

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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## with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 3, 2021

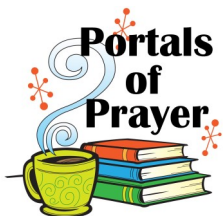
Second Sunday after Christmas

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](http://www.saintstephanus.org) for more details. Here is a direct link to the "Sermons & Worship" links: <http://www.saintstephanus.org/sermons-2020>

**Merry Christmas!** This year we get an extra Sunday in the Christmas season, which ends on January 6, the day of Epiphany. I want to take advantage of this first article after our Christmas services to give a special "thank you" to the singers on Christmas Eve: Dale, Jim, Lois, Jackie, Josh and John, and the light of life (and music), Clarice. It was really nice being able to accompany live singing again! The hymns I've chosen for today do celebrate the theme of Epiphany, where the divinity of Jesus is revealed. We will carry that theme for the next few weeks until the beginning of Lent. But since we're still in the season of Christmas (aka the Twelve Days of Christmas), here's a little medley of Christmas carols/songs to carry on the festivities: <https://youtu.be/flrk0f4LN3Q>

~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~

## 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> .

# 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.



**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.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Family of Carol Hirt

### Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter  
Concordia Academy

### Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 3

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

MONDAY, January 4

TUESDAY, January 5

WEDNESDAY, January 6

THURSDAY, January 7

FRIDAY, January 8

SATURDAY, Jan. 9

SUNDAY, Jan. 10

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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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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Online Giving:



### Dec. 21-27 Contributions

General - \$10,950.07	20x5 - \$5.00
Building - \$5.00	Caring & Sharing - \$5.00
Christian Education - \$5.00	Concordia Academy - \$5.00
Endowment - \$5.00	General - \$1.10
Missions - \$5.00	National Youth - \$5.00
Special Thanks - \$5.00	Technology - \$5.00
Twin Cities Relief - \$5.00	

Total - \$11,005.17 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

### Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Jan. 3: Kathy Fleischhacker

Jan. 4:

Jan. 5:

Jan. 6: Greg Zinter

Jan. 7: Beverly Piepkorn

Jan. 8:

Jan. 9:

Jan.10: *Basil the Great of Caesarea,*

*Gregory of Nazianzus,*

*Gregory of Nyssa, Pastors and Confessors*



## Birthdays

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.