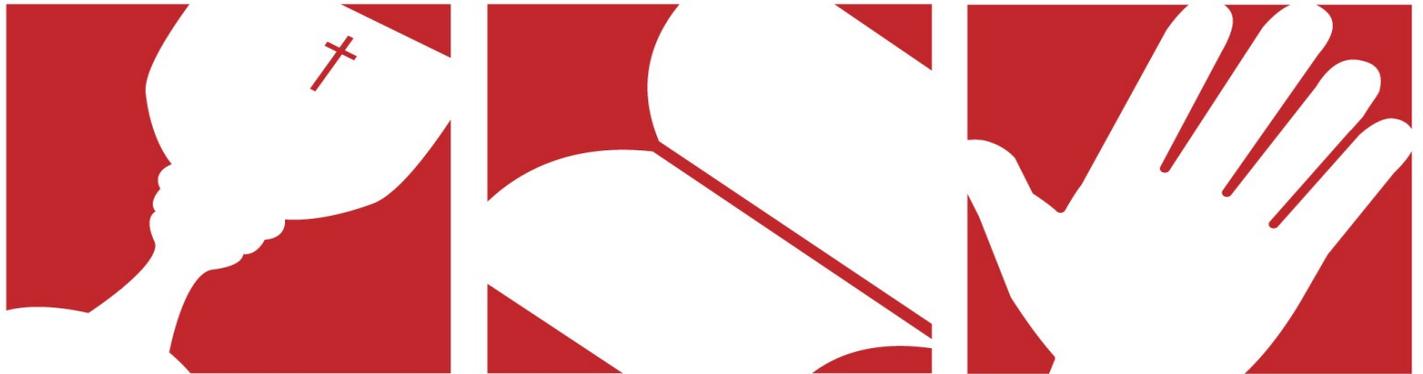


# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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## with Jesus Christ and Each Other

November 22, 2020

Twenty-Fifth 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>



The office will be closed for Thursday, Thanksgiving day and Friday. Please have announcements to the office by 11 A.M. Tuesday morning .

**Today we celebrate** the last Sunday of the Church Year, and what a year it's been! The theme of our readings over the past few weeks have been the end times, and doesn't it feel like that's what we're living too?

This week's video is aimed to be a postlude for the year. Theodore Dubois (1837-1924) was a French composer, teacher and director. Among his compositions are "12 Pièces pour orgue" (12 Pieces for Organ), of which one section is the Toccata in G, which can be seen here <https://youtu.be/ACIWb8jy0eo>

## CA Presents "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Play

Ring in the Advent and Christmas season with Concordia Academy's Radio Play production of "It's A Wonderful Life." Performances, with two rotating casts, are November 20 at 7:00 P.M., November 21 at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M., November 22, at 2:00 P.M., November 27 at 7:00 P.M., November 28 at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M., and November 29 at 2:00 P.M.. Each performance will be available via a live online audio stream, with a very limited number of live studio audience seats also available for each performance. Tickets for the live online audio stream are available for a free-will donation in any amount. Tickets for limited, in-person, studio audience reserved seats are \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens and students. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/wonderful](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/wonderful) for tickets and information.

## TODAY is the

### Voters Meeting TODAY after service

There will be a Voters Meeting after the service on **November 22, 2020**. The meeting will be a "Zoom" online 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82127899085?pwd=K3ZFaG54Zmo3UzJmQVQ4K0FjdFg2UT09)

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## Budget Meeting

**We Want to Hear From You** - At the Nov 22nd Voters' meeting, in addition to approving the 2021 budget, we will be taking a poll related to returning to in-person worship. We want to determine how likely you are to attend in-person worship services this fall. The poll and additional detail will be explained at the meeting.

### 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.

## **A Month of Thanksgiving!**

During this year when there is so much to be anxious about, so much heavy that is weighing on us all. We want to encourage each other to intentionally focus our hearts on gratitude this season. To help with this we're sharing daily scripture verses via text and on our website through Thanksgiving day. To receive the text messages sign-up by texting "@sslcword" to 81010. They are also linked on our homepage at [saintstephanus.org](http://saintstephanus.org)

## **Coloring - it's not just for kids!**

Coloring can be a great tool for mindfulness, and meditation. Our Sunday School kids are each coloring a page that when combined will be posters of the Beatitudes. If you'd like to join us email [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org) to receive your own tile image to add to the posters!

**A Series of Thanks!** During this month of Thanksgiving we want to share a few thanks for the people who have been a blessing to us during this pandemic season. Check back next week for more!

- Thank you to our Sunday School Team, and Small Group and Bible Study leaders for the ways they have worked to keep us connected and in God's word this season. Thank you Jim Radtke, Lynn Thompson, Sheila Schlechte, Marty Langemo, Danielle Critchley Pastor Thompson, and Megan Hoffman.
- Thank you to our Parish Planning Council, Board of Lay Ministry, and our Re-opening committee who have continued to meet regularly, weigh hard decisions, seek God's direction and continue to lead through this season.
- Thank you to those who bring beauty to our space. To Dale Trapp for his work on Simon's Garden, and to Bruce and Clarice Anderson for keeping our altar flowers updated and looking great!

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University  
Paul & Kristin Humber

### Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

## Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 22

Voters' Meeting on Zoom

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

MONDAY, November 23

TUESDAY, November 24

WEDNESDAY, November 25

THURSDAY, November 26

Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

FRIDAY, November 27

Office Closed

SATURDAY, November 28

SUNDAY, November 29

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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

### Nov. 9-15 Contributions

General - \$5,244.02

Total - \$5,244.02 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 22: Wyatt Nissen

Nov. 23: *Clement of Rome, Pastor*

Nov. 24:

Nov. 25:

Nov. 26: Guttu Hussein

Nov. 27: Joan Baker

Nov. 28: Dan Sagstetter

Nov. 29: Jill Katzenmaier, Reba Peterson,  
*Noah*

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.

Bible readings are located at [www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org) under the "WORSHIP" tab.

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

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