

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

November 1, 2020

All Saints' Day

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>

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was a prolific figure recognized both for his influence in music in the early twentieth century English church as well as many other genres. His compositions include orchestra symphonies, concertos, choral works, chamber music, and music for films. His influence in church music was never greater than when he served as music editor of *The English Hymnal* in 1906, and coeditor for two other hymnals, including the *Oxford Book of Carols*. Vaughan Williams's work is well represented in our hymnal, being credited with composing or creating the setting for twenty hymns. One commonality among the Vaughan Williams's compositions is the stately theme in the music. A piece created for the publication of *The English Hymnal* was "For All the Saints", which offered a tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams written for a text by William W. How (1823-97). How was known for his work in the London slums in the late 1800s, his poems, and his hymns of which many were written for children, with five of his works found in our hymnal. "For All the Saints" included two harmonizations in that original hymnbook, and those settings are both seen in our hymnal today. The first setting is designed for unison stanzas and the second for choral stanzas. The tune title means "without name" and follows a Renaissance tradition of naming certain compositions "Sine Nomine" if they were not settings for preexisting tunes. The Feast of All Saints has its roots back to the early 5th century church. As we celebrate the Communion of Saints today, commemorating both the saints in the company of heaven as well as those in our midst, let us "sing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!"

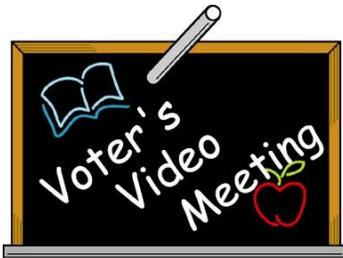
A festival setting of the tune "Sine Nomine" can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/orpLXWxxuTs>



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.

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> .



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. Also on the agenda will be:**

- Election of a pastor and lay person to attend Circuit Forum as congregation representatives
- Nominations of candidates for circuit visitor for the 2021-2024 triennium
- Participation in the triennial process for determining the District's priorities
- Election of Convention delegates (one pastoral, one lay, and one alternate lay, with an additional advisory lay delegate for multi-parish congregations)

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 Dr. 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

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

Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy
Rich & Miriam Carter

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Members who joined the heavenly host this past year

David Weckwerth
Eugene Byland
Suzanne Johnson
Ernest Brown

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 1

All Saints' Day

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, November 2

TUESDAY, November 3

Election Day

WEDNESDAY, November 4

THURSDAY, November 5

FRIDAY, November 6

SATURDAY, November 7

SUNDAY, November 8

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

Bible readings are located at
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"WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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Online Giving:



Oct. 19-25 Contributions

General - \$5,355.07

Total - \$5,355.07 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Nov. 1: All Saints' Day

Nov. 2: Jeff Johnson

Nov. 3:

Nov. 4: Paivo Overfors

Nov. 5: Philip Temme

Nov. 6: Isaac Baker

Nov. 7: Kyle Munoz, Mark Lageson

Nov. 8: Andrew Wussler,

Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's Father Confessor



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November contact person: Judy Brinkman

Bill & Joan Baker, Joanne Borocki, Redazgi Habtezgi & Mana Goytom, Marc & Melissa Karger, Leonard & Katie Miller, Candace & Todd Pagel, Bev Piepkorn, Stephanie Sagstetter, Jim & Karen Siegel

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.