

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other
July 5, 2020

Fourth Sunday After Trinity

No Bible study for Sunday the 5th.

Saturday, July 4, we celebrate Independence Day. In honor of that I dug out two songs which follow that theme.

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) penned a poem, "Pike's Peak", which was first published in the Fourth of July edition of *The Congregationalist*, a church periodical, in 1895. Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903) had composed a hymn tune "Materina" for the hymn "O Mother dear, Jerusalem". In a 1910 publication Bate's poem was set to Ward's music and titled "America the Beautiful". A setting of this tune can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/yqbf6goLFXc>

Did you know that the United States has an official national march song? John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), conductor of the U.S. Marine Band from 1880-1892 and known as the "American March King" because of the many American military marches he composed, wrote "The Stars and Stripes Forever" in 1896. A setting of this tune can be heard here:

<https://youtu.be/mRw8V93-u3Y> Special thanks to Clarice & Candy Anderson for their stop-pulling expertise—we got the band back together!

~The Organ Bench~



Food Pantry Box - Want a useful family activity? Pastor has some Aldi gift cards and would like to use them as a matching challenge for you to fill the Food Pantry Box on Blair. Contact Pastor for a \$25 gift card and then spend \$50 filling the box! Popular items have been rice, flour, pasta (noodles & sauce), canned goods, toiletries and the like.

Work is underway towards establishing longer term resources around Food & Basic Necessities in partnership with members of the Frogtown Community who are seeking to address the need here. One of the most beautiful things that I have seen over the last 3-4 years is the desire by many people to come together to do good, and our congregation has been a healthy part of that. Thank you to everyone who has given prayer and time and money to continue to support this work. God is good, and the Spirit of God is moving through us.

Stay Connected!

Have you found us on Facebook yet? During this season of being apart we're trying to engage members and congregational friends in prayer and conversation together through various Facebook posts. We invite you to join us: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintStephanusLCMS> .



On the third Sunday of each month, our church collects your pocket change for “mites for missions”. If you need a mite box please contact the church office and let me know how many boxes you would like. **If your mite box is full and you would like to drop it off or if you need a new mite box mailed to you please contact the church office to arrange a time.** These mites are important and 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.

Portals of Prayer for July have arrived! Please let me know if you would like one mailed to you. Please specify if you need a large print.

You are welcome to mail in your contribution straight to the church—the church’s address can be found on the next page.



[Click here for Online giving](#) or click the Vanco logo on the back page!

Family @ Home Service Project: Making Sandwiches for Homeless Neighbors. Partnering with 363 Days Organization we will be making sandwiches in our homes that will then be distributed to homeless neighbors by volunteers from 363 Days. Sign-up here to be part of this: <https://forms.gle/95UzJ7UQh39jh4hy5>

SSLC July Small Group Picnics. While we are still not ready to open the church doors and resume in person worship, we are able to gather outdoors. One of the things we're doing this summer is once a month small group picnics with 2-3 different families from church. Sign-up here to be part of the July Picnic Small Groups: <https://forms.gle/zjrfctSf3YPUhyMy5>

Mark your Calendars! August is State Fair @ Home! We know many people will be missing the State Fair this year. So during August we have a new theme each month and ways for people of all ages to be involved in some State Fair themed fun! We'll share more information later in July for you!

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, July 5

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, July 6

TUESDAY, July 7

WEDNESDAY, July 8

THURSDAY, July 9

FRIDAY, July 10

SATURDAY, July 11

SUNDAY, July 12

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

6/22 – 6/28 Contributions:

Current - \$5,780.07

Total - \$5,780.07 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 5:

July 6: Suzanne Johnston, *Isaiab*

July 7: Pam Zimmerman

July 8: Bill Baker, Elizabeth Thompson,
Kayla Sura

July 9: Gordon Spielman

June 10:

July 11: David Sagstetter, Hannah Lageson,
Micah Thompson



July contact persons: Gayle Schonebaum

Terianne Bender, B.J. Brown & Jill Brown,
Ernie & Joan Brown, Amy Fleischhacker,
Jill Katzenmaier, Philip & Jackie Preuss,
John & Gayle Schonebaum, Andrew Wussler,
Jeff & Jodi Wussler

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.

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