

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

July 23, 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



From the Organist

The hymn "**Bred dina vida vingar**," literally "Spread your wide wings", is a Swedish hymn in which the English version normally begins "Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in Thee." The author of these lyrics is Caroline Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg, who also penned the lyrics to "Children of the Heavenly Father." The Swedish folk tune to which the hymn is set is also the tune used for today's Hymn of the Day, "In Holy Conversation." The use of hymn stanzas as sources of sermon illustration is a time-honored Lutheran tradition. Not so common, though, is the use of a sermon as a hymn text source. It was a sermon, however, that inspired Gregory Wismar to write the hymn, "In Holy Conversation." In July 2002, the Missouri Synod's Commission on

Worship, of which Wismar was the vice-chair, sponsored the first in a series of triennial national worship conferences. One of the preachers at the event was Dr. David Schmitt of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His message on prayer as "holy conversation", specifically based on Psalm 50:15, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me," inspired the writing of this text.

Music in the Service:

892: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

772: In Holy Conversation

923: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Prelude: Thy Holy Wings (Bred dina vida vingar) - Richard Webster

Postlude: Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir (The Old Hundredth) - J.G. Walther



Today's Altar flowers are given by: David & Diana Betts in celebration of Daughter Erin's 35th birthday today. Flowers are also given by the Benson family



MaryAnn Weckwerth
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Stillwater MN, 55082
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Marlene Potter
3565 Pine Tree Dr.
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MaryAnn Weckwerth's family is asking for a card shower for her 90th birthday which is Aug. 5th.

Parish Life news: Don't forget today is the patriotic caroling to our shut ins. We will be leaving after Bible Study and a light lunch. If you have any questions please see Tarrie Culbert or Lynne Billing right away.

It's not too early to think about school supplies! In August, we will have a school theme for our giving tree. Simply take an ornament from the tree in the lobby that represents a school supply and bring it back with the real thing to put under the tree! If you have questions please contact Lynne Billing at 507-254-9920 or Tarrie Culbert at 763-807-5189.



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

Blood Drive: July 28th 12-6pm. Sign-up here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ststephanus>

Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau
Jack Rieth

Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega
Asher Dennis Fleischhacker-
Hepp

Shut-ins

Marlene & Ed Potter
Sharen Kappes
MaryAnn Weckwerth

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, July 23

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

MONDAY, July 24

TUESDAY, July 25

WEDNESDAY, July 26

5:30 PM Picnic@ Lake Josephine

THURSDAY, July 27

FRIDAY, July 28

12:00 PM Blood Drive

SATURDAY, July 29

SUNDAY, July 30

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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under the "WORSHIP" tab.

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

July Contributions (3 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$14,437=\$4,812 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$2,056=\$685/week
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$16,493=\$5,498/week

Contributions for 2023 (29 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$159,566 = \$5,502/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$20,490 = \$707/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$177,056 = \$6,105/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$8,817

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$51,717

Note: Current Expenses: \$209,439

Current expenses are \$32,383 higher than total income for 2023

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

July 23: Erin Betts

July 24: Eunice Swenson, Lois Bruss

July 25: Steve Sohn,

St. James the Elder, Apostle

July 26:

July 27:

July 28: Becky Wehrmann, Clarence
Benson, *Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor*

July 29: *Mary, Marth, & Lazarus of Bethany*

July 30: *Robert Barnes, Confessor & Martyr*



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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