

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent

An Wasserflüssen Babylon ("By the Rivers of Babylon"), was a hymn with text and melody written by Wolfgang Dachstein, a German organist, in 1525, and was included in a 1545 Martin Luther hymnbook. Dachstein's hymn is a lament based on Psalm 137, "By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion." The tune is known both by the original hymn name and also as "Ein Lämmlein Geht", for the Paul Gerhardt hymn using the same tune as we find in our hymnal today, "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth".

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), was a German organist and composer known for his organ, harpsichord and chamber ensemble works and was one of the great organ masters of the generation before Johann Sebastian Bach. Part of Pachelbel's employment contract as organist in Erfurt, Germany, included the details of his role as organist - specifically that he was to "precede the singing of a chorale by the congregation with a thematic prelude based on its melody, and he was to accompany the singing throughout all the stanzas." The contract goes on to clarify that he was not to improvise the prelude but should diligently prepare it beforehand, to prevent any unpredictable behavior by the organist. Pachelbel's setting of the tune "An Wasserflüssen Babylon" can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/nrCKSwTelTU>

Other music in the service:

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" - setting by Kevin Hildebrand

Fugue in G - BWV 557-2 - attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach (likely Johann Tobias Krebs)

~The Organ Bench~



Don't forget to change your clocks this weekend!

We are open again for worship with a few restrictions at this time. A complete list can be found at: saintstephanus.org

Here are a few highlights for you to be aware of:

In person worship is **maxed at 50 people, and all in-person attendees** will need to register themselves, and their families **ahead of time** using this link: <https://bookapew.com/app/mn/sslc/>

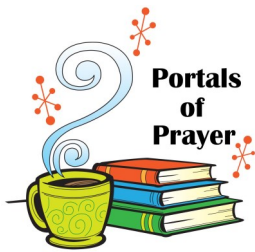
- Masks and physical distancing will be required. Hand sanitizer will be located at multiple locations throughout the building.
- Arrows and signs will be used to maintain a single direction entrance and exit flow of the building.
- Bulletins will not be printed, please print your own and bring with you. If you are not able to print one please contact the office so that the Pastor can get one for you. Thank you. We hope to lift this at some point in the future, but for now it is staying.

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.

Register for Concordia Academy Camps

This summer, Concordia Academy offers over 30 sports, arts, and STEM summer camps for elementary, middle, and high school students. New offerings include Cardboard Creations, Coding, Stop Motion Animation, and Sweet Treats & Healthy Eats! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/camps to get details and register.



**Portals
of
Prayer**

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~

On the third Sunday of each month, our church collects your pocket change for "mites for missions" in the big mite box in the narthex. Please remember to bring your mite box from home or take one with you to fill for next month. These mites 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.

~Women's Ministry ~



Altar Flowers

Please look at the new flower chart and let Clarice (office) know what date you would like to have flowers signed up in your name along with 1 or 2 bouquets. We will begin receiving flowers **after Easter**. Due to COVID there is no pen for you to use.

Food & Needs Notes

We have regularly occurring distributions on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Church, and several other distributions are planned at the Brownstone (on University and Victoria) before Easter and Mother's Day.

Many things are taking place behind the scenes to provide healthy food to the community through the Summer in our produce distributions. Partnerships with Model Cities of St. Paul, St. Paul Fellowship, The Community Stabilization Project, Amery Farmers Collective and an organization in Minneapolis that will take leftovers from distributions to create meals for unhoused people are all in the works.

We pray for life, and life to the full, to be the story of each and every person created in the image of God, in time and into eternity. We are blessed and thankful to continue in these partnerships and this work to bring dignity and care to our neighbors. Be on the lookout in the months ahead for volunteer opportunities in support of God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Basic Needs Drive! Happening Now!

Did you know that Ramsey County has a 10% food insecurity rate? That's about 54,220 people who do not have reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. We believe that also includes access to basic needs for personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies. During the 2021 Lenten season we will be hosting a drive to create small and large boxes of basic need materials that will be given out during Feeding the Dream giveaways this Spring.

Packing for April Distribution: **Sunday, March 28th, 2-4P.M.**

Packing for May Distribution: **Sunday, April 25th, 2-4P.M.**

Email Lynn Thompson at goodluna07@gmail.com to reserve your volunteer space for each day!



Women's History Month Spotlight: Corrie ten Boom

Corrie ten Boom was a daughter, a sister, an aunt (tante), a neighbor, a watchmaker, and part of the Dutch resistance against the Nazis. Corrie never pictured herself being a ringleader in the underground, but that's what she became. Her and her family believed that God was calling them to the work of peaceful resistance by protecting the Jews, and worked to rehome, and save as many as they could. Most records say that number was around 800 people. You can read more about her story in "The Hiding Place." And to learn about her time after the occupation check out "Tramp for the Lord," both by Corrie ten Boom.

Do you have a woman you'd like to see featured this month? Send names to Megan at youth@saintstephanus.org.

Easter Recipes!

Easter will look a bit different this year than in past years, we won't be gathering for pancakes between services, but we hope to help you celebrate with your families. Do you have a favorite Easter recipe (Breakfast, brunch, dinner, fondue, etc.). We'd love to gather them together and then send out PDF cookbook for Easter to everyone. Send all recipes to Megan at youth@saintstephanus.org by **Saturday, March 27th**. Do you have a fun story or photos that go along with the recipe? Send those too!

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristin Humber
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 14

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

11 AM Sunday School on Zoom

MONDAY, March 15

TUESDAY, March 16

WEDNESDAY, March 17

7:15 PM Youth Group on Zoom

THURSDAY, March 18

FRIDAY, March 19

SATURDAY, March 20

SUNDAY, March 21

Online services at www.saintstephanus.org

11 AM Sunday School on Zoom



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OFFICE HOURS:
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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

Feb. 21-28 Contributions

General-\$10,582.00
20x5 - \$5.00
Concordia Academy - \$10.00
Missions - \$10.00

Total - \$10,607.00 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 14:

March 15:

March 16: Evelyn Brown

March 17: *Patrick, Missionary of Ireland*

March 18:

March 19: Sharon Savard,
St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

March 20: Miquela Omosowon

March 21: Bruce Anderson,
Johann Sebastian Bach



**A Special
Birthday**

March monthly group contact person:
Lu Clemmensen

Elizabeth Asefa, Dan Baker, Senait Berhe,
Mary & Ron Bisping, Matt & Jen Caquelin,
Lu Clemmensen, Matt & Tiffany Hanan,
Arnie Johnson & Eileen Vierow,
Amarti Maskalo

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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