

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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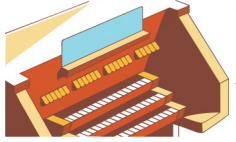


with Jesus Christ and Each Other

August 13, 2023

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

From the  
**ORGANIST**



**William Whiting (1825-78)** penned the hymn "O Thou Who bidd'st the ocean deep" in 1860, then republished in 1861 with the first line we know today, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." Known throughout the world as the "sailors' hymn," it may have been written for a student of Whiting's who was about to sail to the United States. Its opening lines are inscribed over the chancel of the chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. In the 1861 publication, it was set to the tune MELITA, specif-

ically composed for it by one of England's best-known church musicians of the nineteenth century, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76).

The hymn caught the English-speaking world by storm, as it were, first appearing in America in an 1864 publication. The present version is taken from a 1937 version, with the second and third stanzas added at that time, although the original second and third stanzas are also printed in our hymnal as alternates.

The original publication was prefaced with words from Psalm 107:24, "These men see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep." The preceding Psalm verse depicts a busy commercial environment, "Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters," and the following verses (25-30) bring home the dangers inherent in such an enterprise. The first three stanzas are each addressed to a different member of the Trinity, and stanza 4 praises the whole Trinity with "glad praise from air and land and sea" - the triune God is worthy of praise for the protection He bestows and the salvation He brings.

## Music in the Service:

765: God Moves in a Mysterious Way

717: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

831: "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

**Prelude:** Variations on "Melita" - Mark Rippe

**Postlude:** Fanfare and Recessional on "Melita" - Mark Rippe



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Martha & Stephen Sohn in memory of their parents Rev. Walter & Joan Sohn. Flowers are also given by Meaza Ogbazghi.

**Starting on August 8<sup>th</sup>,** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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).

**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](mailto: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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### 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.



**Prayer Requests**  
**Healing and Comfort**

Family of Mary Ann  
 Weckwerth  
 Marian Harmening  
 Sarah Culbert  
 Vonnie Karger  
 Karen Trudeau  
 Jack Rieth  
 Deb Holtz

**Blessings/Guidance**

International Association for  
 Refugees

**Shut-ins**

Lorraine & Karen Byland  
 Ron & Mary Bisping  
 Larry Clemmensen

**Week Ahead**

**SUNDAY, Aug. 13**

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

**MONDAY, Aug. 14**

**TUESDAY, Aug. 15**

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 16**

**THURSDAY, Aug. 17**

3:00 PM Food Distribution

**FRIDAY, Aug. 18**

**SATURDAY, Aug. 19**

**SUNDAY, Aug. 20**

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](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>

**Our Mission Statement:**

To proclaim the Gospel through Word and  
 Sacrament to our membership, our communi-  
 ties and our world.

**Our Vision:**

Connecting people with Jesus Christ and each  
 other through worship, learning and service.

**August Contributions (1 week)**

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$12,260 (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$2,043
- Total Income (General fund & Restricted Funds): \$14,303

**Contributions for 2023 (32 weeks)**

- General fund (for church expenses): \$175,263 = \$5,477/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds (31): \$19,560 = \$611/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$194,823 = \$6,088/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$10,985

Funds in Restricted Accounts (31 accounts): \$47,454

**Note:** Current Expenses: \$229,284 Current expenses are \$34,461 higher than total  
 income for 2023

Next payroll is August 15th



**Upcoming Birthdays,  
 Feasts & Commemoration**

**Aug. 13:** Colleen Heck

**Aug. 14:**

**Aug. 15:** *St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord*

**Aug. 16:** *Isaac*

**Aug. 17:** *Johann Gerhard, Theologian*

**Aug. 18:** Janet Spielman

**Aug. 19:** *Sage Volker, Bernard of  
 Clairvaux, Hymnwriter & Theologian*

**Aug. 20:** *Samuel*

**Serving in today's worship**

Lector: Shelly Novotny

Greeter: Rich Carter, Richard Johnson