

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Jan. 31, 2021

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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>

This Sunday:

Pastor is taking his quarterly Sunday off (but recorded the worship service in advance), so there is **NO** Bible Study today.

Voter's meeting is schedule for Feb. 7th. after the worship service.

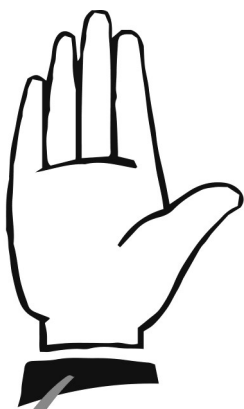
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The agenda will include a referendum to extend the Synodical triennium. The question before the congregations is this:

"Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019–2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023?" [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc.).]

Vote: Yes or No.

Information on this matter has been provided in the President's letter (available online at www.lcms.org/delay-vote-letter) and in a response to frequently asked questions (www.lcms.org/delay-vote-faqs)."



**VOTERS
MEETING**

One of today's hymns is "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal". The author of these lyrics, Johann Ludwig Conrad Allendorf (1693-1773), was the son of a German pastor who later went on to become a clergyman himself, at one point serving as Lutheran Court Preacher at Cothen, Germany. Allendorf wrote 45 hymns, most of which are still used primarily in German-speaking churches. His works are described as "hymns of love to Christ, the Lamb of God, and the Bridegroom of the believing Soul." The hymn we sing today was penned while Allendorf was pastor at St. Ulrich's Church in Halle, Germany. The words come from these Bible passages: Luke 1:68-79 (Zechariah's song in the temple after seeing the Christ child). 1 John 1:1-2 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us." Isaiah 12: This song of praise and joy ends with the phrase, "Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

The tune for this hymn is sometimes known as "Cothen", named for the city where Allendorf first became a minister, but in our hymnal it's known using the German lyrics of the hymn, "Jesus Ist Kommen, Grund Ewiger Freude". The arranger of the music as found in the hymnal is Paul G. Bunjes, who has a connection to St. Stephanus - it was he who designed our pipe organ.

A video of a setting of this hymn as arranged by J. Wayne Kerr can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/vPAskkDNZ-I>

Music in the service:

"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal" - setting by J. Wayne Kerr

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" - setting by Jacob B. Weber

~The Organ Bench~

Cards

There has been so much in these days to keep up with. One of the ways that we can continue to encourage each other in them is to write to each other, especially those who have recently lost a loved one.

Since I have been asked, contact information for the family of Carol Hirt is below:

Lisa Eckman (Carol's daughter)
2688 Lake Court Dr.
St. Paul, MN 55112

Also for Bev Piepkorn after the loss of her son Dan

Bev Piepkorn
2730 Hazelwood Street
#105
Maplewood, MN 55109

And Tricia Schmidt and family, whose mother LuAnn passed away

Tricia Schmidt
90 Maria Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55106

Year End Statements - Year end statements for 2020 have been sent via email. If you have not received your statements please contact Lynne Heuton (lmheuton@gmail.com or 651-315-4158).

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Your 2021 offering envelopes are available for pick up at the church office. Please call in advance (651-228-1486) to ensure Clarice will be available to let you in the building and set your envelopes out for easy and safe pick up. Consider picking up envelopes for your neighbors and family to help with distribution. If you would like your new envelope number to reference on your offering until you are able to pick up your envelope please contact the office. We realize that not everyone feels comfortable, or is able to visit the church. If you would like to have them delivered to your home please contact Lynne Heuton to make arrangements (651-315-4158) lmheuton@gmail.com

Live Generously Action Committee

Do you see a need in the community that tugs at your heart? What if you could be given \$250 to host a fundraiser, service activity or education event for this need? Would you like to know how? Most Thrivent members are allowed two grants per year. Non-Thrivent members can open a credit union account (with a minimum of \$1) to access one grant a year. St. Stephanus' Live Generously Action Committee is available to support you! Want an idea? Need help with applying for a grant? Want help with implementing the event, service or fundraiser?

Please contact Cherie Fleischhacker at 651-348-9051 or ckflei@yahoo.com or Emmy Treichel at 651-645-3044 or emmytreichel@gmail.com



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- noodles
- box meals
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- canned vegetables and fruit

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FEEDING THE DREAM

Thanks You!

For helping to feed our community in
this time of need

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristen Humber

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 31

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, February 1

TUESDAY, February 2

WEDNESDAY, February 3

THURSDAY, February 4

FRIDAY, February 5

SATURDAY, February 6

SUNDAY, February 7

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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Contributions

(\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Jan. 31: Annie Overfors

Feb. 1: Tricia Schmidt

Feb. 2: *The Purification of Mary and
the Presentation of Our Lord*

Feb. 3:

Feb. 4: Matt Culbert

Feb. 5: *Jacob*

Feb. 6: David Betts, Hanna Temme

Feb. 7:



A Special Birthday

February monthly group contact person:
Sheila Schlechte

Alandra Banaei, Roger and Nancy Binning,
Wendy Curtis, Ron Hoelscher, Marty & Janine
Langemo, Kyle Munoz, Shelley Novotny, Jay
& Sheila Schlechte, Jerry & Jackie Spiess,
Cindy Westphall, Joshua Yernberg

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
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