bender **(10:30)** Michelle Connolly
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, Wayne Warnest
(10:30) Steve Sohn, Emmet Heck, Tesfaya Maskalo, Jeff Wussler



Today's Altar flowers are given by:

No one signed up for flowers at the time of printing

Last Week's Contributions:

Feb. 16 8:00 (60) 10:30 (82)

Current - \$5,560.00

Sunday School- \$9.10

Total - \$5,569.10 (**\$6,717 needed weekly**)

March 1 Worship Assistants

No schedule made at time of printing

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Thompson
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Please join us on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 PM, when we will begin our Lenten Journey. Midweek Lent worship services, with the Service of Evening Prayer, begin the following Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 PM. A meal will be served each week before the service from 5:30-6:15 PM.

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

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY TOUR (Bus tour & Cruise) Visiting Biblical sites of Athens, Corinth, Philippi, Island of Patmos, Ephesus, etc. (Oct 6-16, 2020)

Contact Rev Darold Reiner, retired LCMS Pastor & former Int'l LWML Counselor (406-890-1149) imhis38@gmail.com
SAVINGS & CONVENIENCE: The tour departs from the Minneapolis Airport!

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.

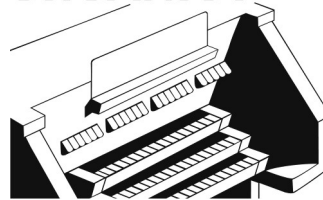
Register for Concordia Academy Camps

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.



The Voters meeting is TODAY between services. The agenda includes a follow up to the November budget discussion.

From the **ORGANIST**



Today is the culmination of the Season of Epiphany before we descend into the valley of Lent. This is the day which the Church calls Transfiguration Day. The Gospel Reading shows us a glimpse of Christ in utter splendor with Moses and Elijah. Oh! How the two of them wished to stay on that mountaintop with Jesus forever.

In commemoration of this event, I wrote the hymn "How Good, Lord, to be Here!" It tells the story of this particular event in a straightforward, simple style quite opposite to the life I led. It seemed like I was forever moving around involved with the Church of England. I served in many capacities...an assistant curate, a professor of divinity, as well as once being a dean and canon.

"How Good, Lord, to be Here!" was first published in the 1904 copy of the classic hymnal, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. It is usually sung to a classic tune as well, one by the great J.S. Bach. Mind you, it was never composed as a tune for any hymn. The tune *Potsdam* comes from the second fugue in E major found in Bach's *Forty-eight Preludes and Fugues*.

As for the name *Potsdam*, it refers to the famous visit paid by Bach to King Frederick "the Great" of Prussia in 1747. Frederick was living in Potsdam outside of Berlin. During Bach's visit, Frederick had him test various organs in the city as well as his new Silbermann pianoforte at the palace. Upon his return to Leipzig, Bach wrote his *Musical Offering* for the king. The visit was a scene of grand splendor.

But I tell you, there was more glory to behold on that mountaintop when Christ appeared dressed in a white garment. The Church, in her wisdom, remembers this event. For the whole countenance of Jesus radiated with dazzling splendor. More splendor than the palace of a king. ~Joseph Robinson (1858-1933)

The Prelude and Fugue in E major, upon which this hymn tune was based, will serve as our prelude today (8:00). ~The Organ Bench~