

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Johann Franck (1618-1677), a German poet and lawyer, wrote the hymn text for "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" towards the end of the Thirty Years' War when his hometown of Gruben suffered at the hands of the Swedish and Saxon troops who invaded the city. In the face of devastation, Franck knew that true joy could only be found in Jesus. The hymn is based on a secular love song, "Flora, meine Freude" ("Flora, my joy, my soul's pasture") which he changed into "Jesus, my joy, my heart's pasture." followed by his own text. This hymn soon became popular among Lutherans beyond Germany, and was translated into Estonian in 1667 and into Russian in 1724 by Peter the Great.

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) wrote a chorale with ten variations based on this hymn tune. Selected variations from this set will be included in today's service as the prelude and postlude.

Music in the service:

Hymns:

908: Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear,

743: Jesus, Priceless Treasure,

917: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Prelude: Jesus, Meine Freude - variations by J.G. Walther

Postlude: Jesus, Meine Freude - setting by J.G. Walther

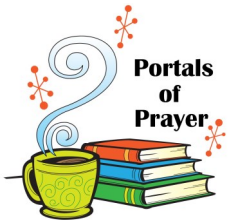
~The Organ Bench~



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. 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.



**Portals
of
Prayer**

The July Portals of Prayer devotion books have arrived. They are now located at the bottom of the lobby stairs in the revolving bookcase.



Altar Flowers

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 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. You are asked to take your flowers home right after the church service.

1 bouquet of flowers is \$27.50 and 2 bouquets of flowers are \$55.00. If paying by check make it out to St. Stephanus Lutheran Church and in the memo write Flowers.



FARE for ALL at St. Stephanus

Fare For All provides easy access to low-cost, nutritious foods, including fresh fruits and veggies and frozen meat packages purchased through wholesale bulk and local food partnerships that allow for a discounted rate. This is a community-supported, nonprofit program, open to ALL! There are no income or residential restrictions and no pre-registration.

Fare for All will be held at St. Stephanus on **Wednesday, July 28th** from 2-4 pm.

Three volunteers are needed from 1:30 P.M. to 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 ckfle1@yahoo.com .

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Roger Binning
Joann Borocki
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Jonathan House
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lisa Bisping

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, July 11

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

MONDAY, July 12

TUESDAY, July 13

WEDNESDAY, July 14

6:30 P.M. Beach Night

THURSDAY, July 15

FRIDAY, July 16

SATURDAY, July 17

SUNDAY, July 18

9:30 AM † Worship w/Communion

† Communion Service



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Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM
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Bible readings are located at
www.saintstephanus.org under the
“WORSHIP” tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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Online Giving:



June 28-July 4 Contributions for two weeks

General - \$8,617.61 Feeding the Dream - \$1,000.00
Technology - \$450.00
Total - \$10,067.61 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 11: David Sagstetter, Hannah Lageson,
Micah Thompson

July 12:

July 13: Chase Doran

July 14:

July 15:

July 16: Susan Kressin, *Ruth*

July 17: Judy Brinkman

July 18: Cheryl Smith



July monthly group contact persons: Gayle & John Schonebaum

Terianne Bender, B.J & Jill Brown, Joan Brown,
Amy Fleischhacker, Jill Katzenmaier, Philip &
Jackie Preuss, Gayle & John Schonebaum,
Andrew Wussler, Jeff & Jodi Wussler

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.