

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Although we won't have weekly services at church for the foreseeable future, there will still be a stream of regular Sunday worship available on Sunday morning! Please visit our website www.saintstephanus.org for more details.

The Men's Club has cancelled their annual Spaghetti dinner for this year.

In light of what is currently happening in our world/communities with the Covid-19 (Coronavirus), they feel that it is best to wait out the end of this and hope for a healthier 2021. May God bless you and keep you safe in his loving care during this time of unease and uncertainty. ~Men's Club~

The office will be remaining open at this time, but may have limited hours. Feel free to call or email with your questions, concerns, and prayer requests as messages and emails are always monitored.

You are welcome to mail in your contribution straight to the church—the church’s address can be found on the next page. Reminder: there was an email sent out that included instructions on how to go to our website and get to the VANCO site to sign up for one time, weekly or monthly electronic giving.

Childcare request from the Jonathan House

Are you interested in volunteering a day (or more)/week of childcare to a sweet 9-mo-old boy, for the next four months (March 16-mid-July)? Hours are negotiable, but generally needed M-F 8:30 am-5 pm. His mom is doing a vocational training program to pursue stable employment, but unfortunately doesn't have access to typical childcare solutions. A wonderful opportunity to support a mom and son as they start life a new in the US!

If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Cherie Fleischhacker ckfle1@yahoo.com or 651-348-9051.

Johann Sebastian Bach’s (1685-1750) birthday is celebrated on March 21. In normal times we would have had carried on the celebration with (hopefully amazing) organ voluntaries from the great composer. If you’d like to hear some good Bach music, visit www.pipedreams.org! Here are some Bach facts.

- ◆ Bach was an 8th generation musician. At the time, music was a trade which often became a family business. In fact, Bach was the father of twenty children with two wives, six of these children were sons, and five of those six sons also became professional musicians.
- ◆ Bach was orphaned by the age of 10, after which time he was cared for by his older brother, Johann Christoph, who was also an organist and had studied with Johann Pachelbel. J.C. had a score from Pachelbel which he kept locked up, but the young J.S., wanting to study it would sneak it out at night and copy it by moonlight. This lasted for six months before being caught by J.C., who then took away not only his original but also J.S.’s copy.
- ◆ In 1705, the twenty-year-old Bach was given four weeks leave from his organist post, and walked 200 miles from his home in Arnstadt to Lübeck to hear Dietrich Buxtehude play. Bach enjoyed the visit so much he stretched the visit to four months, causing conflict with the church authorities when he returned which eventually contributed to him taking a position in a different city.
- ◆ Bach’s eyesight began to fail in the 1740s, and in 1750 he had an operation on his eyes. Bach regained full eyesight for a short period then he became totally blind.
- ◆ On July 28, 1750, Bach suffered a stroke and died. Very little of Bach’s music was published during his life, so when he died it seemed that most of his music died with him. Felix Mendelssohn (composer of the tune to Hark the Herald Angels Sing) performed Bach’s “St. Matthew Passion” in Berlin in 1829, which was so well received it began a Bach revival, making him one of the most celebrated composers in history, with well over 1,000 compositions.

~The Organ Bench~

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Kristen Rivera
Anastasia Thompson

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Richard & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 22

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, March 23

TUESDAY, March 24

WEDNESDAY, March 25

THURSDAY, March 26

FRIDAY, March 27

SATURDAY, March 28

SUNDAY, March 29

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM
Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 22: Al Benson

March 23:

March 24:

March 25: *The Annunciation of Our Lord*

March 26: Miriam Carter

March 27: Joshua Yernberg

March 28: Earl Berg, Ryan LeClair-Sura

March 29: Addy Munoz, Hannah Krieg



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

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.

Bible readings are located at
www.saintstephanus.org under the "WORSHIP"
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Worship Service Stream at
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