

# St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

Feb. 11, 2024  
Transfiguration Sunday



## Ash Wednesday Worship

There will be a service at St. Stephanus on the night of Ash Wednesday (February 14<sup>th</sup>) at 7 PM as we reflect on our life in Christ and gratefulness for His forgiveness and mercy. We will not have services on the other weeks of Lent at St. Stephanus. We will have services again at St. Stephanus during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

## Lent services:

**Emmaus Lutheran** 1074 Idaho Ave. W will have a 11:30 AM Lenten worship and a 6:30 PM worship. Starting Wed. the 21st the meal will follow the 11:30 worship.

**Jehovah Lutheran Church** 1566 Thomas Ave. will be having Lenten soup suppers begin Feb. 21 at 5:30 PM with Lenten service beginning at 6:30 PM

**King of Kings Lutheran Church** 2330 Dale Street, Roseville. Starting Wed. Feb. 21 will have a lent dinner at 5:30 PM and worship at 7:00 PM.



Today's Altar flowers are given by: [Lennea Lopez](#) for the many blessings of mother Mildred and family



**Having passed through the season** of waiting (Advent), birth (Christmas) and revelation of Christ (Epiphany), today we celebrate the Feast of Transfiguration, the last day of the season of Epiphany.

**Henry V became King of England** in 1413 and was known as a decisive and capable ruler. The English kings had originally been French nobles, and France was under a period of weak kings, so Henry decided that the time was right to reestablish the English monarchy's influence in France. In 1415 he raised an army, pawning some of the crown jewels for funding, and invaded France, resulting in a decisive victory at Agincourt on October 25 of that year. In celebration of the victory a composition was written with English verses with a refrain in Latin. This refrain, "Deo gratias anglia, redde pro victoria" ("Give thanks to God, England, for the victory") went on to celebrate the king's march into France, winning victories, and proceeding throughout France to the victory at Agincourt. This might have been sung on the triumphant return of the king to London, although records of the time note that the king would not "suffer any ditties to be made and sung by minstrels of his glorious victory, for that he would wholly have the praise and thanks altogether given to God." Our Hymn of the Day, "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" is set to this tune, DEO GRACIAS, which is also known as AGINCOURT HYMN.

The closing hymn this morning, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" originates from a hymn first found in 11th century manuscripts ("Alleluia dulce carmen"). The Lutheran Service Book notes "we are mourning exiles who long to be in the heavenly Jerusalem, here referred to as 'joyful mother.'" This hymn fittingly is used on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, as we "put away" the Alleluia until the celebration of Easter.

#### **Music in the Service:**

537: Beautiful Savior

413: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

414: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

631: Here, O My Lord, I See The Face to Face

417: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

**Prelude:** Variations on "Lauda Anima" (Homage to Pachelbel) - Christa Rakich

**Offering:** "Beautiful Savior" - setting by Kevin Hillebrand

**Postlude:** Prelude on "Deo Gracias" - Healey Willan

#### **Ash Wednesday:**

449: Savior, When in Dust to Thee

607: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

611: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

563: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

418: O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

**Prelude:** Chaconne on "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" - Franklin D. Ashdown

**Imposition of Ashes:** Meditation on "Aberystwyth" - Vidas Pinkevicius

**Offering:** Prelude on "Aberystwyth" - Healey Willan

**Postlude:** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" - setting by Mark Rippe

**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.

#### **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.

## Dear Family of God at St. Stephanus,

Our Vicar Yohannes Ghebru officially accepted the call to serve as Missionary Pastor at St. Stephanus! You are cordially invited to attend the service of Ordination and Installation for Yohannes on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. This will be our only service that day as a joint service between the Eritrean and St. Stephanus worshipping communities with guests from the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod as well. After the service, you are welcome to join us in the Fireside Room as we share in a meal and fellowship. Praise God who sends workers to answer His call!

## Documentary: Food Chains

February 11

Plan to watch this award-winning documentary following worship. Snacks will be provided, and a discussion will follow. Suggested age is 13 years and older.

In America, farm labor has always been one of the most difficult, poorly paid jobs and has relied on some of the nation's most vulnerable people. While the legal restrictions that keep people bound to farms have been abolished, exploitation still exists. Ranging from wage theft to modern-day slavery, this exploitation is perpetuated by the corporations at the top of the food chain.

“Food Chains” reveals the human cost in our food supply and the complicity of large buyers of produce like fast food and supermarkets. Supermarkets earn \$4 trillion globally and have tremendous power over the agricultural system. Over the past 3 decades they have drained revenue from their supply chain leaving farm workers in poverty and forced to work under subhuman conditions.

The narrative of the film focuses on an intrepid and highly lauded group of tomato pickers from Southern Florida—the Coalition of Immokalee Workers or CIW — who are revolutionizing farm labor. Their story is one of hope and promise for the triumph of morality over corporate greed — to ensure a dignified life for farm workers and a more humane, transparent food chain.



# BAKE SALE

## Bake Sale on February 25

Bakers and buyers are needed! All proceeds will go to **International Justice Mission**. IJM is a global organization that raises awareness about the truths of human trafficking and helps rescue survivors. They work with local communities to strengthen justice systems and bring criminals to justice. Children, women and men face the reality of modern slavery, exploitation and abuse every day because people in power prey on the vulnerabilities that poverty creates. For more information visit: <https://www.ijm.org/>

# Concordia ACADEMY

## Summer Camps at Concordia Academy

This summer, Concordia Academy offers dozens of camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Dance, Playmakers (with two full-day theater camps options), and Youth Worship Team. But there are

also exciting new camps, including Adventures In Prose (a creative writing camp), Beacon Archery, and Young Scientists (for Grades 2-4). Get **details and register** at [www.concordiaacademy.com/camps](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/camps).

## Prayer Requests

### Healing/Peace

Karen Trudeau  
Jeremy

### Blessings/Guidance

Mission of Christ Network  
Concordia Academy

### Shut-ins

Lorraine & Karen Byland  
Ron & Mary Bisping  
Larry Clemmensen

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, Feb. 11

9:30 AM ✙ Traditional Worship  
10:45 AM Documentary & Sunday School

### MONDAY, Feb. 12

### TUESDAY, Feb. 13

### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14

7:00 PM ✙ Ash Wed. worship

### THURSDAY, Feb. 15

4:00 PM Food distribution

### FRIDAY, Feb. 16

### SATURDAY, Feb. 17

### SUNDAY, Feb. 18

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

✙ Communion Service



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### February Contributions (1 week):

**General Fund (for church expenses): \$3,991 = \$3,991 (need \$8,504/week)**

Restricted Funds: \$2,035 = \$2,035/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$6,026 = \$6,026

### Contributions for 2024 (5 weeks):

**General Fund (for church expenses): \$36,344 = \$7,269/week (need \$8,504/week)**

Restricted Funds: \$3,464 = \$693/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$39,808 = \$7,962/week

**Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$28,721**

Restricted Funds: \$59,082

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$316

Note: Current Expenses: \$54,754

Current Expenses are \$14,947 higher than current income

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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

Feb. 11:

Feb. 12:

Feb. 13: Judy Osterndorf & Sharen Kappes, *Aquila*,  
*Priscilla*, *Apollos*

Feb. 14: Lucille Clemmensen, Tesfaye Maskalo,  
*Valentine*, *Martyr*

Feb. 15: Karen Byland,  
*Philemone & Onesimus*

Feb. 16: Ethan Dahlke, Sophia Baker,  
*Philipp Melanchthon (birth)*, *Confessor*

Feb. 17

Feb. 18: Akbar Muhammad



## Serving in today's worship

**Lector:** Sharon Savard

**Communion Assistants:**

**Greeter:** Judy Brinkman & Keith Rennerfeldt

**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.