

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Samuel Barber (1910-1981), was an American composer, pianist, conductor and singer. A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He devoted himself to composition. His distinctive and modern style made him one of the most expressive representatives of the lyric and Romantic trends in 20th-century classical music.

Among Barber's compositions are two string quartets, one composed in 1936, known as Opus 11. After hearing the slow second movement of this piece, the acclaimed Italian composer Arturo Toscanini urged Barber to arrange the movement for full orchestra, and in 1938 Toscanini premiered the new work over a radio broadcast with the NBC Symphony Orchestra. The *Adagio for Strings*, as the new piece was quickly named,

became a huge success and was played at the funeral of Albert Einstein, has been used in several commercials and movie soundtracks, and was even arranged into a choral version, *Agnus Dei*. A setting of this piece, transcribed for organ, will serve as our prelude today.

Music in the Service:

Its Hymn Sing Sunday!

Prelude: Adagio for Strings - Samuel Barber, transcribed for organ by Franklin Eddings

Postlude: Fantasy on "Son of God, Eternal Savior" - Richard A. Williamson



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez to Tricia Schmidt and Matt Hanan for their wonderful service to St. Stephanus.

Contribution Statements - Your 2022 contribution statements have been emailed to you. Please review your statements carefully and report any problems to the church office immediately. If you are a member without email your statements were mailed.



WHERE ARE MY ENVELOPES?

The order for our 2023 offering envelopes was placed several months ago. Due to ongoing supply chain issues and labor shortages our supplier has been unable to produce and ship it. We have been assured they are doing the best they can to fulfill our order. It may still be several weeks. In the meantime if you are one of the faithful givers that use the envelopes please reference your 2022 envelope number on your check or on the plain envelope it is enclosed in. This will help our counters and ensure funds are properly assigned. ~ Stewardship Committee~



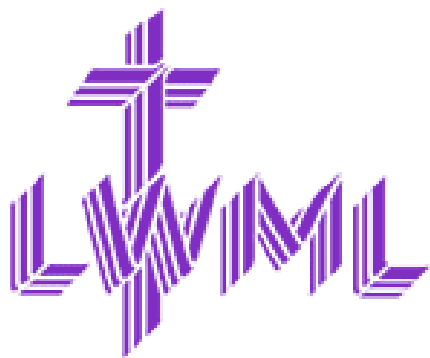
Sunday, Feb. 19, after the worship service, there will be a voters' meeting. General church business will be discussed.

More than 500,000 people experience homelessness every night in America.

Does your heart grieve? Do you wonder what can one person do about this big issue?

- 1) Purchase something for the goods drive during January and February going to Union Gospel Mission. Most needed items are: bath towels (\$3.50 @ Target); men's underwear (all sizes but especially small and medium); men's pants/jeans (all sizes, especially 30-34" waist); razors; men's shirts and T-shirts (especially sizes XL-6XL). See more details on what to donate on display in the lobby or in the January issue of *Connections*.
- 2) Support the upcoming bake sale on Sunday, Feb. 12. Proceeds will go to ministry towards our homeless encampments in the Twin Cities.
- 3) Learn more about this issue by attending the event on Sunday, March 4th to see the documentary, *Lead Me Home*, and stay for a discussion and pizza.

Phil Radtke, former assistant organist and choir director at St. Stephanus, will present a hymn festival and concert at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S, Minneapolis) as part of their Second Saturday Concert Series. \$10 recommended donation. Currently, Phil serves as Cantor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis where he oversees the music program, directs the adult and children's choirs and plays for weekly worship services.



Enjoy fellowship with friends in the **LWML St Croix River and St Paul Metro Zones** at the

Winter Christian Growth Gathering located at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 655 Forest St N, St Paul 55106, on **Saturday, February 4, 2023** from 9:30-11AM with registration and refreshments beginning at 9 AM. \$5.00 donation

For Such a Time as This: Lessons from Esther on Living as Christians in a Post-Christian Age

Presenter: Rev Dr Joshua Hollmann Associate Professor of Systematic Theology
Concordia University

Bring your Bible!

Planning to attend?—notify Beth 651-631-8956 (leave a message) or email bdschust@msn.com by **January 30**



Food Distribution

On Tuesday, January 24th, volunteers at St. Stephanus shared 4,712 pounds of food with families from 76 households. Thank you to the many volunteers who made our first winter drive-up food share distribution possible. Volunteers of all ages came together on a Sunday morning to pack shelf stable food boxes, distribution volunteers packed fresh produce on the day of distribution and delivered from the front door of our church to people waiting in their cars.

Our next food share will be on Tuesday, February 28th.

Volunteers are needed and may sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48ada72ca7fdcf8-winter#/>

The Parish Life Committee is planning another opportunity to visit our home-bound members. We will go Valentine caroling after lunch at the church on Sunday, February 12. Please join us. We hope to have 2 or 3 teams so that we can visit many of our home-bound members. RSVP so we can order our food. E-mail or phone Emmy, or place a note on the Parish Life table in the lobby.

Is winter feeling long?

Do you like to do puzzles or play games? Check out the Puzzle/Game swap table in the church lobby!

Bring in puzzles or games you don't want anymore and/or just take one from the table.

If you have a question please call Tarrie Culbert at (651) 603-8847.



Beacon Basketball Blast! Please **RSVP** online at ConcordiaAcademy.com/B3

Friday, Jan. 27, for 6th-8th graders. Check-in is at 5:00 PM. Girls Varsity begins at 5:30/ Boys Varsity at 7:00

Free Admission to CA's Basketball Game vs New Life Academy (Free admission for parents, too)

There will be free pizza, popcorn, pop with halftime games, awesome prizes and even a photo booth!

Open House will be Feb. 7, 6-8 PM.

Come and connect with teachers and students, tour the school, and see firsthand how students shine. RSVP at

ConcordiaAcademy.com/openhouse.

Summer can't come soon enough! Registration is now open for 2023 Concordia Academy Camps!

We're offering almost three dozen summer camps focusing on athletics, arts, STEM, and other areas for students in Grades 1-12. In addition to favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Camp Create, Play-makers, Volleyball, and Youth Worship Team, we're offering plenty of exciting new camps:

Act One Theatre Camp (for Grades 1-4)

Beginner Hand Sewing

Blast Off (a rocket-building camp)

Bon Appetit! Cooking Camp

To Infinity and Beyond (math camp)

Video Production

Volleyball (for Grades 2-4)

In addition, we're offering two weeklong sessions of our popular Auto Shop and ICE Lab camps.

Many camps have size limits and fill up quickly, so don't delay.

Prayer Requests
Healing and Comfort

Lois Bruss
Lois Holtz
Ed Potter
Eileen Vierow
Roger Binning

Blessings/Guidance

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Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 29

9:30 AM ✝ Worship
10:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY, January 30

TUESDAY, January 31

WEDNESDAY, February 1

6:00 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY, February 2

FRIDAY, February 3

SATURDAY, February 4

SUNDAY, February 5

9:30 AM ✝ Worship
10:45 AM Documentary, Discussion & Pizza

✝ Communion Service



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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

Submit prayer requests at
<https://forms.gle/JLDCstJFWRbu25PT7>

January Contributions (4 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$15,701=\$3,925/week (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$19,026=\$4,757/week
- Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$42,475
- Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$51,848

**Upcoming Birthdays,
Feasts & Commemoration**

Jan. 29: Michelle Connolly

Jan. 30: Verna Volker

Jan. 31: Annie Brooks

Feb. 1: Tricia Schmidt

Feb. 2: *The Purification of Mary &
the Presentation of Our Lord*

Feb. 3:

Feb. 4: Matthew Culbert

Feb. 5: Deanna Westphall,
Jacob (Israel), Patriarch



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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