

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

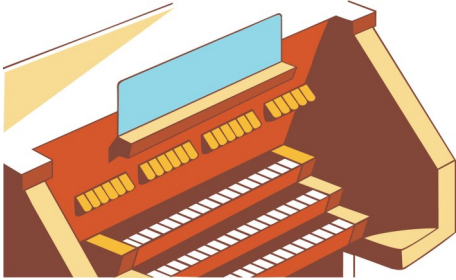
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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 6, 2023
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the **ORGANIST**



James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860-1925) was a Scottish hymn writer, minister and author who was known to his peers as "Brother James." Although most remembered for his religious publications, among Bain's musical compositions is the tune *Brother James' Air*, which is most commonly used as a setting of Psalm 23. The tune first appeared in a collection *The great peace: being a New Year's greeting to our motherland and the nations at present in conflict and a welcome to them all to the feast of the great peace*, which was published in 1915, just after the start of the First World War. One of Bain's neighbors once said about him that "she did not think he played any instrument, but 'he was aye hummin'." This simple but lovely melody, although not found in our hymnal, is the setting for our prelude today.

Music in the Service:

690: Hope of the World

642: O Living Bread from Heaven

709: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

818: In Thee Is Gladness

Prelude: Brother James' Air - settings by Mark Rippe & Harold H. Stuart

Postlude: Grand Chœur in G Major - Jean-Nicolas Marrigues



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez to Joan Brown & David & Diane Betts for their wonderful and faithful service to St. Stephanus.

Starting on August 8th, the Parsonage will be rented to a newly arrived refugee family through the International Institute of Minnesota. The people who work in Refugee Resettlement at the Institute will be their point of contact with us and our contact with the family. We welcome our new neighbors.



Mid Year Contribution Statements - please note that mid-year contribution statements will be sent out during the first half of August. These statements will reflect contributions from January 1st through June 30, 2023. This is being done to allow you to review and identify any problems before year end. If you do not receive a statement or if there are issues with your statement please contact Lynne Heuton (lmheuton@gmail.com).

St. Stephanus Connections is a monthly newsletter created to celebrate and communicate what is happening within our church community. It is produced jointly by your Evangelism, Stewardship, and Parish Life Committees. If you are not receiving the newsletter please contact Lynne Heuton (lmheuton@gmail.com). We are working hard to keep members informed and welcome your feedback and suggestions regarding content.

August Food Distribution - Volunteers Needed (8/17)

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

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: It's not too early to think about school supplies! This month, 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.

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 story-time guest reader by emailing Megan at youth@saintstephanus.org

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.

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Have you found us on Facebook yet? We're trying to engage members and congregational friends in prayer and conversation together through various Facebook posts. We invite you to join us: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintStephanusLCMS> .



Prayer Requests

Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau
Jack Rieth
Deb Holtz

Blessings/Guidance

International Association for
Refugees

Shut-ins

Clarence & Yoshiko Benson
Lisa Bisping
Ruth Bittner

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Aug. 6

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

MONDAY, Aug. 7

TUESDAY, Aug. 8

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 9

THURSDAY, Aug. 10

FRIDAY, Aug. 11

SATURDAY, Aug. 12

SUNDAY, Aug. 13

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>

July Contributions (5 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$17,729=\$3,546/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$2,083=\$417/wk.
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$19,812=\$3,962/wk.

Contributions for 2023 (31 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$162,858 =\$5,253/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$17,518 = \$565/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$180,376 =\$5,819/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$0

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$45,936

Note: Current Expenses: \$227,249 Current expenses are \$46,874 higher than total income for 2023

Checking account overdrawn by \$3,131. \$3,131 was transferred from Rental Income to General –approved by PPC



Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Aug. 6:
Aug. 7:
Aug. 8:
Aug. 9: Dan Savard
Aug. 10: Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
Aug. 11:
Aug. 12: Atiyah Muhammad
Aug. 13: Colleen Heck

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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