

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Lu Clemmensen

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy  
Richard & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

### 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

### MONDAY, March 2

### TUESDAY, March 3

6:30 A.M. Polling  
7:00 P.M. Lay ministry

### WEDNESDAY, March 4

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

### THURSDAY, March 5

### FRIDAY, March 6

### SATURDAY, March 7

### SUNDAY, March 8

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**

March 1: Amy Sura, Candace Pagel, Lois Thur

March 2:

March 3:

March 4: Elizabeth Asefa

March 5: Marty Langemo

March 6: Roger Binning, Todd Mohrland

March 7: Calvin Hanan, Dianne Warnest, Karen

Trudeau, *Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs*

March 8:

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

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 1, 2020  
First Sunday in Lent

FIRST  
SUNDAY



IN  
LENT



### 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

## 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:

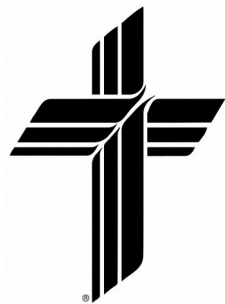
Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of the communion trays. It is distinctly lighter than the surrounding wine. Children who have not received instruction are invited to the rail to receive a blessing. Visitors are welcomed to the rail if you join us in confessing that the Lord gives not only 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](http://www.saintstephanus.org) under the  
"WORSHIP" tab  
You can watch sermons on YouTube by  
searching Saint Stephanus (date).

## March 1 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes: (8:00)** Zhenghong Schlechte & Christopher Schonebaum  
(10:30) Savannah & Sebastian Caquelin  
**Caretaker: (8:00)** John Schonebaum (10:30) Ron Brubak  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants: (8:00)** Matt Hanan, John Schonebaum, Jane Sell  
(10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi, Akbar Muhammad, Tricia Schmidt  
**Elder: (8:00)** John Schonebaum (10:30) Ron Brubak  
**Greeters: (8:00)** Marie Benson, B. J. Brown  
(10:30) Lynne Heuton, Dale Trapp  
**Lector: (8:00)** Jay Schlechte (10:30) Terianne Bender  
**Music: (8:00)** Organist: Bruce Anderson (10:30) Worship Band  
**Soundboard: (8:00)** Scott Goodrich (10:30) Leonard Miller  
**Ushers: (8:00)** Roger Binning, B. J. Brown, Bruce Karger, Philip Preuss  
(10:30) Emmet Heck, Steve Sohn, Dale Trapp, Jeff Wussler



Altar  
Flowers

## Today's Altar flowers are given by:

The Betts and Fleischhacker families in honor of Kathy Fleischhacker and in memory of Andrew Fleischhacker, Sr. Their 70th wedding anniversary would have been on March 4th.

## Last Week's Contributions:

Feb. 23 8:00 ( 60 ) 10:30 ( 89 )

Current - \$6,584.34	Sunday School- \$9.16
Missions - \$10.00	Christian Education - \$10.00
Borocki Memorial - \$10.00	Ash Wednesday - \$1.00
20x5 - \$5.00	Total - \$6,629.50 ( <b>\$6,717 needed weekly</b> )

## March 8 Worship Assistants

**Preacher:** Pastor Andrew Thompson  
**Acolytes: (8:00)** Genna Curtis & Owen Schonebaum  
(10:30) Larissa Doran & Joshua Langemo  
**Caretakers: (8:00)** Joan Baker (10:30) Rich Culbert  
**Video Ministry:** Jeff Johnson  
**Communion Assistants: (8:00) (10:30)**  
**Elder: (8:00)** John Schonebaum (10:30) Redazgi Habtezgi  
**Greeters: (8:00)** B.J. Brown, Dan Savard  
(10:30) Tarrie Culbert, Candy Pagel  
**Lector: (8:00)** Lois Thur (10:30) Erica Moore  
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(10:30) Steve Sohn, Jon, Rich, Tarrie Culbert



March 8 Daylight Saving Time starts.



**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 ~

**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](mailto:imhis38@gmail.com)  
SAVINGS & CONVENIENCE: The tour departs from the Minneapolis Airport!



**Sound of Music at CA in March**

Concordia Academy proudly presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's beloved stage musical, "The Sound of Music," on March 6, 7, 13, & 14 at 7:00 pm and March 8 & 15 at 2 pm. Purchase tickets online at [www.concordiaacademy.com](http://www.concordiaacademy.com). Tickets are also available from the CA office (651-484-8429).

**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](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/camps) to register.

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

**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.

**Please join us for our** Midweek Lent worship services, with the Service of Evening Prayer, begin the Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 P.M. A meal will be served each week before the service from 5:30-6:15 P.M.

From the **ORGANIST**



**Dear people in Christ,**

I am writing this letter to urge you to keep singing God's holy Word. Sing the hymns of the Church in joy and in sorrow. They will give you strength to face whatever occurs in life. Even death itself.

In addition to translating the Bible, I wrote many hymns. I thought we should all sing the Gospel's message. I believe my most famous one is "A Mighty Fortress Is our God." You might say it was the "Hymn of the

Reformation."

As you will remember, I married my Katie, Katherine von Bora, in 1525. Our marriage was blessed with six beautiful children whom we loved dearly. I faced many trials in my life. However, there was no trial as great as when our daughters, Elisabeth and Magdalena, died. I would have never survived this near all-encompassing grief if I could not have turned to God in prayer as well as in music - the Gospel in hymns.

No one more dear was ever taken from me than our two daughters. Oh, our precious infant, Elisabeth! As for Magdalena, she died in my arms. Magdalena had been such an obedient child. I never had to reprove her in thirteen years. When my friends tried to comfort me at the time of Magdalena's death, all I could say was, "I have sent a saint, a living saint, to Heaven." Katie took Magdalena's death especially hard. I had to console Katie. All we could do was sing away our despair. Together, Katie and I sang our hearts out to the Lord.

I encourage you to keep in tune with the Gospel, with its message that Christ died for us all...including our precious daughters. For your loved ones, as well as for you and for me, God *is* a mighty fortress, indeed! ~Martin Luther (1483-1546) (taken from *Gloria! - Letters from Hymnwriters* by Ruth M. Buenting)

~The Organ Bench~