

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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### with Jesus Christ and Each Other

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Joachim Neander** (1650-1680) wrote approximately sixty hymns, with "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" being his best known. It was written in the last year of his short life. Seven years earlier, Neander had met Phillip Jakob Spener, the founder of German Pietism, and this relationship shaped Neander and his hymns. He has been called the "first poet of the Reformed Church in Germany" and the "Paul Gerhardt of the German Calvinists."

The hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", which we will sing today, is one of the Church's most beloved hymns of praise, building to the final phrase "let the Amen" in the final stanza. The tune LOBE DEN HERREN, whose composer is unknown, was first published in 1665, but most likely dates back to much earlier than that. A festival setting of the tune can be found at: <https://youtu.be/t2UHdOUmI0k>

#### Music in the service:

Hymns:

790: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

700: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,

923: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Prelude: Passacaglia in D Minor - BuxWV161 - Dietrich Buxtehude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - setting by Diane Bish

~The Organ Bench~

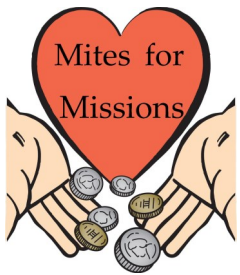
Today's Altar flowers are given by: Jackie and Jerry Spiess



### Altar Flowers

## June 6-Sept. 5 Return to live service for the Summer.

- Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of service
- There will not be any furniture in the lobby
- People will be asked to leave the church immediately after the service and socialize outside if desired.
- Communion will be celebrated only on the first and third Sunday of the month
- We will NOT have acolytes or Greeters
- We will not “pass the offering plates” but there will be an offering plate on the table on as you leave
- All elements of the liturgy will be live
- All music will be live
- Bible study will continue to meet on ZOOM. Once Pastor completes the study of Mathew, Bible study will take a break and not meet until fall



**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. 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.

## 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.

# Reminder

Check the table in the Narthex, right across from the mailboxes, for your 2021 offering envelopes

## Emmaus Lutheran Church needs your help!

**Cleaning out your closets?** The Emmaus Lutheran Youth Group is working on a fundraising project to collect 100 bags of worn, gently used or new shoes. The youth will get paid per pound for the shoes and then the shoes will be sent to developing countries to help people start small businesses. Your shoes help raise funds, stay out of landfills and help someone create a business! We will be having a drive up, drop off event on **THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH from 5:30 P.M to 7 P.M** at 1074 Idaho Ave W, St. Paul All shoes, boots, sandals, high heels, kids and adult sizes are welcome. Funds raised will help support our Emmaus summer youth program (John 15:16teens) as well as attendance at future retreats and gatherings. Contact [emmaus@q.com](mailto:emmaus@q.com) if you have questions or have so many shoes that you need a special pick up! Thank you for your support and consideration!

## Summer Fellowship Gatherings | All ages!

It's been a long 15 months since we've last gathered for fellowship. But now with Covid cases decreasing in our area, and vaccination numbers on the rise we're ready to reconnect! We're going to be hosting three events this summer to help re-build connection, and fellowship among our members at SSLC. These events are open to everyone, and all ages and family sizes and styles. We hope you'll join us for one or more!

- **June 16th, 5:30-7pm** | Picnic at Como Picnic Grounds

1300 Midway Pkwy, St Paul, MN 55103

Bring your own picnic dinner, a camp chair or blanket, and join us for an evening of playing in the park and catching up!

- **July 14th, 6-7:30pm** | Beach Night at Lake Johanna Beach
- **August 11th, 6:00-7:30pm** | Bonfire & S'mores at Como Fire Pits

## Family River Tubing Event!

We're putting together a Saturday morning river tubing event for this summer! Possible dates: June 26, July 24, 31, August 7th, 21st or 28th. Event is open to everyone, children 7th grade and under must come with a parent or another family.

Youth 7th-12th grade are able to attend on their own. Email Megan at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org) if you're interested and which dates would work well for your family!

**Summer Family Focus Themes** | Throughout the summer we're encouraging families to build in some faith conversations and habits to their family routines. Each month will have a different theme to it, and each Friday we're sending out an email with different ideas and resources to help. We'll have suggestions for all different family sizes and make-ups. If you're not on our family ministry mailing list but you'd like to receive these emails please email Megan at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org) to be added!



## 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 such as Coding, Cardboard Creations, and Stop Motion Animation join old favorites such as Basketball, Youth Worship Team, and CSI! Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/camps](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/camps) to get details and register.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Roger Binning  
Chris Tvrdik  
Joann Borocki

### Blessings/Guidance

Naomi Temme and the Temme  
Family  
Paul & Annie Brooks  
Camp Omega  
Concordia Academy

### Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, June 13

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday School ZOOM

### MONDAY, June 14

### TUESDAY, June 15

### WEDNESDAY, June 16

### THURSDAY, June 17

### FRIDAY, June 18

### SATURDAY, June 19

### SUNDAY, June 20

9:30 AM ✝ Worship w/Communion

✝ 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)

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## May 31– June 6 Contributions

General - \$22,482.56 Missions - \$10.00

20x5 - \$5.00 Concordia Academy \$10.00

Feeding the Dream - \$76.00

**Total - \$22,583.56 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)**

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

June 13:

June 14: Amarti Maskalo, Caitlyn McClellan,  
Jerry Spies, *Elisha*

June 15:

June 16: Leonard Miller

June 17:

June 18: Marian Harmening

June 19: Dale Trapp

June 20: Harriett Overfors, Jon Marschke



June monthly group contact persons:

**Joyce Boterman & Corine Goodrich**

Fred & Joyce Boterman, Scott & Corine  
Goodrich, Tom & Amy Gundermann, Eva  
Gundermann, Kayla Gundermann, Noah  
Gundermann, Jeff Johnson, Rich Johnson,  
Bruce & Peggy Karger, LaVonne Karger, Lennea  
Lopez, Akbar & Shirori Muhammad, Meaza  
Ogbazghi, Dan & Sharon Savard, Lois Thur

**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.