

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 9, 2021
Sixth 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

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 a Voters Meeting on Sunday May 16th at 11:00 AM. This will be a Zoom meeting and the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86504854694?pwd=R1FtYzlwRTZxa2M3R1pmMDR3UWhUZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 0485 4694

Passcode: 732437

We will discuss reports with a highlight on the kitchen roofing project and the endowment fund application process.

From the **ORGANIST**



Back in the fourteenth century, a movement known as *Devotio Moderna* ("Modern Devotion") began, with the focus of personal piety and living a life worthy of Christ. One of the leaders was Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471), author of a book *De Imitatione Christi* ("The Imitation of Christ"), which was printed in over one hundred editions by 1500 and as many as six thousand by 1900. The hymn "O Love, How Deep", originally a twenty-three stanza poem, is attributed to Thomas, but is possibly just an anonymous product of the *Devotio Moderna*. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885) translated eight of the stanzas for a hymnal for the Church of England.

Henry V became King of England in 1413 and was known as a decisive and capable ruler. The English kings had originally been French nobles, and France was under a period of weak kings, so Henry decided that the time was right to reestablish the English monarchy's influence in France. In 1415 he raised an army, pawning some of the crown jewels for funding, and invaded France, resulting in a decisive victory at Agincourt on October 25 of that year. In celebration of the victory a composition was written with English verses with a refrain in Latin. This refrain, "Deo gratias anglia, redde pro victoria" ("Give thanks to God, England, for the victory") went on to celebrate the king's march into France, winning victories, and proceeding throughout France to the victory at Agincourt. This might have been sung on the triumphant return of the king to London, although records of the time note that the king would not "suffer any ditties to be made and sung by minstrels of his glorious victory, for that he would wholly have the praise and thanks altogether given to God." A setting of this tune, *DEO GRACIAS*, also known as *AGINCOURT* can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/NZnDUJNz8ps>

With our hymns this week we will also celebrate Ascension Day, which is observed this coming Thursday.

Other music in the service:

DEO GRACIAS - setting by Paul W. Hofreiter

DEO GRACIAS - setting by Kevin Hildebrand

~The Organ Bench~

Altar flowers blessing the altar today are from Lee & Lois Bruss in remembrance and thanksgiving on their confirmation anniversaries on May 8th & 9th and their 65th wedding anniversary on May 5th. To God be the glory!



Did you know that the altar flowers are not paid for by the church budget? We need your help! 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. There are still spots open to request flowers. The flowers may be dedicated to a special occasion, in thanks for something, in honor of a person or group, or just because you want to make sure we have flowers to praise and honor God.

1 bouquet of flowers is \$27.50 and 2 bouquet of flowers are \$55.00





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 ~

Stay Connected!

Have you found us on Facebook yet? During this season of being apart we're trying to engage members and congregational friends in prayer and conversation together through various Facebook posts. We invite you to join us:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintStephanusLCMS>

Frogtown Chalk Day: Sunday, May 16th

We invite you to join us in filling the sidewalks of our neighborhood with chalk art, and messages of hope and love on Sunday, May 16th! Join us at St. Stephanus from 1-3 to pick up some free chalk & snacks, help color in our community mural, pick-up the Frogtown Chalk Day Scavenger hunt list, and more! Help us fill Frogtown with art and positivity.

Don't want to chalk? We get it, hanging out on the ground coloring might not be for everyone. But we invite you to stop by, say hi, pick-up a Prayer Walk guide we'll have for you and take a short stroll through our community.

Learn more and see updates: Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/ieEst2kqL>

Website: <http://www.saintstephanus.org/frogtown-chalk-day>

Thank you Teachers! This past week we celebrated National Teacher Appreciation Day. We are so blessed by so many past and present educators and support staff within our congregation. Thank you for loving our students so well!

"Father - today we give thanks to you for the gift of teachers. Those you've called to teach, and to love deeply. We give thanks for the compassion and grace they share with students and families. Fill them with your spirit, give them endurance and strength as they wear the many hats they do each day. May they know your love, may they know our gratitude. In your name we pray, Amen"



The family of Carol Hirt invites you to a Celebration of Life service here at St. Stephanus on May 15th. Visitation is from 10:30-11:00 AM with the service beginning at 11:00. There will be a Luncheon following the service. The family has asked if you come please wear blue or floral in memory of Carol. Please sign up on the "Book A Pew" site as seats are limited: <https://bookapew.com/app/mn/sslc/>

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Joanne Borocki
Bev Piepkorn
Lois Bruss
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Mother's Day
Johanna Heidorn
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 9

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

MONDAY, May 10

TUESDAY, May 11

WEDNESDAY, May 12

7:15 PM Youth Group on Zoom

THURSDAY, May 13

FRIDAY, May 14

SATURDAY, May 15

10:30 AM Carol Hirt Celebration of life service

SUNDAY, May 16

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

✠ Communion Service



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

April 19-May 2 Contributions

General - \$16,624.15 Feeding the Dream - \$50.00
Missions - \$500.00 Twin Cities Relief - \$1,000.00

Total - \$18,174.15 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 9: Job

May 10: Matt Caquelin

May 11: Jill Brown, Larry Clemmensen,
Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs

May 12: Amy Fleischhacker

May 13:

May 14: Brody Dahlke

May 15: Collin Hanan

May 16:



May monthly group contact persons:
Kathy Fox & Jan Uden

Bruce & Clarice Anderson, Jan & Ron Brubak,
Vicar Yohannes Ghebru, Marian Harmening,
Bill Johnson, Karen & Todd Mohrland, Eunice
Swenson, Emmy Treichel

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.

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www.saintstephanus.org under the
"WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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