

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

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>

Today is the second Sunday of Advent where our readings tell us about John the Baptist. The Hymn of the Day for today is "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry". Charles Coffin (1676-1749) a French poet and rector of the University of Paris, was noted for his Latin poems. Among the over one hundred hymns published by Coffin are the lyrics to today's Hymn of the Day. This particular hymn has been paired with several different tunes in various hymnals. The tune used in our hymnal, PUER NOBIS, is a fifteenth century Gregorian chant to which a Latin carol was set in the sixteenth century - the full name is "Puer Nobis Nascitur" which translates to "Unto Us is Born a Son". Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), a German court organist and composer with staunchly Lutheran roots, is credited with over one thousand hymn titles, and adapted this chant tune to fit the lyrics he chose to pair it with, and this is the version found in the hymnal today. A setting of this hymn, which I have found challenging but is one of my favorite pieces to play, can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/eIibIIrDSrE>

~The Organ Bench~



We will continue to livestream the Sunday Services during Advent.

Pastor Thompson will record a message that will be posted on Wednesdays during Advent.

Christmas Eve 6:30 P.M. On Zoom

Christmas Day 9:30 A.M. on Zoom

December 27 9:30 A.M. on Zoom and **NO** Bible Study

December 31 6:30 P.M. on Zoom

January 3 (2021) 9:30 A.M. on Zoom



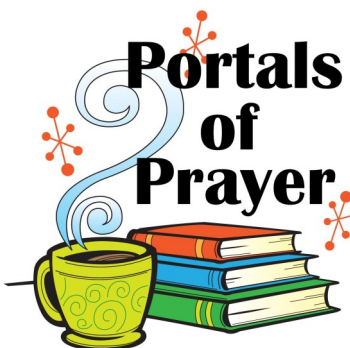
Just a reminder all monies received by 12/31/2020 will be included on your 2020 statement. Any contributions received after this date will be put on your 2021 statement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dale Trapp or Lynne Heuton.

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> .



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.



Portals of Prayer books have arrived. Please let me know if you would like a Large print or regular print book mailed to you. ~Clarice~

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Amy Sura
Mickey Zinter

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 6

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, December 7

TUESDAY, December 8

WEDNESDAY, December 9

THURSDAY, December 10

FRIDAY, December 11

SATURDAY, December 12

SUNDAY, December 13

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

Nov. 23-29 Contributions

General - \$

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

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 6: *Nicholas of Myra, Pastor*

Dec. 7: *Ambrose of Milan, Pastor & Hymnwriter*

Dec. 8:

Dec. 9: Doug Sell

Dec. 10:

Dec. 11:

Dec. 12: Erin Baker, Joan Johnson,
Melissa Karger

Dec. 13: *Lucia, Martyr*



December contact person: Lynne Heuton
Erin Baker, Al Benson, Clarence & Yoshiko Benson, Michelle Connolly, Lynne Heuton, Allison Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Admasu Mekonen & Diribe Desissa, Connie Petersen, Steve Sohn

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 under the "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at www.saintstephanus.org

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