

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter

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

Please remember to follow our procedures to come into the church (through the Lafond doors) and exit (through the door to Grotto unless the use of the lift is required). Again, we are asking for people **not** to stay in the Sanctuary after the service, but to have conversations outside, especially as the weather turns nice. Thank you.

**There will be NO Bible study today (April 11).**

**"O Sons and Daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!"**

Today we will include this fifteenth century Easter carol, "O filii et filiae, Rex coelestis, Rex gloriae" in our Easter celebration. The author of the poem was Jean Tisserand (d. 1494), a Franciscan monk from Paris with the poem first appearing in a booklet printed between 1518 and 1536. The poem was translated into English by John Mason Neale (1816-1866), who was a leader in the nineteenth century movement to include many of the ancient hymns in the worship of the day. "O Sons and Daughters" in its original twelve stanzas tells the story of the resurrection, continuing with Christ's appearance to the apostles and the skepticism of Thomas. The tune can easily be envisioned being played by medieval wind instruments and percussion with its dance-like feel. A festive setting of the tune can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/k79JboDHymE>

**Other music in the service:**

Introduction, theme and variations from "Paraphrase sur l'Ofilii et filiae" - Franciszek Walczyński

Finale from "Paraphrase sur l'Ofilii et filiae" - Franciszek Walczyński

~The Organ Bench~

**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.



**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. Due to COVID there is no pen for you to use.



**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.

**Endowment Funds Available** - Once again the St. Stephanus Endowment Fund has been blessed and we are able to accept applications for funds. Consideration will be given to all applications that "advance the mission of the Church". If you have questions about the endowment process and would like an application form please contact Lynne Heuton at [lmheuton@gmail.com](mailto:lmheuton@gmail.com) .

**April is Earth Month!** This month has been named Earth Month (an extension of Earth Day which is on the 22nd). During this month we invite you to think about ways you can be a better steward of creation. Maybe it's swapping out those disposable water bottles for a reusable one. Maybe it's adding in at home composting for food waste. Or adding in a plant-based meal for dinner one night a week. Whatever it is we'd love to hear your ideas! Share them with us on Facebook this month as we post different polls and questions!

### Basic Needs Drive Update!

After the first round of donations from our Spring Basic Needs drive we were able to pack 68 boxes of supplies for our neighbors! We're continuing the drive throughout April! Be sure to check out our website <https://www.saintstephanus.org/serving-frogtown> for a full list of donation needs!

### Current Volunteer Opportunities:

Are you looking for a new way to get connected, and serve at SSLC? Check out the list below and see if there are any spaces where your gifts and passions align with a need. Many of these opportunities are important pieces in helping us continue to safely offer hybrid worship, and be a place of blessing in our community. Email the person listed with each opportunity for more information and to get your questions answered.

#### Worship Volunteers:

**Online Worship Host** | Remote, YouTube greeter, and prayer gatherer, Sundays during worship

-Megan Hoffman [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org)

**Sanctuary Sanitizing** | In Person, Sundays after worship

-Pastor Thompson [athompson@saintstephanus.org](mailto:athompson@saintstephanus.org)

**Caretaker, Usher, and Communion Assistants** | In Person, Sundays during worship -

Dan Savard [danielsavard@mac.com](mailto:danielsavard@mac.com)

**Lector** | Remote, on your own time

-Dan Savard [danielsavard@mac.com](mailto:danielsavard@mac.com)

#### Ministry Volunteers:

**Packing Basic Needs Boxes 4.25.20** | In Person & involves some lifting, one time event.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a4ab29a75-basic>

**Basic Needs Inventory (week of 4/19 date flexible)** | In Person, & Involves some lifting, sorting and counting of donations

-Lynn Thompson [goodluna07@gmail.com](mailto:goodluna07@gmail.com)

#### Building/Grounds Volunteers:

**Volunteering in Simon's Garden** | On-going need throughout the summer, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12pm (or contact for other times)

-Dale Trapp, [dtrapp@csp.edu](mailto:dtrapp@csp.edu)

**Fence removal** | One time need, removing the old white fence that runs alongside the courtyard space on the south side of the church building.

-Lynn Thompson [goodluna07@gmail.com](mailto:goodluna07@gmail.com)



### Concordia Academy At-Home Gala Is Free for Everyone!

**On April 17**, Concordia Academy's annual Dinner Auction becomes an At-Home Gala! This free, 45-minute, online event features entertainment by Triple Espresso's Bob Stromberg, touching stories from CA families, games of chance, and fun surprises. CA is excited to welcome attendees from all over the country, so spread the news to all the Beacons fans that you know. Visit [www.concordiaacademy.com/gala](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/gala) for all the details, including how to register for this free event.

### 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](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/camps) to get details and register.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Lois Bruss  
Corine Goodrich

### Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter  
Concordia Academy

### Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, April 11

9:30 AM Worship In-Person and Online  
11 AM Sunday School on Zoom

### MONDAY, April 12

### TUESDAY, April 13

### WEDNESDAY, April 14

7:15 PM Youth Group on Zoom

### THURSDAY, April 15

### FRIDAY, April 16

### SATURDAY, April 17

### SUNDAY, April 18

9:30 AM ✠✠ Worship In-Person and Online  
11 AM Sunday School & Bible Study on Zoom

✠✠ Communion Service



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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)

Click the logo for  
Online Giving:



## March 15-28 Contributions

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| General-\$10,997.07   | 20x5-\$5.00    |
| Concordia Academy-\$30.00                                     | Lenten -\$3.00 |
| Missions Fund-\$10.00   |                |
| <b>Total - \$11,045.07 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)</b> |                |

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 11:

April 12: Ana Thompson

April 13: Cameron Connolly, Mickey Zinter

April 14:

April 15:

April 16: Courtney Willard

April 17: Keith Rennerfeldt

April 18: Diribe Desissa



### April monthly group contact person:

Mark Lageson, Terry & Michelle Sistad, Cheryl Smith, Gordy & Janet Spielman, Andrew & Hanna Temme, Ana Thompson, Andrew & Lynn Thompson, Dale Trapp, Maye Ann Weckwerth, Becky Wehrmann, Brittany Willard, Courtney Willard, Jeremiah & Ruth Ann Willard, Trent Willard, David & Mickey Zinter, Greg Zinter

### 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.