

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

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**with Jesus Christ and Each Other**

March 26, 2023  
Fifth Sunday in Lent



The origins of the hymn, "What Wondrous Love Is This" are nestled in the rugged folk hymns of Appalachia in the early nineteenth century, with the earliest versions dating back to 1811. The music is based on the shape-note singing popular in the region at that time - this type of music used notes in different shapes instead of the oval notes on the musical staff as we see in our hymnal today - the shape helped designate the pitch for those who didn't read music. Singers divided into the soprano, alto, tenor and bass singers in groups forming a square with the conductor at the center. - this allowed the conductor to help keep time while singers could stay on pitch by singing with the people around them.

Music in the Service:

543: What Wondrous Love is This

430: My Song is Love Unknown

544: O Love, How Deep

Prelude: Lamentation - Franklin Ash down

Postlude: Fugue on "Wondrous Love" - Carlotta Ferrari



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Lennea Lopez for Terianne Bender and Cherie Fleischhacker in thanks for all their work at St. Stephanus.



As we are in the season of Lent we look forward to how the Midway/Central Area of St. Paul Churches will worship together this season.

**Morning Service** at **Emmaus**, 11:30am, Matins every service.

**Evening Service** at **Bethel**, 7pm. Responsive Prayer on 3/29.

## Church Governance Committee

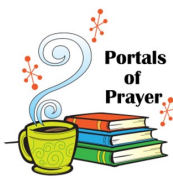
Although God's faithfulness never changes, St. Stephanus has experienced changes in our culture, our congregational needs, our membership, etc. We continue to struggle to get people to serve in leadership positions according to our current governing structure. A committee has been formed to research and make recommendations regarding a new future direction on how we could govern. Thank you Terianne Bender, Lynne Heuton, Rich Carter and Sheila Schlechte for serving on this committee. If you have suggestions or ideas you would like to share, please contact one of the members. Your input is important.

# Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins  
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer  
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns  
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y  
C L E U X B M T H B U C W B  
N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y  
A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B  
N G N L I S N L A I N E D X  
E W M P R V R D H B N R D F  
P S O G O L G O T H A B S C  
D L N R O C O N F E S S I K  
O T H T C P E K W U O U N D  
M N S H N P W E D R H F S K  
U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E  
H E C R E V L I S W Q E C M  
H V H N C X S O C C J R L O  
F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C  
C R U C I F I X I O N S R V



**Portals of Prayer** books have arrived. They are located at the bottom of the lobby stairs in the revolving bookcase. ~Clarice~

**Congregation Easter Brunch.** On April 9, we will resume our traditional Easter brunch immediately after our Easter worship service, and look forward to sharing fellowship. Please either sign up at the Parish Life table in the lobby or e-mail [emmytreichel@gmail.com](mailto:emmytreichel@gmail.com) so that we will have adequate meals.



**Parish Life Committee** will be most appreciative for volunteers to assist us with preparation (April 8 - 1 hour) and serving our Easter Brunch (April 9 - 20 min.). Please contact Emmy or sign up on the "Volunteer" sheet at the table in the lobby.



**American Red Cross**

**Blood Services** Next Blood Drive: Thursday, April 6th, 12-6pm!

In 2022 we hosted 2 blood drives, through those drives we were able to donate 78 pints of blood, and had 82 donors! What will God do this year?! Join us for our first drive of 2023 on Thursday, April 6th, from 12-6pm - and help save a life.

Sign-up here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ststephanus>

### 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~

### To all singers and musicians

We are trying to start a monthly contemporary service. We need you to help in leading the singing or playing an instrument. Since we do not have a large number of musicians, the music will be pre-recorded. Anyone can sing or play along. The service will be the third Sunday of the month during odd months and the second Sunday of the month during even months.

If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Dan Savard: [danielsavard@mac.com](mailto:danielsavard@mac.com) or 612-747-1808

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Family of Sylvia Berg

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia University  
LINC

### Shut-ins

Marlene & Ed Potter  
Sharen Kappes  
MaryAnn Weckwerth

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, March 26

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

### MONDAY, March 27

### TUESDAY, March 28

4:00 PM Monthly Food Distribution

### WEDNESDAY, March 29

### THURSDAY, March 30

### FRIDAY, March 31

### SATURDAY, April 1

### SUNDAY, April 2

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

✝ Communion Service



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Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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)

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

## March Contributions (3 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$15,068=\$5,023 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$16,571=\$5,524/wk

## Contributions for 2023 (12 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$54,652=\$4,554/wk (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$62,474=\$5,206/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$14,358

Funds in Restricted Accounts (32 accounts): \$53,312

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 26: Miriam Carter

March 27: Joshua Yernberg

March 28: Earl Berg, Ryan LeClair-Sura

March 29: Addy Munoz, Hannah Krieg

March 30: B.J. Brown, Noah Habtezi

March 31: *Joseph, Patriarch*

April 1: Katie Admasu

April 2: Andrew Thompson



## 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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