

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 15, 2023  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



The "Organ Bench" article is taking a hiatus this week, but stay tuned for something exciting next week!

**Music in the Service:**

818: In Thee Is Gladness

516: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

710: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

435: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

917: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

**Prelude:** Meditation - Battison Haynes

**Postlude:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing - setting by Mark Hayes



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Deanna Westphall in memory of Madilynn's 1st heavenly birthday. Flowers are also given by Dale Trapp in memory of Gretchen Trapp who went to live with Jesus 17 years ago. Thanks to God for the many blessings Gretchen brought to her family and friends!



**Enrich your marriage relationship!** Good communication makes a good marriage GREAT. Enhance your couple communication skills with a Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience! The next **VIRTUAL** (online) experience is scheduled **Nov. 3-5**.

Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org), or contact Randy & Jill Sigler at [randjsigler@alloponone.com](mailto:randjsigler@alloponone.com) or (402) 560-3475 for more information. **Pre-registration is required** to receive the materials you'll need for your experience via snail mail - don't miss out!

### Prayers for Worship

As we've been gathering together for Worship we've been collecting prayers through our YouTube comments to use in worship. We recognize that not everyone is logged in or likes to have the comment section up during worship. If there are prayers you'd like us to include that week we invite you to submit them using this form: <https://forms.gle/JLDCstJFWRbu25PT7>

**Special Voters Meeting** will be Sunday, Oct. 22 (Next Sunday). Conversation will be about the current state of repairs of the church and related properties PLUS we will have a motion to take out a short-term loan to finance these improvements while protecting the current funds.

**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.



### Bake Sale TODAY

Bakers and buyers are needed! All money will go to Concordia Welfare Education Foundation and the work that they do in SE Asia.

### What is the Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation?

This non-profit organization educates and equips the local advocates and organizations in rural Asia who are working to break the cycle of poverty in their own communities. This is made possible by cultivating trust-filled, long-term relationships with local partners and communities. Together with partners and local advocate teams, CWFED is focused on several key areas of rural development: Access to Education, Clean Water & Health Training, and Support for Families Impacted by Migration.



**The Giving tree** is back up in the lobby through the month of October with the purpose of helping our refugee family in the parsonage have warm clothes for winter. The ornaments on the tree have the family members' names, ages, and clothing needs. Chilly weather is on the way, so new or gently used warmer clothes really help them.

## Prayer Requests Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau  
Deb Holtz

## Blessings/Guidance

LINC  
Concordia University

## Shut-ins

Marian Harmenting  
Bob & Lois Holtz  
Bev. Piepkorn

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, October 15

9:30 AM ✝ Traditional Worship  
10:45 AM Bible Study  
10:45 AM Sunday School

### MONDAY, Oct. 16

### TUESDAY, Oct. 17

### WEDNESDAY, Oct. 18

6:00 PM Confirmation

### THURSDAY, Oct. 19

4:00 PM Food Distribution

### FRIDAY, Oct. 20

### SATURDAY, Oct. 21

### SUNDAY, Oct. 22

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
10:45 AM Special Voters meeting  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
✝ Communion Service



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## October Contributions (2 week)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$9,887=\$4,944/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds:\$3,310=\$1,655/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$13,197=\$6,599/wk.

## Contributions for 2023 (41 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$226,921=\$5,535/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$34,701=\$846/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$261,622=\$6,381/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): (\$4,797)

Funds in Restricted Accounts: \$51,148

**Note:** Current Expenses: \$304,344

Current expenses are \$42,722 higher than total income for 2023

The checking account is currently overdrawn by \$4,797

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Monday to Friday 8 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  
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## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Oct. 15:

Oct. 16:

Oct. 17: *Ignatius of Antioch, Pastor & Martyr*

Oct. 18: *St. Luke, Evangelist*

Oct. 19: Kristen Rivera, Simon Volker

Oct. 20:

Oct. 21:

Oct. 22: Mildred Lopez

## Serving in today's worship

**Lector:** Sheila Schlechte

**Communion Assistants:** Akbar Muhammad , Tricia Schmidt

**Greeter:** Jerry & Jackie Spiess

**Cantor:** Jim Radtke

## 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.

## Chocolate Chip Cookies

1 c. white sugar	2 tsp. baking powder
1 c. brown sugar	2 tsp. soda
1 cup salad oil	3/4 tsp. salt
1 c. shortening	2 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs	1 (12 oz.) pkg. chocolate chips
4 c. Flour	

Cream sugars, shortening and oil.

Add eggs.

Beat well.

Add vanilla.

Sift flour baking powder, soda and salt.

Add to previous mixture.

Mix well.

Add chocolate chips.

Drop by teaspoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 for 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

(Submitted by Central Lutheran School to the St. Stephanus Ladies Aid cook book )

Don't forget the bake sale at church this Sunday morning!!