

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 25, 2020

Twenty-First 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>

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon.

So begins Martin Luther's hymn which became the anthem of the Protestant Reformation. Luther got his inspiration for this hymn from Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Before Luther's time, congregations rarely spoke, let alone sang, during a church service. The Divine Service was generally held in Latin. There were hymns sung in the common language of the people, but this was the exception - usually used on special occasions such as festivals. Luther took these hymns and often expanded the text by adding verses, along with creating several hymns of his own to be used in regular worship. These hymns were meant to tell a certain message - the texts were set to tunes which followed the natural rhythm of speech rather than the strict metered melodies to which we're accustomed today. One excellent example of this is the hymn "Our Mighty Fortress". Luther's original tune was set to follow the German lyrics "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, ein gute Wehr und Waffen", which is in our hymnal as #656, with the tune in Rhythmic style - the rhythm of the music follows the spoken word. Through the late 16th and early 17th century, as musical influences ran their course, the Isorhythmic style was developed and popularized, which led to the version in our hymnal as #657, with the tune being more metrical but with the words following the music rather than the music following the words. Although we are not worshipping together in body, let's sing together this great Reformation hymn!

A setting of this hymn for organ and piano duet can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/OTMPCchYeHU>

The Casavant organ, Opus 3125, was dedicated forty nine years ago this week, on October 24, 1971. This is the third organ in St. Stephanus' history, following a 1900 instrument which was destroyed by fire in 1925, and a 1925 instrument which showed the effects of aging. The organ has two manuals (keyboards), each with 56 keys, and a 32-note pedal board.. There are 1,176 pipes overall. The pipes you see on the left and right side are from the pedal stops, the pipes seen in the top center are from the Great keyboard, and the pipes below it, behind shutters for expression, belong to the Choir division. Happy anniversary to this wonderful instrument! Soli Deo Gloria!

REFORMATION AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



Celebration of The Lord's Supper | Sunday 10.25.20 | Reformation & Confirmation Day

As part of our celebration of the Rite of Confirmation, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in the Sanctuary with the families of the confirmands. We wanted to make sure that as we celebrate this that you are invited to come celebrate as well. At the end of the Service, from approximately 10:45-11:30, we will be distributing Communion to those who drive up to the front door of the church. There is no need to get out, just roll down your windows and we will bring it to you. Please be on Lafond (facing Grotto) so that we don't have to cross the street to do it. The good news of Christ for us is a gift in this Sacrament, and we invite you to join us.

This weekend we celebrate as four of our students confirm their faith. We will be live streaming it during our worship service at 9:30am.

We invite you to be part of our celebration by mailing cards to church for them (C/o student name, 739 Lafond Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104). Or partaking in our digital card boards using the links below:

Owen Schonebaum: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/xGa4RNWD>

Ben Mohrland: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/oXzu7mHe>

Eva Gundermann: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/JycnVmvN>

Calvin Hanan: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/rCurwRni>



November 1st is All Saints Day. This is a day that invites us to celebrate the saints of times past, to share in faith with those of times present, and to rejoice in anticipation of the generations of saints yet unborn who will keep and will pass along the faith until the end of earthly time.

For the past few years we've been celebrating All Saints Day by gathering names and putting them on stars in front of church. We use the star imagery to connect to the promise God made to Abraham in Genesis and remind us of our connection to the body of Christ.

This year more than ever we want to lift up all the Saints, not just those who have died. But those who have walked with us throughout our faith lives. We'll be creating a video to share in worship and would love to highlight those Saints that have blessed your life!

Please submit names and photos to worship@saintstephanus.org by Wednesday, October 28th to have them included.

There will be NO Bible Study today!



Budget Meeting

Voters Meeting November 22, 2020 after service

There will be a Voters Meeting after service on **November 22, 2020**. The meeting will be a Zoom meeting and the link is below. **The Agenda will include the 2021 Budget and the 2020 Annual Report.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82127899085?pwd=K3ZFaG54Zmo3UzJmQVQ4K0FjdFg2UT09>

2020 Vern Gundermann Reformation Heritage Lecture Series | November 4 at 7 p.m.

Focusing on the central Reformation theme of justification, Rev. Dr. John Nunes will explore how the Lutheran doctrine of Law and Gospel can move us toward restoration and reconciliation in a divisive and racially charged world. Join us with Nunes and his wife, Monique, as they challenge each of us to be part of the solution in leading lives of witness, service, and fellowship together.

Join via Zoom using this link: csp-edu.zoom.us/j/86889167669 a link to the recording will be shared after the event as well.

Food News

Second Harvest Food Distribution

We're approaching our last food distribution of the year on October 27th. It has been a very, very full year for us. We started strong with a lot of congregational support in April through a very unusual summer, and were able to incorporate some wonderful community members over the last few months as well. It really has been a gift and a blessing to our community. Our last Wednesday Food distribution with Feeding the Dream and St. Paul Fellowship had to be cancelled due to weather, but it was another good opportunity for us to seek out organizations in our community to work with to fulfill needs. Our Agency Partner, Second Harvest, has been incredibly generous with us, and is worthy of many thanks - see more of the work they do at 2harvest.org. A summary of our work will be available in November, but I want to say thank you to all who have supported this work under these circumstances thus far. Thank you!

Fare For All

On October 30th from 2-4pm St. Stephanus will host a Fare For All food sale in the Parking Lot in partnership with Frog-town Farm. For sale will be produce, 3-4 varieties of Fresh Vegetables and 3-4 varieties of fresh produce for \$10, a Mega Meat pack of 7-9 frozen meats for \$25 (limit 1), or a mini-meat pack for \$11 with 3-5 items. Or you can get the mini-meat and the produce for \$20. Want to learn more about Fare For All? Visit their website at fareforall.org.

The Future

Many, many conversations have been had about what our future in food and food distribution are. Most of those conversations have held at their core the sacrificial question of "How do we continue to use what we have to bless and serve our neighbors?" I (Pastor) anticipate being able to present one path to you all at the November Voter's meeting for your consideration and support. In the meantime, thank you all for supporting so strongly this opportunity to bless and serve. So many people have worked many hours to lovingly care for their neighbor in this small way, and I am humbled by that sacrifice every time we work. Praise God for using us to be part of His way of giving daily bread.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

The Brown family

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University
Paul & Kristin Humber

Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, October 25

Reformation Sunday

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, October 26

TUESDAY, October 27

WEDNESDAY, October 28

THURSDAY, October 29

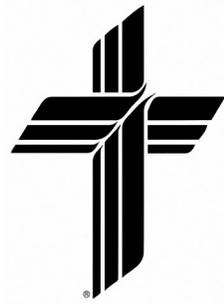
FRIDAY, October 30

SATURDAY, October 31

SUNDAY, November 1

All Saints' Day

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org



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OFFICE HOURS:
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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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Oct. 5-11 Contributions

General - \$5,180.00 20x5 - \$5.00 Concordia Academy - \$10.00
Missions - \$10.00 Technology - \$995.00
Total - \$6,200.00 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Oct. 25: Dorcas (Tabitha), Lydia, & Phoebe,
Faithful Women

Oct. 26:

Oct. 27: Walt Peterson

Oct. 28: St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles

Oct. 29: Tom Gundermann

Oct. 30:

Oct. 31: Grayson Cao, Madi Cao,

Reformation Day

Nov. 1: All Saints' Day

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.