

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

October 22, 2023
Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost



The Casavant Organ, Opus 3125, is the third organ in the history of St. Stephanus. The first instrument, was built by Vogelpohl & Spaeth in 1900, and was destroyed by fire in 1925. This was replaced by a Reuter organ which served the congregation until 1971. On October 24, 1971, the current organ was dedicated. This instrument has 21 stops, which are controlled by the drawknobs on either side of the console. These stops are comprised of 28 different ranks, or sets of pipes. as some stops utilize 3 or 4 pipes per note. There is a different pipe for each note per rank, totaling 1,176 pipes on the instrument, since each pipe most likely needs to be slightly adjusted for the semi-annual tunings you can imagine that takes some time! Our organ uses mechanical action - when a key is pressed a series of levers and connectors move to mechanically open a flap to let the air into the pipe (some organs use electronics to send the signal from the key).

As the organ has served the congregation for the past fifty-two years to lead the singing of praise to God, it only seems fitting that today's prelude and postlude are settings of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

Music in the Service:

Prelude: Pastorale / Trio on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" - Jeffrey Blersch / Gaël Liardon

Postlude: Fanfare on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" - Paul Fey



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez in celebration of her mother, Mildred's, 85th birthday today and also for Lydia Bekele being so active at church.



Before going to bed on Sat. Nov. 4 remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.

Side note: Worship service for Sunday, Nov. 5 will begin at 11 AM and a pot luck lunch will follow the service with our Eritrean church family.



Sunday Oct. 29 we will be celebrating 2 students making their confirmation. They are Nora Brown and Simon Volker. Below are their confirmation verses.

Nora Brown -

²⁰ God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!
(Ephesians 3:20, The Message)

Simon Volker -

¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10, English Standard Version)



Special Voters Meeting will be TODAY !! 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.



Make every day special with your spouse! Give your spouse the gift of YOU with a Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience! The next **VIRTUAL** (online) experience is scheduled **Nov. 3-5**. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Randy & Jill Sigler at 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!

Bake Sale....God's hands at work!

Thank you for the many wonderful baked goods, for the generous shoppers, and for the volunteers that helped with the bake sale this month. \$327.75 was raised to go to Concordia Welfare Education Foundation and the work they do in SE Asia. Left over baked goods were used supply treats to volunteers at the food distribution and to bless our pantry cupboard in the parking lot. Are you curious about the difference a scholarship can make to a child in difficult circumstances in SE Asia? Watch a 1-minute video clip to hear how life changing it was to be able to continue education for a better life and the impact that was made receiving emotional support.

[Scholarship Graduates](#)



All-Church Potluck

All Saints Day Worship on Sunday, November 5th, at 11 A.M.

This year we will worship together with our brothers and sisters of the Eritrean Lutheran Church for All Saints Day! Fellowship opportunities will continue after worship as we share a potluck meal and being God's family. As this is around the time of year St. Stephanus used to have the Sauerkraut Supper, feel free to bring some dishes reflecting the church's German heritage and tradition if you would like—but of course, any food choice will be appreciated!

Please note the time change: Day light saving time ends/clocks are turned back an hour AND Joint worship service will start at 11 A.M.

Community Listening Session Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

The Ramsey County Friendly Aging and Equity Alliance has scheduled a Listening Session for our community.

WHY: To develop partnerships and plans for ensuring all residents have opportunities to thrive as they age.

Flyers are on the Parish Life Table in the lobby. Questions - Ask Emmy



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.

Concordia Academy Craft Fair

The Concordia Academy Holiday Craft Fair returns on November 11 with almost 100 crafters and vendors, delicious treats, prize drawings, and lots of fun! Admission is free. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair for details!

Prayer Requests Healing and Comfort

Karen Trudeau
Deb Holtz

Blessings/Guidance

Mission of Christ Network
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Marian Harmening
Bob & Lois Holtz
Bev. Piepkorn

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Oct. 22

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

MONDAY, Oct. 23

TUESDAY, Oct. 24

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 25

9:30 AM Community Listening Session

THURSDAY, Oct. 26

FRIDAY, Oct. 27

SATURDAY, Oct. 28

SUNDAY, October 29

9:30 AM ✠ Reformation/Confirmation Worship
10:45 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Sunday School

✠ Communion Service



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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>

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.

October Contributions (3 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$13,984=\$4,661/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds:\$3,367=\$1,122/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$17,351=\$5,784/wk.

Contributions for 2023 (42 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$231,018=\$5,500/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$34,757=\$828/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$265,776=\$6,328/wk.

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): (\$5,794)

Funds in Restricted Accounts: \$50,481

Note: Current Expenses: \$310,161

Current expenses are \$44,385 higher than total income for 2023

The checking account is currently overdrawn by \$5,794

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Oct. 22: Mildred Lopez

Oct. 23: *St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus & Martyr*

Oct. 24: Scott Goodrich, Dedication of St. Stephanus organ

Oct. 25: *Dorcas (Tabitha), Lydia, & Phoebe, Faithful Women*

Oct. 26: *Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann & Paul Gerhardt,*
Hymnwriters

Oct. 27: Walt Peterson

Oct. 28: *St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles*

Oct. 29:



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Sharon Savard

Communion Assistants:

Greeter: Keith Rennerfeldt & Jan Uden

Cantor: