

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Feb. 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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>

"We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord." The *Te Deum* has been sung in the Christian Church, dating back to the fourth century, as a confession that Jesus, who is human, is also God. And what day is more fitting for the *Te Deum* than today, as we celebrate The Transfiguration of Our Lord?

Gustav Holst (1874-1934), after hearing a particularly moving orchestral performance in 1914 decided to try his hand at composing for the orchestra. This seven-part work entitled *The Planets* was written between 1914 and 1916. The fourth movement *Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity*, with its especially stately theme, was later adapted by Holst to the British patriotic poem "I vow to thee my country". In 1982, an English Vicar, Michael Perry (1942-1996) penned the words to a new hymn "O God Beyond All Praising" using Holst's tune, as he stated "in response to a call for alternative words that would be more appropriate for Christian worship." Stephen P. Starke (b. 1955) wrote the words found in our hymnal today specifically for the Lutheran Service Book to serve as a *Te Deum*, and matched the lyrics to this majestic melody. A video with three settings of the tune can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/w5YjU9xUymU>

Other music from the service:

Reflection on "Thaxted" - setting by Jeffrey Bleresch

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak" - setting by Jacob B. Weber

Ash Wednesday:

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee" - setting by Sam Eatherton

"O Lord Throughout These Forty Days" - setting by Wayne L. Wold

~The Organ Bench~



Looking for people to voluntarily clean after worship services. If interested please contact Pastor at pastor@saintstephanus.org or 612-208-7388



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.



Please note that offerings are temporarily being counted every other week and not weekly. We will continue this schedule until we return to regular in-person worship or if our cash flow position requires us to return to weekly deposits. Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministries.

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 ckfle@yahoo.com or Emmy Treichel at 651-645-3044 or emmytreichel@gmail.com

Subscribe to our “YouTube” channel!

Did you know when you subscribe to our “YouTube” channel you can get a notification each time we post a video? Subscribing is easy - all you need is a **Gmail account** to log-in! Once you're logged in you're also able to join us in the comments on Sunday morning, sharing the peace with others, requesting prayers, and being in fellowship. Need help? Contact Megan Hoffman or Dan Savard.



Our pantry needs filling

You can leave non perishable food items in the pantry for your neighbors to take as they have need.

Good things to leave are:

- bread
- noodles
- box meals
- tuna & chicken packets
- peanut butter
- canned vegetables and fruit

If you have a larger donation please contact Delinia at (612) 615-9752

FEEDING THE DREAM

Thanks You!

For helping to feed our community in this time of need

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Dan Savard
Kim Dolan and family

Blessings/Guidance

Johanna Heidorn
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lois Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 14

Transfiguration Sunday

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

MONDAY, February 15

Office closed

TUESDAY, February 16

WEDNESDAY, February 17

Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY, February 18

FRIDAY, February 19

SATURDAY, February 20

SUNDAY, February 21

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org



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

January Contributions

General - \$10,195.07

Total - \$ 10,195.07 (\$6,717.00 needed weekly)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Feb. 14: Lois Holtz, Lu Clemmensen,
Tesfaye Maskalo, *Valentine, Martyr*

Feb. 15: Karen Byland, *Philemon & Onesimus*

Feb. 16: Ethan Dahlke, Sophie Baker,
Philipp Melanchthon (birth), Confessor

Feb. 17:

Feb. 18: Akbar Muhammad JR., Anna Miller,
Martin Luther, Doctor & Confessor

Feb. 19:

Feb. 20:

Feb. 21:



**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
www.saintstephanus.org

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