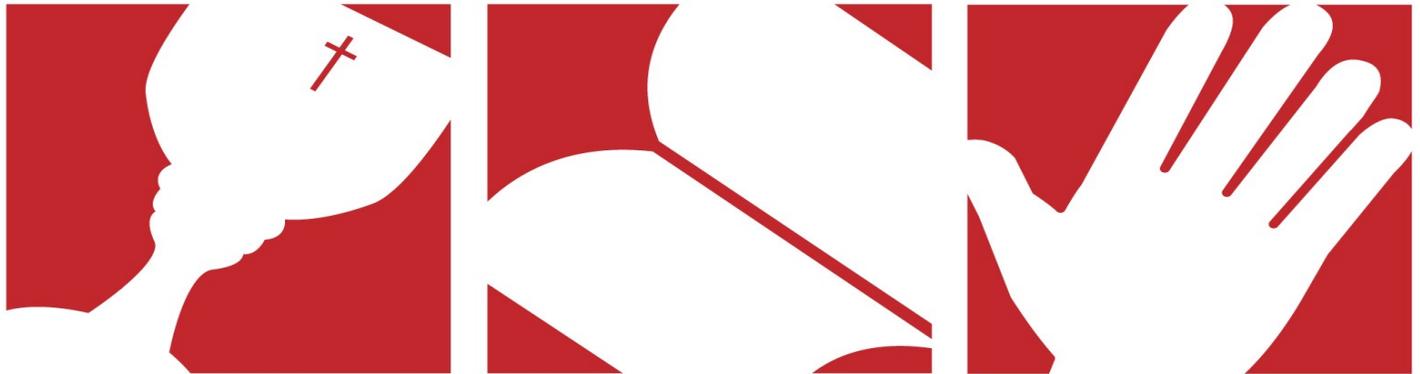


St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 4, 2020

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

This Sunday we celebrate LWML Sunday. As far back as the 1850s, women of the LCMS started local auxiliaries to meet the needs of people - mending clothes for seminarians, equipping hospitals, establishing schools, developing convalescent and retirement homes, assisting orphanages, and funding mission endeavors at home and abroad. In the 1920s these local groups began to coordinate their efforts by creating state and regional leagues. On July 7-8, 1942, at a meeting at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was officially founded by delegates from fifteen districts including Minnesota. The following year the first convention was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with seventy-seven delegates from nineteen districts attending. The theme of that first convention was Psalm 100:2, Serve the Lord with gladness! According to the LWML publication Women IN God's Service - WINGS, the Psalm verse was prominently featured at the convention. "It met the eye at once on the printed convention program and booklet. It was blazoned in gold and lavender on a large white banner above the stage in the convention hall." The delegates quickly approved this verse as the official motto of the LWML. It was also the theme of a poem written by Professor Ernest C. Lewerenz (1884-1966) of Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, that he dedicated to the LWML. Lewerenz's poem, which has become the anthem of the LWML, will be included in today's service.

As part of the LWML celebration, this week's voluntaries are pieces by female composers. Florence B. Price (1887-1953) was the first African American female composer to gain national status, and published over 300 works including symphonies, organ and piano works. One of her pieces, "Adoration" will be played for the prelude. Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930) became the organist at her church in Kewanee, Illinois at the age of twelve. She later married and moved to Nashville, following her husband's employment at Vanderbilt University. Emma also became very involved in the musical life of the university and community, publishing over 600 pieces of music for organ, piano, and voice, including several hymns. Ashford's "Closing Voluntary" will be played for the postlude today, and a video of another piece, "Fantasie", can be seen here:

https://youtu.be/6Xb_8R5dG3o

The office will be closed but voice mail and emails will be checked daily during the week. If you need more immediate assistance please call Pastor Thompson at (612) 208-7388.

Arnie Johnson's stepmother passed away in her sleep on Sept. 22 at the age of 91. Family memorial service will be at Roseville Covenant Church on Oct. 10.



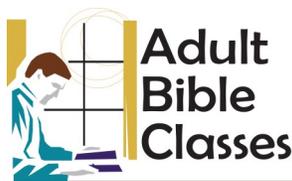
Today is LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Sunday. We celebrate the wonderful women of our congregation and all they do!

LWML membership includes all female members of St Stephanus. Our main purpose is to collect our mite offerings to spread God's Love and Word through the world. 75% of the amount collected goes to MN South mission projects. 25% goes toward our 2019-2021 national goal, \$2,100,000. Currently \$1,081,000 has been paid to mission grants this year. For example, \$80,000 was given to Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya. Please allow God to bless your mites by sharing them with missions.

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.

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> .



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 , 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.

Sunday School Kick-off | October 4th, 11am on Zoom!

2020 - a year of constant change, and digital everything. Sunday School will look different this year, but what hasn't changed is our desire to help your kids know and love God. Sunday school is online through Christmas (we'll evaluate for Spring semester in December). While we won't meet in person, that doesn't change the fact that we have a team of teachers who are excited to connect with your students over Zoom and guide them in their faith journey, and help them develop a personal relationship with God. Sunday School is available for Pre-K through 8th grade every Sunday at 11, starting on October 4th. Register and to learn more here: <https://www.saintstephanus.org/kidandfamily> Questions: Contact Megan Hoffman, DCE, at youth@saintstephanus.org .

Households of Faith Small Group | Kicks off on Monday, October 19th!

This is a new small group that'll launch next month and we'd love to have YOU be part of it. This small group is open to EVERYONE ages 18 and up. Households of 1, 2, 5, 10 all have value to God and to us. Our hope is that through this small group we would be able to have multigenerational and multi-contextual conversations about what it means to have spiritually vibrant households. We'll be using materials from Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Barna Group to guide our conversation and time together. **This group will meet 5 times (every other Monday between 10/19 and 12/14 from 8-9pm).** To sign-up or learn more please contact Megan Hoffman, DCE, at youth@saintstephanus.org . Not able to do Monday nights but interested in being part of this? Let's chat about some options!

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Jeff, Allison Johnson
Dan Savard & family
Arnie Johnson
President Woodford
Reba Peterson
Lu Clemmensen

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Paul & Kristen Humber

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, October 4

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, October 5

TUESDAY, October 6

WEDNESDAY, October 7

THURSDAY, October 8

FRIDAY, October 9

SATURDAY, October 10

SUNDAY, October 11

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org



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

Bible readings are located at
www.saintstephanus.org under the
"WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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September 21-27 Contributions

General - \$2,505.00 20x5 - \$5.00 Building - \$5.00 Caring & Sharing - \$5.00
Christian Ed. - \$5.00 Endowment Fund - \$5.00 Missions - \$5.00
National Youth Gathering - \$5.00 Special Thanks - \$5.00
Twin Cities Relief - \$5.00 Technology Fund - \$55.00
Total - \$2,660.00 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Oct. 4: Emma Pagel

Oct. 5: Richard Culbert, Senait Berhe

Oct. 6:

Oct. 7: Peggy Karger,

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor

Oct. 8: Amy Gundermann, Marlene Potter

Oct. 9: Gayle Schonebaum, Lavonne Karger,
Abraham

Oct. 10: Carol Hirt

Oct. 11: *Philip the Deacon*

Birthdays



October contact persons: Tarrie Culbert & Carol James

Alganesh Beyen, Lee & Lois Bruss, Kate & Lam Cao, Matt Culbert, Tarrie & Rich Culbert, Bob & Lois Holtz, Carol & Doug James, Annie & Josiah Overfors, Keith Rennerfeldt, Doug & Pam Zimmerman, Andrew Zimmerman

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.