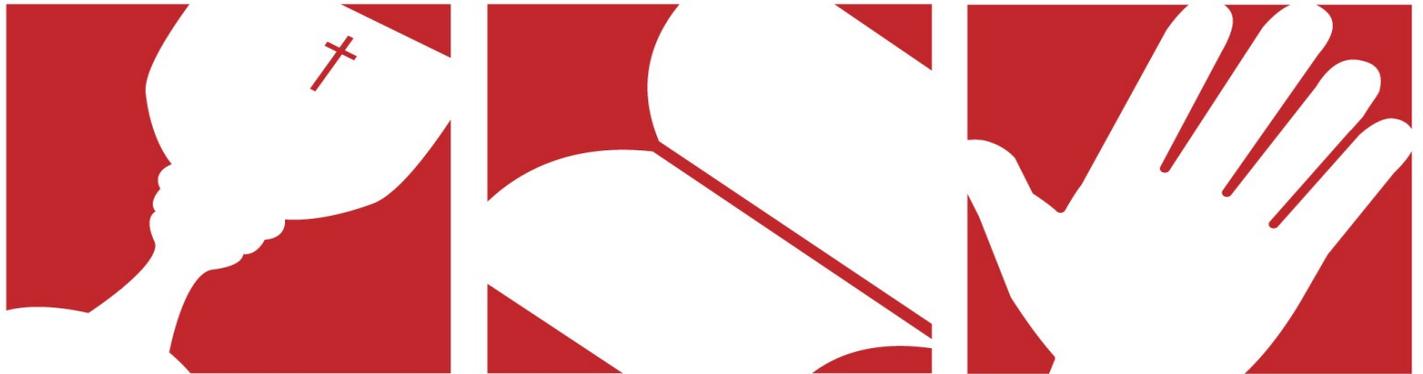


# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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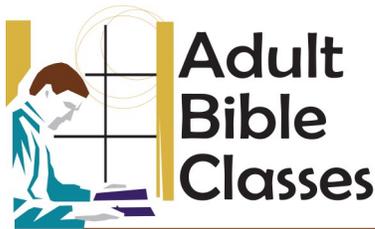


### with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 9, 2020

### Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

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 **Bible Study on Sunday morning** at 11am. A link to 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 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.

**Edward Hopper (1816-1888)** was the son of a merchant who became a Presbyterian minister and served at the Church of the Sea and the Land in New York City. This small congregation had been established at the New York City harbor as a mission for sailors, and consisted of mainly seamen who made their way to and fro from their ships. Hopper wrote a hymn in 1870 for this congregation, and it appeared first in 1871 in *The Sailor's Magazine*, but with anonymous authorship. Later that year it was published in *The Baptist Praise Book* with a tune, PILOT, composed by John Edgar Gould (1822-1875). In 1880 at a special anniversary service of the Seamen's Friends Society, Hopper was asked to provide a new hymn for the occasion, but instead brought and read this same hymn, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," which was already quite well-known. Then Hopper, for the first time, acknowledged that he was the author. On April 23, 1888, Hopper was found sitting peacefully at his desk in his New York City study, pencil in hand, having died of a heart attack while writing a new poem on the subject of "Heaven". At his funeral someone said, "Suddenly the gentle, affectionate spirit of Edward Hopper entered the heavenly port, as he had requested - safely piloted by that never-failing friend, Jesus, whose divine voice was still tenderly whispering to him, 'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'" An organ setting of the tune can be seen by clicking the link here: <https://youtu.be/cwF-g6xn-xY> ~The Organ Bench~

**Technology Matching Fund** – A special fund has been created to invest in permanent technology that will allow us to live stream worship services even after reopening the church sanctuary. This equipment will replace the current pieces we are borrowing and would allow us greater production flexibility. Our goal is to raise approx. \$9000. We have a donor who has pledged to match all contributions up to \$4000. Here is an opportunity to double your gift. If you see the value in developing an enhanced tool allowing remote worship for our shut-in members, those unable to attend due to illness, those on vacation, students away at college, former members who have moved, and those who continue to stay away from large gatherings due to COVID-19 concerns. Thank you for considering a donation to this technology ministry. Please reference “Technology Fund” on additional contributions.

**Ronald McDonald House Update** – Over a year ago the Women’s Connecting Group undertook a project to provide one meal a month for a year at the Ronald McDonald House in honor of Simon Caquelin. The St. Stephanus Endowment Fund provided grant money to support this effort as did many other donors and volunteers. The project was so successful and so rewarding that it was decided to continue it into 2020. With the arrival of COVID-19, volunteers are not able to provide meals on site even though the need to feed and support families of patients continues. Working with Ronald McDonald House a list of items needed was identified. On August 1st, a drive-by Pantry Party was held which resulted in cash and groceries donations valued at more than \$1,700. Ronald McDonald Houses serve over 6,700 families a year. We will continue to look for ways to support their efforts. The good work of St. Stephanus continues even while we are apart.

### Subscribe to our “YouTube” channel!

Did you know when you subscribe to our “YouTube” channel you can get a notification each time we post a video? Subscribing is easy - all you need is a **Gmail account** to log-in! Once you're logged in you're also able to join us in the comments on Sunday morning, sharing the peace with others, requesting prayers, and being in fellowship. Need help? Contact Megan Hoffman or Dan Savard.



**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.

**Sunday's Service (From 8/2/20).** We apologize for the technical glitch that happened on Sunday that prevented us from being able to stream the service. If you would like to watch it you can find it using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYt73sOEwto> .

**State Fair Month!** Like many things our beloved Minnesota State Fair is having to take a break this year in light of the Pandemic. We are hoping the events and activities we have planned this month will help ease the sadness a bit and help you bring some of the fair fun into your own homes! We've built these activities around some of the favorites you said you'd miss. Hopefully there's something for everyone! Visit our website to learn more! [saintstephanus.org/state-fair-month](http://saintstephanus.org/state-fair-month) .

**Thrivent Grants!** Did you know, that each Thrivent member has the ability to apply for a \$250 grant that is used for education, service, or fundraising events or programs, and depending on what type of member you are, you might even be eligible for 2 grants! These grants help us to offset our budget at SSLC, find new ways to serve our community, and congregation, and help us in our ministry here. In the past we've used these to help fundraise for our youth trips and programming, fund Vacation Bible School, purchase supplies for community service projects, and so much more. Currently we are looking for 3 grants for the Fall, if you're interested in supporting any of the below needs please connect with Megan at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org) !

- **Grant Need #1:** Be the Bridge Youth Curriculum. This will be used for a small group of youth that will meet outside our usual youth group time. The curriculum looks at the topic of racial reconciliation through a gospel focused lens.
- **Grant Need #2:** Used to purchase copies of "Spiritually Vibrant Homes." This will be used for a small group geared towards parents interested in learning together how to build in faith developing habits into their daily lives as families.
- **Grant Need #3:** Sunday School Supply Kits. This will obviously look a little different this year. We're hoping to supply each family with some basic things that will help them in our remote Sunday School classes.

**It's Survey Time!** We have been at this distanced-church thing for about four months now. We've tried some new things, we've picked up some old things (hello snail mail), and we've done a lot of wondering if we're doing it right and praying for guidance and wisdom. So we figured it's time to touch base with you all and see where you're at with what's been happening, get your thoughts on what's working and not working, and see how you're doing. Please take time over the next two weeks to complete this survey. It should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. We do ask that you do it in the most complete and honest way - it will help us get a better picture of where we're at as a congregation. If you have questions or need help please contact Megan Hoffman at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org) . You can find the survey here: <https://forms.gle/gBiiSrjzs1dV4Zx7> . (If you'd rather have a paper copy and return envelope mailed to you please let us know). Thank you!

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

### Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter

### Shut ins

Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 9

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

MONDAY, August 10

TUESDAY, August 11

WEDNESDAY, August 12

THURSDAY, August 13

FRIDAY, August 14

SATURDAY, August 15

SUNDAY, August 16

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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Bible readings are located at  
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"WORSHIP" tab.

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

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Online Giving:



### Aug. 2-8 Contributions:

Total - (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Aug. 9: Dan Savard

Aug. 10: Sylvia Berg, *Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr*

Aug. 11:

Aug. 12: Atiyah Muhammad

Aug. 13: Adam Krieg, Colleen Heck

Aug. 14: Jodi Wussler

Aug. 15: *St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord*

Aug. 16: *Isaac*



### August contact persons: Jane Sell

Lorraine Byland, James & Sarah Dahlke, Carol Hirt, JoAnn Johansen, Kaye Nuechterlein, Michael Bauch & Tricia Schmidt, Brian Sell, Doug & Jane Sell, Amy & David Sura, Karen & Dustin Trudeau

### 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.