

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 18, 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

**The hymn tune MIT FREUDEN ZART**, which is the tune used for the hymn "With High Delight" is a melody credited to the "Bohemian Brothren", from the Moravian Church, hence is known in some hymnals as BOHEMIAN BROTHREN. Their hymnal *Kirchengesange Buch*, published in 1566 in Eibenschutz, Moravia, used the tune with the lyrics "With High Delight", as penned by George Vetter (1536-1599) - "Mit Freuden zart zu dieser Fahrt", which translates to "With tender joy we praise Thee, Lord. This was later translated into English by Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976) and became the hymn we find in our hymnal today. However, the tune may be much older, having great similarity to the tune used in the 1551 *Geneva Psalter* for Psalm 138, and also shows similarity to a pastoral song "Une pastourelle gentille" published in 1529, which in turn may have originated in the Middle Ages. An organ setting of this tune can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/pA6f6nlmt7c>

~The Organ Bench~



**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.

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.

### Communion

This Sunday (April 18), we will celebrate The Lord's Supper together online. You will be able to participate in our normal way over YouTube.

How are we going to do this?

We ask that you prepare bread and wine (or grape juice) in your own home and set aside a place for them before the service. At the time of the Words of Institution, you are welcomed to speak them together with me and then receive the body and blood of Jesus. If you are in a family, you may distribute to each other using the words "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you." If you are by yourself, you may also join in speaking those words aloud to yourself and receiving the gift of Christ for you. For those who have not been instructed in the reception of the Lord's Supper, we invite you to share a blessing reflected from one of the readings, such as, "You are a temple of the Holy Spirit in whom God dwells" or "The grace of Jesus Christ lives in you" while making the sign of the cross on their head. If you feel like baking it yourself, we sent a recipe out at Christmas and would gladly send you it again if requested at [saintstephanus@comcast.net](mailto:saintstephanus@comcast.net) or [pastor@saintstephanus.org](mailto:pastor@saintstephanus.org).

### Prayers for Worship

As we've been gathering together for Worship we've been collecting prayers through our YouTube comments to use in worship. We recognize that not everyone is logged in or likes to have the comment section up during worship. If there are prayers you'd like us to include that week we invite you to submit them using this form: <https://forms.gle/JLDCstJFWRbu25PT7>



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

**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).

## Autism Awareness Month

This month was created to bring awareness to Autism, and to create support and acceptance for people with autism. We asked a friend of St. Stephanus to write this prayer based on her experience as a mom to children with autism. Join us and her today in praying:

"Almighty God you have created each one of us in your image with a purpose.

Before anyone in the world even knew, you created me and wrote the blueprint for my life. Before my mom knew, or anyone knew, you had chosen her and trusted her with one of your most precious children, me. You told her heart it won't be easy but you knew she could do this. You assured her together we would endure the highest of highs and the lowest of lows but you would never leave either of us. Oh God, during this month I come to you for guidance. I come to you seeking wisdom to spread acceptance upon those who live with Autism. I Pray others stop viewing me as suffering from Autism but rather suffering from the way I am treated by others. I pray others build my confidence and challenge me rather than viewing me as incapable before even allowing me to try. I understand that I am not curable and I am not looking to be healed or for a cure. This is who I am and I have accepted it. Lord, help others to reach this understanding and accept it. Guide us all through every day with a lens of love and acceptance.

Amen "

### "For Such a Time as This"

Conversation with Pastor James & Janis McDaniels  
& Pastor Andrew Thompson

Saturday, May 1st

10:30 a.m.

Young Esther becomes Queen of Persia when her racial and religious identity is not publicly known. As a plot to eradicate all Jews is about to be implemented, Esther's uncle pleads with her to go before the king "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, ...And who knows but that you have come to royal position *for such a time as this?*"

Last summer we experienced great civil unrest after a multitude of wrongful deaths at the hands of those sworn to protect. Who else felt inadequate on how to respond, or how to become part of the conversation?

For what purpose does St. Stephanus exist in the Frogtown Neighborhood today? Who is our neighbor? According to data from MNCompass.org the Frogtown/Thomas Dale neighborhood is approximately 70% people of color (29% Black or African American, 32% Asian, 9.8% Hispanic or Latino) and 30% white.

Join us for a conversation on faith, race and the grace of God with Pastor James and Janis McDaniels, and Pastor Andrew Thompson with the opportunity to ask questions. Rev. McDaniels has spent his career as a black pastor within the LCMS. In 2019 he was honored with the Christus in Mundo (Christ in the World) award. Janis McDaniels is the former VP of Gospel Outreach of the LWML. Concordia University St. Paul is awarding an Honorary Doctorate to Rev. McDaniels and the Aeterna Moliri award to Janis McDaniels at the graduation service on April 30.

Registration is required to attend in person, which is limited to 50 people. To register go to <https://bookapew.com/app/mn/sslc/> and fill out the form for May 1 event.

To watch the Facebook livestream go to [www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org) and look under "special events" to find the link. Participants may pose a question in the live feed. Recording of the event will be available afterward for viewing.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Lois Bruss  
Corine Goodrich

### Blessings/Guidance

Paul & Kristin Humber  
Concordia University

### Shut-ins

Sharen Kappes

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, April 18

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

### MONDAY, April 19

### TUESDAY, April 20

### WEDNESDAY, April 21

7:15 PM Youth Group on Zoom

### THURSDAY, April 22

### FRIDAY, April 23

### SATURDAY, April 24

### SUNDAY, April 25

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

✝ Communion Service



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## March 29-April 7 Contributions

General-\$7,128.11

Total - \$7,128.11 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

April 18: Diribe Desissa

April 19:

April 20: Karen Siegel, *Johannes Bugenhagen,*  
*Pastor*

April 21: David Zinter, *Anselm of Canterbury,*  
*Theologian*

April 22:

April 23: Ethan Cao, Jaz Muhammad

April 24: *Johann Walter, Kantor*



### 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.

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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