

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 131 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A 1719 publication, *"The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament, and Apply'd to the Christian Slate and Worship"* was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) in response to the sorry state of "metrical psalmody" in his day. Calvinism had strongly influenced the theology and practice of English churches, especially among "Nonconformists" (Protestants not members of the Church of England), of whom Watts was one, and singing during services was restricted to a rhymed, metrical form of the Psalms, plus a very few other metrical texts. The existing English versions, in an attempt to translate the Hebrew Psalms as literally as possible, were wooden in style and short on poetic beauty. They also lacked any reference to the New Testament, failing to speak, as Watts put it, in the "common language of Christians." These issues, together with the tedious practice by which the congregation repeated line by line the words parceled out by the parish clerk, dampened the spirits of the congregants and hindered the joyful singing of God's praises.

One of the hymns produced by Watts for his publication was the hymn "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways", which is a metrical paraphrase of selected verses of Psalm 119. Four of the original six stanzas appear in our hymnal, and will serve as our closing hymn today.

Music in the service:

905: Come, Thou Almighty King

566: By Grace I'm Saved

707: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Prelude: Meditation on "Italian Hymn" - Lani Smith

Communion: "In the Garden" - setting by Lori Line

Postlude: Toccata in G Minor - Johann Pachelbel

~The Organ Bench~



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 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.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, **September 19**, after the 9:30 worship service. This will be **IN PERSON** and on **ZOOM** for those who can not come. The **ZOOM** link will be given at a later date.

Are you feeling disconnected from others at church? Would you like to know and be known by more than your name, face and a few facts? Would you like to be part of a small group that intentionally meets to build friendships by talking about life, reading and reflecting on a scripture passage, and sharing prayer requests and thanksgivings? Meeting times, places and format will be shaped by those who express interest. Men, women, young and old are welcome! Please contact Sheila Schlechte at 651-746-4966 or at sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com .

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Sharen Kappes
Miriam Carter
Roger Binning
Joanne Borocki
Corine Goodrich

Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 29

9:30 AM ✝

Worship

MONDAY, August 30

TUESDAY, August 31

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, September 1

1:00 PM

LWML Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 2

FRIDAY, September 3

SATURDAY, September 4

SUNDAY, September 5

9:30 AM ✝

Worship

✝ Communion Service



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“WORSHIP” tab.

Worship Service Stream at
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Online Giving:



August 8-15 Contributions for two weeks

General - \$9,501.12

Blank - \$45.00

Total - \$9,546.12 (\$7,250.00/week - \$31,400/month)

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

August 29: Alganesh Beyen,

The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

August 30: Clarice Anderson, Joshua Langemo

August 31: Nora Brown

September 1: Logan Curtis, *Joshua*

September 2: *Hannah*

September 3: Jan Uden, Jingyan Schlechte,

Gregory the Great, Pastor

September 4: *Moses*

September 5: *Zacharias & Elizabeth*



August monthly group contact persons:
Doug & Jane Sell

Loraine Byland, James & Sarah Dahlke,
JoAnn Johansen, Kaye Nuechterlein, Michael
Bauch & Tricia Schmidt, Brian Sell, Doug &
Jane Sell, Amy & David Sura, Karen Trudeau,
Dustin Trudeau

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.