

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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## with Jesus Christ and Each Other

### April 26, 2020

### Third Sunday of Easter

**He is Risen! Alleluia!**

**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](http://www.saintstephanus.org) for more details. Here is a direct link to the "Sermons & Worship" links: <http://www.saintstephanus.org/sermons-2020>

**Pastor Thompson** has started a **Tuesday Bible Study** at noon and 7pm, and a return to **Bible Study on Sunday morning** at 11am. Links to the Bible Study can be found on the website at [www.saintstephanus.org/adult](http://www.saintstephanus.org/adult), along with worship services and other information. We are using Zoom, which is extremely easy to use. You don't need to be able to speak or have video, you can just come listen in. Let us Shelter in the Word together in this time.

**The hymn tune MIT FREUDEN ZART**, which is the tune used for the hymn "With High Delight", is a melody credited to the "Bohemian Brothren", from the Moravian Church, so it is known in some hymnals as BOHEMIAN BROTHREN. Their hymnal *Kirchengesange Buch*, published in 1566 in Eibenschutz, Moravia, used the tune with the lyrics "With High Delight", as penned by George Vetter (1536-1599) - "Mit Freuden zart zu dieser Fahrt", which translates to "With tender joy we praise Thee, Lord. This was later translated into English by Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976) and became the hymn we find in our hymnal today. However, the tune may be much older, having great similarity to the tune used in the 1551 *Geneva Psalter* for Psalm 138, and also shows similarity to a pastoral song "Une pastourelle gentille" published in 1529, which in turn may have originated in the Middle Ages. An organ setting of this tune can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/pA6f6nlmt7c>

~The Organ Bench

**The office** will be remaining open at this time. Feel free to call or email with your questions, concerns, and prayer requests.

**Portals of Prayer** for April-June have arrived in the office. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact me at the church office.

**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 VAN-CO site to sign up for one time, weekly or monthly electronic giving.

**Thank you** to all who have made masks for Presbyterian Homes. The masks have provided love and safety to many. If anyone would like to make masks, **more masks are still needed** and can be dropped off at any Presbyterian Homes site or mailed to Presbyterian Homes, 2845 Hamline Ave. N., Roseville, MN 55113. Thanks again. The masks are saving lives. ~Kaye Nuechterlein~

### **Need Help | Give Help**

We've updated our mask form to include some other needs people might have. We want to remind you that we might be apart, but you are not alone.

Click here to let us know how we can bless you, and how you can help bless others!

<https://forms.gle/GeJTRdhHWNWQaZjV8>

Questions: Contact Megan Hoffman, [sslcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:sslcyouth@gmail.com)

### **Virtual Home Visits!**

We so miss seeing you all, gathered together in worship. During this season of social distancing Megan is doing virtual home visits for families with kids & youth. Depending on the age of the kids we'll read a story from the children's bible, and a picture book, and check-in and pray together. Or for older students we'll check-in, and do a short devotion, and pray. You can sign-up for your visit using this [calendar link](#).

Questions: Contact Megan Hoffman, [sslcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:sslcyouth@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

### Blessings/Guidance

All students & teachers / online learning

Paul & Kristin Humber

### Shut ins

Sharen Kappes

## Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 26

Online services at [www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org)

MONDAY, April 27

TUESDAY, April 28

WEDNESDAY, April 29

THURSDAY, April 30

FRIDAY, May 1

SATURDAY, May 2

SUNDAY, May 3

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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.

Worship Service Stream at  
[www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org)

### 4/13 - 4/19 Contributions:

Current - \$11,712.78	Caring & Sharing - \$500.00
Concordia Academy - \$22.00	Missions - \$10.00
20x5 - \$5.00	Caring & Sharing - \$500.00
Christian Education - \$256.64	
Total - 12,506.42 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)	

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 26: Michael Bauch

April 27:

April 28:

April 29:

April 30: Lynne Heuton,

May 1: Abigail Amare

May 2: Shiori Konda-Muhammad, *Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor & Confessor*

May 3:



### May contact person: Kathy Fox & Jan Uden

Bruce & Clarice Anderson, Jan & Ron Brubak, Kathy & Harvey Fox, Yohannes Ghebru, Marian Harmening, Bill Johnson, Karen & Todd Mohrland, Eunice Swenson, Emmy Treichel, Jan Uden

### 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.