

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 132 Years

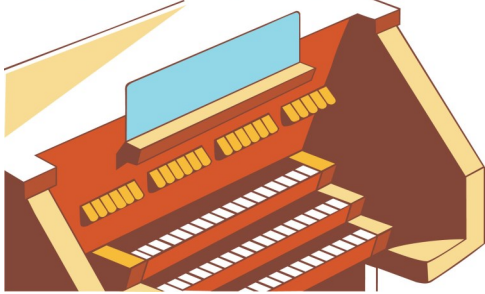
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## with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

### From the **ORGANIST**



**The chaconne**, or ciaccona in Italian, is a musical style made up of continuous variations, generally recognizable because of its short repeating bass line. The German composer Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), although best known for his Canon in D, wrote several chaconnes, of which six survive, the best-known being the Chaconne in F minor. It begins with a theme and takes us on a trip progressing through twenty-one variations of the theme, eventually culminating in the final version which is almost an exact repeat of the original theme. This piece will be played for the prelude today.

**This Thursday, May 18**, is Ascension Day, the celebration of Christ ascending into heaven. Today's closing hymn was chosen to mark this day, and today's postlude will be a Pachelbel chorale setting of that hymn's tune, NUN FREUT EUCH.

#### **Music in the Service:**

469: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

821: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

492: On Christ's Ascension I Now Build (in honor of Ascension Day, May 18)

**Prelude:** Ciaccona in F moll - P. 43 - Johann Pachelbel

**Postlude:** On Christ's Ascension I Now Build - chorale by Johann Pachelbel



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Kathy Fleischhacker & family in memory of Andrew Fleischhacker, Sr., who would have had his 94th birthday today. Also, Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms! The other bouquet of Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez to the Temme family for the wonderful service they do for St. Stephanus.

**Senior Blessing!** Join us on Sunday, **June 11th** to pray over our High School seniors as we celebrate their graduation.



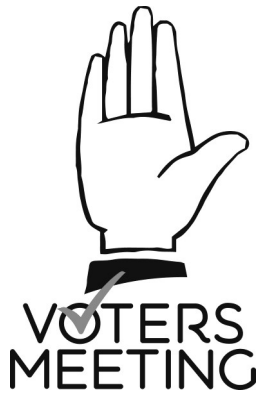
**Fan the Flame!** Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday. A day when the church celebrates the Holy Spirit moving through the world. We reflect on the story of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples through tongues of flame (Acts 2). Traditionally red is the liturgical color of Pentecost. This year we thought it could be fun to fill the sanctuary with our own moving flames of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to wear red, orange, or yellow on this day so that as we move together in worship we are reminded of the Holy Spirit that resides in us all.

### **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.

**On the third Sunday of each month,** our church collects your pocket change for "mites for missions". 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.





The PPC met and has decided to have the next Voter Meeting on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> after Service. General Church Business will be discussed.

### National Neighborhood Night Out

At our congregational brunch, some people expressed a wish to host a National Neighborhood Night out gathering for the community. Designated funds are available for this event, but we need a group of volunteers and someone to lead this group in the planning. If you are interested, please contact [sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilaschlechte@yahoo.com)



### Congregation Survey Replies Needed

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church wants to hear the voice of every person that participates or supports the ministry of our congregation. Because our current structure has many holes, we are looking at changing our governing structure. How we view ourselves as a congregation will influence what will best meet our needs moving forward. Each person is highly recommended to submit their own form. A person may submit a paper form (copies and collection box are available in the church lobby) or complete an electronic

version: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD-7ZB6e0UKzzT0-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD-7ZB6e0UKzzT0-FEjHoYcGG8HAdvIDeg4s01dKHRLRzUyDg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

[FEjHoYcGG8HAdvIDeg4s01dKHRLRzUyDg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD-7ZB6e0UKzzT0-FEjHoYcGG8HAdvIDeg4s01dKHRLRzUyDg/viewform?usp=sf_link) Forms may be submitted through May 28. The governance committee will assume that a survey not completed is a vote for decline with grace.



**Church Spring Cleaning Needs volunteers** for May 20. The Parish Life Committee has scheduled Spring Cleaning for St. Stephanus, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. A sign-up sheet is located on a table in the lobby or call or e-mail Emmy (645-3044 or [emmytreichel@gmail.com](mailto:emmytreichel@gmail.com)). Cleaning supplies will be furnished. Pizza lunch to follow.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Ben Goodrich  
Karen Trudeau

### Blessings/Guidance

Concordia Academy  
LINC

### Shut-ins

Lorraine & Karen Byland  
Ron & Mary Bisping  
Larry Clemmensen

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, May 14

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

### MONDAY, May 15

### TUESDAY, May 16

### WEDNESDAY, May 17

6:30 PM Confirmation

### THURSDAY, May 18

4:00 PM Food Distribution

### FRIDAY, May 19

### SATURDAY, May 20

### SUNDAY, May 21

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

✚ Communion Service



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OFFICE HOURS:  
Monday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM  
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>

### May Contributions (1 week)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$5,304 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$6,474

### Contributions for 2023 (19 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$102,200=\$5,379/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$113,309=\$5,964/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$9,829

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$51,740

Note: May 15th payroll already deducted

Current expenses are \$30,519 higher than income

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 14: Brody Dahlke

May 15: Collin Hanan

May 16:

May 17:

May 18:

May 19: Tiffany Hanan

May 20:

May 21: Connie Petersen,

*Emperor Constantine, Christian Ruler, &  
Helena, Mother of Constantine*



### 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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