

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 130 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 16, 2021
Seventh 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 TODAY at 11:00 AM. This will be a Zoom meeting and the link is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86504854694?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86504854694?pwd=R1FtYzlwRTZxa2M3R1pmMDR3UWhUZz09)

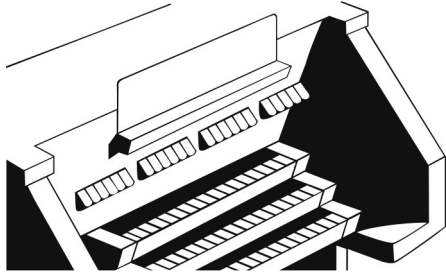
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Meeting ID: 865 0485 4694

Passcode: 732437

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

From the **ORGANIST**



Today we celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the last Sunday in the Easter Season. The Easter Celebration continues today with some brass voluntaries. CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN ("Christ is Arisen"), is a medieval folk hymn dating back to at least the early twelfth century, that was commonly used as part of the Easter Vigil as part of a play when the three women accompanied by Peter and John discovered the burial linens lying in the empty tomb. Martin Luther expanded this hymn resulting in "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN) as a lesson on the sin and its consequence, death, and moving on to imagery of the Passover lamb, finally tying the Passover lamb lesson to the Sacrament of the Altar: "Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed; faith lives upon no

other!". Chorale settings by J.S. Bach on these two tunes will serve as our prelude today. Special thanks to Owen Schonebaum, John Schonebaum and Jim Radtke!

Music in the service:

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN / CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN - chorales by J.S. Bach

GLORIA - Antonio Vivaldi, arranged by S. Drummond Wolff

~The Organ Bench~

Today's Altar flowers are given by the Betts family in memory of Edward Betts, who went to his Eternal home 25 years ago on May 14th and in memory of Andrew Fleischhacker, Sr., who would have had his 92nd birthday on May 14th.



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 ~

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>

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FARE for ALL at St. Stephanus

Fare for All holds regular sales of produce and meat packs purchased through wholesale bulk and local food partnerships that allow for a discounted rate.

Fare for All will be at St. Stephanus on **Wednesday, May 26th**. One additional volunteer is needed in the afternoon between 1:30 P.M. and 4 P.M. to help deliver boxed packages from the church lobby to the parking lot. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cherie Fleischhacker at ckfle@yahoo.com.

A message from Jonathan House

Starting in early June, the Jonathan House will have a college intern with them through late November. As a part of her program, she needs to find a place to live.

She is looking for:

- Something in the Midway, Hamline, Frogtown, Summit, University, or North End neighborhood (biking distance to Jonathan House)
- Possibly a young family (no single men/all male housing situations)
- Someone of moderate socio-economic status

If you or someone you know might be interested in hosting a college student in your home or if you know of any other housing situations that might seem suitable, please email Kelsey Briggs at Kelsey@iafr.org.

Feeding the Dream News:

Our April & May distributions gave away 150 boxes of basic needs each time. Thank you to all who donated and put together the boxes of needed items for our community! We want to continue being able to do this, and will welcome any donations into the future. These basic needs boxes were combined with a box of nonperishable food, meat and potatoes that served 250 households in April and 371 households in May. During the May distribution 300 cucumber plants were also given away. Thank you again for your support!

Summer Plans

Produce will be distributed from the parking lot again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month starting on June 8th. The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays there will be a distribution at St. Paul Fellowship. We are also working on partnering with the Dept of Health to offer Vaccines at one of the distributions at each location. Details coming soon about that. Volunteer signups will be coming towards the end of May.

PBS Frontline recently ran a documentary called "Escaping Eritrea" which is available online for viewing - <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/escaping-eritrea/>. As we, and our Eritrean brothers and sisters, begin returning to worship in person, I commend it to you as an opportunity to learn and understand some of the things they have experienced in this life. Many still have family in Eritrea, and it can be difficult to discuss the situation there publicly for many reasons. May it be an opportunity to grow in the grace of compassion for our neighbor and the things they carry.

Amy Gundermann is stepping down as the leader of worship music after many years in that position here at St. Stephanus. I am deeply humbled and grateful for the work that she has done for us, and I invite you to share a note of thanksgiving with her in appreciation of the ways Jesus has been shared with us through her work over these years.

Amy Gundermann
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Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Joanne Borocki
Bev Piepkorn
Lois Bruss
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Rich & Miriam Carter
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Sharon Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 16

9:30 AM ✝ Worship In-Person and Online
11 AM Voters Meeting on Zoom

MONDAY, May 17

TUESDAY, May 18

WEDNESDAY, May 19

7:15 PM Youth Group on Zoom

THURSDAY, May 20

FRIDAY, May 21

SATURDAY, May 22

SUNDAY, May 23

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

Bible readings are located at
www.saintstephanus.org under the
"WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
www.saintstephanus.org

Click the logo for
Online Giving:



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 16:

May 17:

May 18:

May 19: Tiffany Hanan

May 20:

May 21: Connie Petersen, *Emperor Constantine, Christian Ruler, & Helena, Mother of Constantine*

May 22:

May 23: Davis Omosowon, John Schonebaum



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.