

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Nov. 5, 2023  
All Saints Sunday



**William Walsham How** (1823-97) was ever mindful of the communion of saints on earth and in the Church Triumphant. His colleague William Boyd Carpenter, bishop of Ripon, wrote, "He felt the fervor of catholic life; the great host of Gods serving, struggling, martyred, yet triumphant children passed before his view; he saw the glorious procession of the sons of God as they swept through the open gates of Paradise; he heard their victorious song of praise; the Alleluia of the redeemed rang in his ears and passed into music in his noble hymn for All Saints' Day."

This noble hymn, "For All the Saints", was written while How was rector at Whittington, a farming village on the border between England and Wales. It became popular within his lifetime and remains the most widely known hymn of his sixty publications.

The original stanzas 3, 4, and 5, reflecting part of the Te Deum, were often omitted in subsequent hymnals, reducing the number of stanzas from the original eleven to the eight found in our hymnal today.

**The tune, SINE NOMINE**, is Latin for "without a name", which may refer to the unnamed saints that are the subject of the hymn, but some speculate that it may be the composer's whimsical poke at the convention of naming hymn tunes. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), the English composer and musical editor of *The English Hymnal with Tunes* in which the words were first set to the tune we use today, composed two harmonizations of the tune, as it appears in our hymnal. Ralph Vaughan Williams was a close friend and mentor of **Herbert Howells** (1892-1983), another English composer of church music, composing several pieces for the Anglican liturgy, although his career as organist was brief due to ill health. Among Howell's compositions is the "Preludio 'Sine nomine'", written in 1940, and the first of a set of "Six Pieces" dedicated to a fellow organist.

## Music in the Service:

672: Jerusalem the Golden

677: For All the Saints

821: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

670: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

**Prelude:** Preludio "Sine Nomine" - Herbert Howells

**Postlude:** Recessional on "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" - Douglas E. Wagner



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** The Temme family giving thanks for Phillip's 5th birthday.

**Thank you** to all who participated in the Festival Choir for Reformation Sunday, your singing was fantastic! Thank you to Jim Radtke for putting the group together and directing!

**Starting TODAY-19th**, there will be a toy drive for the family living in the parsonage house. Donations of new or gently used toys can be brought and put in the donation box in the lobby. The children are two boys-ages 3 and 7, and a girl-age 5.

Thank you for helping out this family!

**Thank you** to all who contributed to the Giving Tree Warm Clothing Drive for the Parsonage Family. Cold weather is here and these items will keep the family warm.



### **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](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair) for details!

### **Concordia Academy Open House is Nov. 14 6:00-8:00 PM**

Open houses are a great way to see what Concordia Academy is all about! Take a tour, meet current students, talk with teachers and coaches, and see if CA is the right fit for your family! You are welcome to arrive at any time that works for you during that timeframe. Families will have the opportunity to meet teachers and students, talk about courses, tour the building, learn about our College on Campus program and Cohorts, and connect with our principal.

To help us with planning, please register for the open house by going to: <https://www.concordiaacademy.com/admissions/open-house-rsvp/>.

**Another open house is scheduled for February 8.**

**Elf** hits the stage at Concordia Academy

**Performances are November 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 7:00 pm and November 19 and 26 at 2:00 pm.**

Tickets for Premium Seating are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens. Standard seating is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. **All seats are reserved.** Go to: <https://concordiaacademytheatre.ludus.com/index.php> to purchase tickets.



On **November 19th**, there will be a voter's meeting after service, along with a snack potluck. Bring yourselves and an easy to clean up finger food to share while we take care of church business.

**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.

### **Stay Connected!**

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> .

**Looking for a Thanksgiving worship service?** Bethel Lutheran is having one on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 PM

### **Holiday Meals for Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

Support youth this holiday season by partnering with Face to Face. For youth experiencing homelessness and other challenges, eating a special meal can be an encouraging bright spot during the holiday season. On **Wednesday, November 22nd** a meal will be served in celebration of Thanksgiving. Then on **Friday, December 22nd** a soul food themed meal will be available in celebration of the winter holidays. All food donations must be dropped off at SafeZone by 11:30am on the day of the meal. The SafeZone address is 130 7th Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55101.

Sign-up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DACA23AAFBCE8-45618808-face>

### **Guest Speaker on Sunday, December 3rd from International Association for Refugees**

Attend worship & Bible listening hour to hear Bethany Ringdal talk about faith and how God's hand is at work in the Jonathon House. Come and learn what is a refugee, how is a refugee different than an asylum seeker and how are both of these different than other immigration processes. Learn more about the mission at the Jonathon House.

### **Would you like \$250 to purchase supplies to help a cause or need?**

There are only 2 months left in 2023 to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant. Some members of St. Stephanus have used these grants to purchase supplies to make hospice kits and newborn kits for Global Health Ministries. Members have used them to purchase warm clothes for refugee families, food to stock the pantry closet at the Ronald McDonald House, meals for special events at church, gifts to distribute to our shut-ins while caroling, clothing and personal care items for the homeless, etc. If you are a member of Thrivent, you are allowed to apply for two grants every year. If you are not a member, there is a way you can apply for a grant. It takes less than 10 minutes to apply for a grant. If you would like a suggestion on how to use a grant or would like assistance in applying and/or forming a team, please speak to Emmy Treichel or Cherie Fleischhacker.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Comfort

Karen Arnold  
Dale Trapp and family  
Rich Carter  
Karen Trudeau  
Deb Holtz

### Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega  
Concordia University

### Shut-ins

Clarence & Yoshiko Benson  
Lisa Bisping  
Ruth Bittner

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, Nov. 5

11:00 AM ✝ All Saints Day/Joint Worship with Eritrean  
Noon Potluck with Eritrean

### MONDAY, Nov. 6

### TUESDAY, Nov. 7

Election/ Polling day

### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 8

### THURSDAY, Nov. 9

### FRIDAY, Nov. 10

### SATURDAY, Nov. 11

### Veterans Day

### SUNDAY, Nov. 12

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



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### October Contributions (5 weeks)

- General Fund (for church expenses): \$44,005=\$8,801/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$3,944=\$789/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$47,949=\$9,590/wk.

### Contributions for 2023 (44 weeks)

- General fund (for church expenses): \$261,039=\$5,933/wk. (need \$7,550/wk.)
- Restricted Funds: \$35,334=\$803/wk.
- Total Income (General Fund & Restricted Funds): \$296,373=\$6,736/wk.

### Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$12,157

Funds in Restricted Accounts: \$50,667

**Note:** Current Expenses: \$322,857

Current expenses are \$26,484 higher than total income for 2023

DCE (Youth & Families): Megan Hoffman  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
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  
[www.saintstephanus.org](http://www.saintstephanus.org)

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

## Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Nov. 5: Phillip Temme

Nov. 6 Isaac Baker

Nov. 7: Kyle Munoz

Nov. 8: *Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's father Confessor*

Nov. 9: John Heck, *Martin Chemnitz (birth), Pastor & Confessor*

Nov. 10:

Nov. 11: Diana Betts, Doug Zimmerman, Karen Mohrland,  
*Martin of Tours, Pastor*

Nov. 12:



## Serving in today's worship

**Lector:** Terianne Bender

**Communion Assistants:** Jim Radtke & Jane Sell

**Greeter:** Walt & Reba Peterson

**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.