

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

June 11, 2023

Second Sunday after Pentecost



From the Organist

The text of the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory", written by the noted New York City pastor Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) was first sung on October 5, 1930, at the opening service of the newly built Riverside Church in the Morningside Heights section of the city. Written the previous summer while the author vacationed at Boothbay Harbor, Maine, the hymn was featured again at the dedication of the Riverside Church on February 8, 1931. In his autobiography, *The Living of These Days* (a line taken from the hymn itself), Fosdick recalls, "That was more than a hymn to me when we sang it that day - it was a very urgent personal prayer. For with all my hopeful enthusiasm about the new venture there was inevitably much humble and sometimes fearful apprehension."

The author intended the hymn to be sung to the tune REGENT SQUARE; it appeared with that familiar melody in a 1932 publication. In subsequent decades it has become more frequently paired with the solid Welsh melody CWM RHONDDA, as we find in our hymnal today. The version we sing today omits the original fourth stanza:

Set our feet on lofty places;

Gird our lives that they may be

Armored with all Christlike graces

In the fight to set men free.

Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,

That we fail not man nor thee!

Music in the Service:

850: God of Grace and God of Glory

728: How Firm a Foundation

487: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Prelude: God of Grace and God of Glory - setting by Robert J. Powell

Postlude: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain - setting by Wilbur Held



Today's Altar flowers are given by: The Temme family



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.

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.

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 3-6:30 pm. 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 need a signed permission form).

Congregational Survey Update - As we continue to struggle to get people to serve in leadership positions a committee was formed to make recommendations for a new governing structure. The first step to accomplish this was to get input from the congregation to clarify a direction or vision for St. Stephanus. In May a survey was conducted. The results have been gathered and are being reviewed and tabulated. A summary will be made available to the congregation once the review has been completed. Our goal is to have this information available in early July.

Governance Committee Update - The Governance Committee is currently reviewing the congregational survey data. In addition, we are evaluating alternative governance structures and changes to guide and lead St. Stephanus. One of our key resources is the book "Governance and Ministry, Rethinking Board Leadership" by Dan Hotchkiss. We are finding the book helpful in directing our conversations. If anyone is interested, we have a couple of extra copies to share. Please see Terianne Bender. With many volunteer efforts our task is taking longer than first anticipated, but we feel confident we are making progress. We will attempt to keep you updated.

A reminder: If you drop off items, furniture or other items for the church please let the **office know** your name and the reason for dropping it off.

If you are leaving notes for staff members PLEASE DATE AND SIGN IT

HUMBLE REQUEST: If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home or has an emergency, **PLEASE** call the **CHURCH OFFICE** to leave a message for Pastor Thompson. He would like to visit as soon as possible. Many times, members do not pass this information along and Pastor does not find out about it until after the fact.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau

Blessings/Guidance

Sophie Baker
Sebastian Caquelin
Tucker Chipman
Jingyan Schlechte
Elizabeth Thompson
Camp Omega

Shut-ins

Lorraine & Karen Byland
Ron & Mary Bisping
Larry Clemmensen

Week Ahead SUNDAY, June 11

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

MONDAY, June 12 TUESDAY, June 13 WEDNESDAY, June 14 THURSDAY, June 15

4:00 PM Food Distribution

FRIDAY, June 16 SATURDAY, June 17 SUNDAY, June 18

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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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>

June Contributions (1 week)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$9,528 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$1,080
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$10,608

Contributions for 2023 (23 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$129,949=\$5,650/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$13,977 = \$608/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$143,926=\$6,258/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$18,741

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$51,141

Note: Current Expenses: \$166,396

Current Expenses are \$22,471 higher than total income for 2023

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

June 11: Barnabas, Apostle

June 12: Megan Hoffman

The Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, AD 325

June 13: Amarti Maskalo, Caitlyn McClellan,

Jerry Spiess

June 14: Elisha

June 15:

June 16:

June 17:

June 18: Marian Harmening



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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