

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Jan. 21, 2024

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Music in the Service:

Prelude: Introduction and Toccata - William Walond

Postlude: Toccata in A - P.G. Battista Martini

***From the
Organist***





Today's Altar flowers are given by: Jerry & Jackie Spiess



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.



Fun for all ages: Come for an evening of fun and fellowship on this Friday, Jan. 26th, from 6-8 PM. There will be a game night in the Fireside room. Bring your favorite game, a deck of cards, or maybe a 100 piece puzzle. Provide your own supper-picnic-style and we'll pretend it's summer in the middle of winter!

2023 Contribution Statements - The 2023 contribution statements have been sent out. When you receive your statement, please review to ensure that it accurately reflects your 2023 contributions. If you have not received your statement or if there is a problem, please contact Lynne Heuton (651-315-4158) as soon as possible to allow corrections to be made in a timely manner.

Passing of the Collection Plate - On January 28th we are resuming the practice of passing the collection plate during the offertory. Passing the plate is a visible response to God's generosity. It is also symbolic of the congregation's shared responsibility for supporting the church and its ministries. It is a communal act of sharing one's blessing and resources. Details are being worked on that will allow us to acknowledge the gifts of electronic givers, guests, and givers sharing resources other than financial. To resume the practice, we need help to pass the plate among the pews. Here is an easy way to participate in the worship service. If you think you might be interested in helping contact Lynne Heuton or Megan Hoffman.



REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 15TH!

Registration for the *Go First!* Ministry Conference will open on January 15, 2024, and will remain open until April 10, 2024. At this special event, we will gather with other disciples from across our district and beyond to learn and be encouraged, and to offer learning and encouragement to others.

Do you have the gift of organization or hospitality? We will need volunteers with these gifts, among others, before, during, and after the conference. [Click here](#) to read descriptions of the volunteer areas available, prayerfully consider how you can help, and then check the box(es) in which you would like to serve.

For more information and to see a preview of the current speakers, please go to the [MN South district website](#).

Prayer Requests

Healing/Peace

Karen Trudeau
Jeremy

Blessings/Guidance

LINC
Concordia University

Shut-ins

Marian Harmening
Bob Holtz
Bev. Piepkorn

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Jan. 21

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

MONDAY, Jan. 22

TUESDAY, Jan. 23

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24

THURSDAY, Jan. 25

FRIDAY, Jan. 26

6:00 PM All Ages Game Night

SATURDAY, Jan. 27

SUNDAY, Jan. 28

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

✝ Communion Service



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Bible readings are located at
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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.

January Contributions (2 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$11,264 = \$5,632 (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$1,220 = \$610/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$12,484 = \$6,242

Contributions for 2024 (2 weeks):

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Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$24,516

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$166

Note: Current Expenses: \$33,248

Current Expenses are \$20,764 higher than current income

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

Of the money borrowed, \$3,744 remain

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

Jan. 21:

Jan. 22:

Jan. 23: Matthew Sagstetter

Jan. 24: *St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor*

Jan. 25: *The Conversion of St. Paul*

Jan. 26: *St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor*

Jan. 27: *John Chrysostom, Preacher*

Jan. 28:



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Jerry Spiess

Communion Assistants: Ron Brubak & Matt Hanan

Greeter: Jerry & Jackie Spiess

Cantor: