

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



From the Organist

"Come unto Me, ye Weary" is generally considered one of the finest hymns of William Chatterton Dix (1837-98), who found his inspiration in a personal illness. In a letter to a colleague, Dix related, "I was ill and depressed at the time, and it was almost to idle away the hours that I wrote the hymn. I had been ill for many weeks, and felt weary and faint, and the hymn really expresses the languidness of body from which I was suffering at the time. Soon after its composition - and it took me some time to write out, for my hand trembled, and I could with difficulty hold the pen - I recovered, and I always look back to that hymn as the turning point in my illness."

Johann Christoph Kellner (1736-1803) was a German organist and composer. As a child he studied music with his father, Johann Peter Kellner. After a time living in Amsterdam, he went on to become court organist and cantor in Kassel, Hesse, Germany in 1772. Kellner, who is most famous for writing a treatise on music theory, also composed several keyboard works including piano and harpsichord. Selected works by Kellner will be played for our prelude and postlude today.

Music in the Service:

699: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

684: Come unto Me, Ye Weary

920: Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in C - Johann Christoph Kellner

Postlude: Fugue in C - Johann Christoph Kellner



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Doug Zimmerman

Miriam and I want to thank you for your support in these last weeks. For the broken foot and our tooth extractions there is still some healing to come but we are on the healing road. Your questions and prayers, your sympathy and help with driving have made these days much easier. Thank you. ~Rich Carter ~

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.

Summer Storytime in Simon's Garden!

Children are invited to join us on Sundays 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

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.



July Food Distribution - Volunteers Needed (7/20)

Some of our regular volunteers are on vacation for our July 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).

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau

Blessings/Guidance

LINC

Evelyn Winsick

Shut-ins

Lorraine & Karen Byland

Ron & Mary Bisping

Larry Clemmensen

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, July 9

9:30 AM

Worship

10:45 AM

Bible Study

10:45 AM

Sunday School story time in the garden

MONDAY, July 10

TUESDAY, July 11

WEDNESDAY, July 12

THURSDAY, July 13

FRIDAY, July 14

SATURDAY, July 15

SUNDAY, July 16

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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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>

July Contributions (1 week) (Counting incomplete)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$1,035 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): 0
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$1,035

Contributions for 2023 (27 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$146,164 = \$5,413/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$15,435 = \$572/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$161,599 = \$5,985/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$7,395

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$50,868

Note: Current Expenses: \$196,045

As of July 1, we begin to pay \$1750/month for maintenance service

Current expenses are \$34,447 higher than total income for 2023

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 9: Gordon Spielman

July 10:

July 11: David Sagstetter, Micah
Thompson

July 12:

July 13:

July 14:

July 15:

July 16: Susan Kressin, *Ruth*



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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