

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

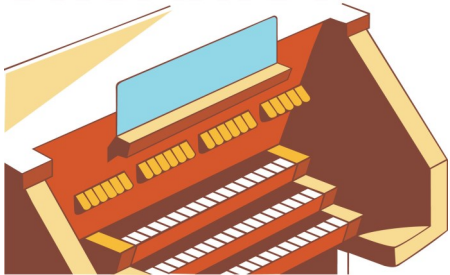
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

May 28, 2023
The Day of Pentecost

From the **ORGANIST**



The word "**Pentecost**" comes from the Greek word pentekostos which means "fiftieth." Exactly fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire. This is also often referred to as the birthday of the Church, as that is when the apostles went out among the people to spread Jesus' message.

The hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus* ("Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest") is a chant dating back to at least the 8th century AD, and possibly earlier, which invites the Holy Spirit, "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and make our hearts Your place of rest."

Music in the Service:

700: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

497: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

501: Come Down, O Love Divine

503: O Day Full of Grace

Prelude: Partita on "Veni Creator Spiritus" - John Eggert

Postlude: All Glory Be to God on High - Friedrich Wilhelm Markull



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by: 1 bouquet is given by Jan Uden who became a member of this wonderful church 40 years ago in May. It has been a blessing to me.

The bouquet is given by Jane Sell

Help us Celebrate!

St. Stephanus is 133 years old, can you believe it!? We would love to fill our bulletin board in the fireside room with photos of our members - and the things you love, or your favorite memories of St. Stephanus. You're invited to print off a photo of you and your family and add it to the board (or email it to youth@saintstephanus.org to be printed) and visit the board to add your favorite things and memories!

Summer Storytime in Simon's Garden!

Children are invited to join us on Sundays (starting today) in Simon's Garden for Sunday School Storytime. All ages are welcome - content is geared towards 3-8 year olds. Have a story you love? A special interest you'd like to share with the kids? We'd love to have you join us! Sign-up to be a storytime guest reader by emailing Megan at youth@saintstephanus.org

June Food Distribution - Volunteers Needed (6/15)

Some of our regular volunteers are on vacation for our June Food Distribution and we are in need of a few more hands. Would you join us? Shifts available from 3-6:30pm. Contact Megan at youth@saintstephanus.org with questions or to sign-up! (Teens 12 - 18 and up are welcome to come without a parent but will a signed permission form).

Next Blood Drive: July 28th 12-6pm.

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

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

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

Visitor Training

Interested in becoming a friendly visitor to one or more of our shut-ins? Wondering what to do? How to do it? Join Pastor Thompson on Saturday, **June 3rd from 10-11:30 AM** for a conversation about visitation and some practical wisdom for interactions with various people. Please **RSVP** to Pastor at 612-750-3727 or pastor@saintstephanus.org to let me know you're coming.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau

Blessings/Guidance

Bryson Otto Koran
Concordia University
Missions of Christ Network

Shut-ins

Marlene & Ed Potter
Sharen Kappes
MaryAnn Weckwerth

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 28

9:30 AM ✝ Worship
10:45 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Sunday School story time in the garden

MONDAY, May 29

Memorial Day Holiday

TUESDAY, May 30

WEDNESDAY, May 31

6:30 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY, June 1

FRIDAY, June 2

SATURDAY, June 3

10:00 AM Visitation training

SUNDAY, June 4

9:30 AM ✝ Worship
10:45 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Sunday School story time in the garden

✝ 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
under the "WORSHIP" tab.

Worship Service Stream at
www.saintstephanus.org

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

May Contributions (3 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$19,958=\$6,653/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$2,959 = \$986/week
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$22,917=\$7,639

Contributions for 2023 (21 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$116,855=\$5,565/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$12,897 = \$614/week
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$129,752=\$6,179/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$9,100

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$52,304

Note: Payroll for 5/31/23 has been deducted from the Checking Account Balance

Current Expenses: \$160,700

Current Expenses are \$30,948 higher than total income for 2023



Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

May 28:

May 29: Carol James, Jane Sell

May 30:

May 31: David Sura,

June 1: *Justin, Martyr*

June 2: Jim Radtke

June 3: Naomi Temme, Shelley Novotny

June 4: Grace Connolly

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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