

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

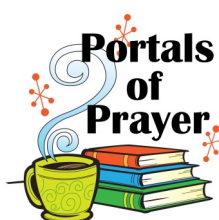
Although we won't have weekly services at church for the foreseeable future, there will still be a stream of regular Sunday worship available on Sunday morning! Please visit our website www.saintstephanus.org for more details. Here is a direct link to the "Sermons & Worship" links: <http://www.saintstephanus.org/sermons-2020>

Merry Christmas! Although we are celebrating differently this year, we still celebrate Jesus' birth.

This week's video is a Christmas carol based on a traditional English folk song, dating from the Middle Ages, The words were written by wandering minstrels, and several different versions have existed through the years. The carol "I Saw Three Ships" is truly a song with imagery, but the interpretation of that imagery is up in the air. Some think the three ships refer to the camels of the three Magi. Some tie it to Wenceslaus II, king of Bohemia in the late thirteenth century, who had a coat of arms with three boats (that's not the "Good King Wenceslaus" of song, but a different Wenceslaus). Some believe the song points to three boats which brought the supposed remains of the Magi to the Shrine of the Three Kings in the newly built Cologne Cathedral in Germany in the twelfth century. One piece of folk wisdom from Cornwall tells how Joseph of Arimathea traded tin between Phoenicia and Cornwall and brought Jesus with him on one trip and ties the song to that event. No matter the origin of the three ships, a fun arrangement of this carol can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/22HTgrX9E-4>

~The Organ Bench~

The office will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Please have all announcements to the office by Dec.29 (11:00 A.M.)



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~

The yearly Calendars from Mueller Bies Funeral Home have arrived. If you would like 1 (or more) please let me know. ~Clarice~



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. Livestream

Christmas Day 9:30 A.M. Livestream

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

January 3 (2021) 9:30 A.M. Livestream

Reminder: Celebration of The Lord's Supper on Christmas Eve

Please remember to set aside bread and wine (or grape juice), and a candle to light during our closing hymn, and then join in our worship on Christmas Eve at 6:30. We'd love to be able to *see* you over Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85335816292?pwd=amdLcGVtN0NkbUJXZiJVMHJtOW1lZz09> but if you are unable to, join us over YouTube at our regular St. Stephanus videos page.



Reminder

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.

Thank you from the Johnathan House

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity this Christmas season. I can't express enough how much I appreciate all of your hard work in coordinating, collecting, sorting, and donating items to our residents this year for Christmas. I am blown away by the generosity.

We were able to give multiple gifts to every single one of our residents, and received above and beyond the list we put out, especially for our youngest resident. We also received generous gifts for a few former residents as well as nearly \$1,000 to divide between residents for picking out their own winter clothes and meeting other needs.

I am so encouraged by your love and care for our community.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Kelsey Briggs

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Jonathan House Community Coordinator
International Association for Refugees

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Reba Peterson
Bill
Amy Sura
Carol Hirt

Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristen Humber
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 27

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, December 28

TUESDAY, December 29

WEDNESDAY, December 30

THURSDAY, December 31

Office Closed

FRIDAY, Jan. 1

New Year's Day

Office Closed

SATURDAY, Jan. 2

SUNDAY, Jan. 3

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OFFICE HOURS:
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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Dec. 14-20 Contributions

General - \$12,840.01	20x5 - \$5.00
General for Vicar Yohannes - \$3,000	Mission - \$10.00
Concordia Academy - \$10.00	
Total - \$15,865.01 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)	

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 27: *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*

Dec. 28: Elizabeth Sagstetter,
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Dec. 29: Jeremiah Willard, *David*

Dec. 30: Mary Bisping, Sydney Sistad

Dec. 31: *Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus,*
New Year's Eve

Jan. 1: *Circumcisions and naming of Jesus*

Jan 2: Terianne Bender,
J.K. Wilhelm Loebe, Pastor

Jan. 3: Kathy Fleischhacker



January contact persons: Jim Radtke & Sue Kressin

Carol Donahoe, Cherie Fleischhacker
Joan Johnson, Suzanne Johnston, Jon Marschke, Anthony Nissen, Wyattte Nissen, Tami Nissen-Omosowon, Ed & Marlene Potter, Jim Radtke & Sue Kressin, Joe & Kristen Rivera

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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