

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



*From the  
Organist*

**John Darwall** (1731-1789) was an English vicar and hymn writer who was married to Mary Whateley (1738-1825), a poet who also wrote hymns. Darwall is probably best known for the tune he composed for a psalm of praise, "Ye holy angels bright", the tune of which in the same meter, so fit with the words, of Psalm 148 from the Genevan Psalter, giving the tune its name DARWALL'S 148TH. Today the tune is most commonly sung with "Rejoice, the Lord is King", This tune is also the setting for our closing hymn today, "On What Has Now Been Sown."

**John Newton** (1725-1807) was once an unbeliever, a deserter from the Royal Navy, and the captain of a ship engaged in the slave trade, who later became an English clergyman and hymn writer due to the influence of the memory of his mother's Christian devotion, the influence of his wife, and of John and Charles Wesley. In 1779 Newton, along with the poet William Cowper, published a hymn book featuring many new hymns, including "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (LSB 524), "Glorious Things of You are Spoken" (LSB 648), "Amazing Grace" (LSB 744", and two hymns that would become "On What Has Now been Sown." The first hymn was titled "Travelling in birth for souls," based on Galatians 4:19, and was written to accompany a New Year's sermon preached by Newton on January 1, 1779. This hymn, a meditation upon the life of a minister who suffers when his preaching seems to have no effect but rejoices when it gives birth to and nurtures saving faith in the heart, concludes with the stanza beginning, "Oh what has now been sown." The remaining two stanzas make up a complete hymn that appeared later in Newton's hymnbook, and two hymns were first combined for a 1873 publication.

## Music in the Service:

908: Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

577: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

545: Word of God, Come Down on Earth

921: On What Has Now Been Sown

**Prelude:** Partita on "Erhalt Uns, Herr" - Kevin Hildebrand

**Postlude:** Postlude on "Darwall's 148th" - Brenda Portman



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** The family of Andrew Fleischhacker, SR., who went to his heavenly home 10 years ago today

**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.

**Parish Life news:** Please join us on Sunday, July 23, for some patriotic caroling to our shut ins. We will be leaving after Bible Study and a light lunch. Sign up on the sheet located on the Parish Life board /table in the lobby. If you have any questions please ask Lynne Billing (507-254-9920) or Tarrie Culbert (763-807-5189).

**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.



### 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](mailto: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).



**American  
Red Cross**

Blood  
Services

**Next Blood Drive: July 28th 12-6pm.** Sign-up here: [https://  
www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ststephanus](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ststephanus)

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau

### Blessings/Guidance

LINC

### Shut-ins

Marian Harmening

Bob & Lois Holtz

Bev. Piepkorn

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, July 16

9:30 AM ✝

Worship

10:45 AM

Bible Study

10:45 AM

Sunday School story time in the garden

### MONDAY, July 17

### TUESDAY, July 18

### WEDNESDAY, July 19

### THURSDAY, July 20

4:00 PM

Food Distribution

### FRIDAY, July 21

### SATURDAY, July 22

### SUNDAY, July 23

9:30 AM

Worship

10:45 AM

Bible Study

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✝ 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>

### July Contributions (2 week)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$7,751=\$3,878 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$1,974=\$987/week
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$9,725=\$4,863

### Contributions for 2023 (28 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$152,880 =\$5,460/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$17,409 = \$622/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$170,289 =\$6,082/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$5,612

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts ): \$52,538

**Note:** Current Expenses: \$204,936

Current expenses are \$34,648 higher than total income for 2023

July 14th payroll has been deducted from checking account balance

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 16: Susan Kressin, *Ruth*

July 17: Judy Brinkman

July 18: Cheryl Smith

July 19:

July 20: *Elijah*

July 21: *Ezekiel*

July 22: *St. Mary Magdalene*

July 23: Erin Betts



### 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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