

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Dec. 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Veni, veni Emmanuel is a Latin hymn with roots back to the 8th century. The English priest John Mason Neale translated it to English in 1851 as the hymn we know today as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The Latin history dates back to the "O Antiphons" traditionally used during Vespers over the last seven days of Advent.

Edward C. Bairstow (874-1946), an English organist and composer wrote a setting of "Veni Emmanuel" based on the lyrics that appear as the sixth verse in our hymnal today, and this setting will be played as our prelude today.

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Music in the Service:

Prelude: Prelude on "Veni Emmanuel" - Edward C. Bairstow

Postlude: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" - with "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" - Christian F. Witt





Today's Altar flowers are given by: David and Diana Betts in celebration of our grandson Andrew's golden birthday on December 12th and in memory of Dorothy Betts, who would have had her 100th birthday on December 5th.

Christmas Eve coffee hour Christmas Party! Our fourth Sunday of the month coffee hour for December is on Christmas Eve. There will be coffee provided as usual, but we are asking the congregation to provide the treat by bringing just a few Christmas cookies on that day. We will put them all on a platter (s) and enjoy a cookie potluck! Come and have some Christmas fellowship!

Our Giving Tree is back up and ornaments will be on the tree of winter clothing for our annual event-this year for the International Institute. You may contribute from **Dec. 3-17th**.

Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins is right around the corner! On **Dec. 17th** after Bible Study, please join us for a luncheon before we go out to spread some Christmas cheer! Sign up soon at the Parish Life table in the lobby-we need to know numbers to order lunch and know how many members we can visit.

Christmas shut in list:

Clarence & Yoshiko Benson 1670 Legacy Pkwy E Apt. 324 Maplewood, MN. 55109	Lisa Bisping 425 Labore Rd. Apt. 203 Little Canada, MN. 55117	Ronald & Mary Bisping 1897 Merrill St Roseville, MN. 55113	Larry Clemmensen 1426 Como Blvd. E St. Paul, MN. 55117
Kathy Fleischhacker 1840 University Ave. W Apt. 406 St. Paul, MN. 55104	Marion Harmening 3200 Lake Johanna Blvd. Apt. 367 Arden Hills, MN. 55112	Bob Holtz 3200 Lake Johanna Blvd. Apt. 305 Arden Hills, MN. 55112	Sharen Kappes 10826 Austin St. Apt.114 Blain, MN. 55449
Beverly Piepkorn 2730 Hazelwood St. Apt. 105 Maplewood, MN. 55109	Ed & Marlene Potter 3565 Pine Tree Dr. Apt. 6 Arden Hills, MN. 55112		



Emmaus Lutheran will be hosting the daytime midweek Advent services again this year. They will be Wed., December 6, 13, and 20 at 11:30 AM. with lunch following. **Bethel Lutheran** will be hosting evening Advent services at 7:00 PM.



The 2024 Offering Envelopes are out and ready for you to pick up!!

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.



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.

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Prepare for Christmas with CA's Online Advent Calendar

Concordia Academy would love to celebrate Advent and Christmas with you! Each day from December 1-25, visit our [online Advent Calendar](#) and open that day’s window. You might find a classic - Beacon Christmas photo, a carol, a Bible verse, a special offer, or some other delightful holiday surprise. You could even find some chocolate! Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/advent to join in the holiday fun.



Prayer Requests

Healing

Bill Baker
Marian Harmening

Blessings/Guidance

Mission of Christ Network
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lorraine & Karen Byland
Ron & Mary Bisping
Larry Clemmensen

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Dec. 10

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship
10:45 AM Bible Study & Sunday School

MONDAY, Dec. 11

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

7:00 PM P.P.C meet

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

THURSDAY, Dec. 14

FRIDAY, Dec. 15

SATURDAY, Dec. 16

SUNDAY, Dec. 17

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

✝ Communion Service



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December Contributions (1 week):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$8,442 (need \$7,550/week)

Restricted Funds: \$250

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$8,692

Contributions for 2023 (49 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$292,743 = \$5,974/week (need \$7,550/week)

Restricted Funds: \$78,630 = \$1,605/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$371,373 = \$7,579/week

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$16,893

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$251

Note: Current Expenses: \$363,804

Current Income is \$7,569 higher than current expenses

A loan of \$40,000 has been deposited into the checking account

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
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.

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Dec. 10:

Dec. 11:

Dec. 12: Erin Baker, Joan Johnson, Melissa Karger

Dec. 13: *Lucia, Martyr*

Dec. 14: Bill Johnson, Lynne Billing,
Sebastian Caquelin

Dec. 15:

Dec. 16:

Dec. 17: *Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men*



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Lois Thur

Communion Assistants:

Greeter: Rich Carter & Richard Johnson

Cantor: