

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 129 Years

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## with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 3, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

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**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.

**One of the hymns** used in today's worship service is "I Know That My Redeemer Lives". Samuel Medley (1738-1799) was from England, and he was the son of an educator. Samuel chose not to practice any religion during his youth, and entered the Royal Navy after becoming dissatisfied with his apprenticeship. In 1759 he suffered a severe wound to his leg in a heavy battle with the French fleet. The leg worsened as time went on until one day the ship's doctor declared that the leg must be amputated to save his life, explaining that if there was no improvement by the following day the leg would be removed. Medley spent the night pondering his family's Christian teachings and was read a sermon by Isaac Watts, which led to his conversion. The next morning after careful examination, the doctor declared the leg miraculously improved making any amputation unnecessary. Medley became a pastor of a Baptist church in 1767 and wrote several hymns, most of which were first printed on leaflets or in magazines. The hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" was first included in an 1835 hymnal with seven verses. The tune to which we sing the hymn today, DUKE STREET, first appeared in a 1793 compilation of hymn tunes, and is attributed to John Hatton. Hatton named the tune for the street on which he lived in St. Helens, Merseyside, England, and about all that is known about him is that he was killed in a stagecoach accident. Another common hymn set to the same tune is "Jesus Shall Reign", which coincidentally was penned by the aforementioned Isaac Watts. This week I was nearly beside myself after taking on the challenge of recording a piano and organ duet based on this hymn tune and the results can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/Ja-IsNj-rgY> ~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, [sslc youth@gmail.com](mailto:sslc youth@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](#).

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## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

### Blessings/Guidance

Lee & Lois Bruss for 64 years of  
blessed marriage together  
All students & teachers / online  
learning  
Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 3

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

MONDAY, May 4

TUESDAY, May 5

WEDNESDAY, May 6

THURSDAY, May 7

FRIDAY, May 8

SATURDAY, May 9

SUNDAY, May 10

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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)

### 4/20 - 4/26 Contributions:

Current - \$4,566.00

Total - 6,176.00 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 3:

May 4: Jim Siegel, *Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor & Missionary*

May 5: James Dahlke, Mana Goytom, *Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler*

May 6:

May 7: C. F. W. Walther, *Theologian*

May 8: Admasu Mekonen

May 9: *Job*

May 10: Matt Caquelin



### 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.