St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years



Feb. 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent Sunday



Martin Schalling (1532-1608), a German theologian and reformer, penned the lyrics "Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr" in 1569. This hymn, translated in our hymnal as "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" is the suggested Hymn of the Day for the second Sunday in Lent. The third verse of this hymn also was used by Bach as the ending chorale "Ach Herr Lass Dein Lieb Engelein" in his oratorio "St. John Passion". In this hymn we confess our faith in God and in his word of promise to bless and keep us. We pray that God would preserve us in the faith, despite the trials of this life, even despite death, and that He would give us a blessed rest while we await the appearing of Christ, when we will see him

face to face and praise him forevermore! Although the tune is by an unknown composer, several composers have used the tune in their chorales. Two of these settings will be played for our prelude today.

Music in the Service:

569: In Adam We Have All Been One

708: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

722: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Prelude: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart - BWV 1115 - J.S. Bach / J.G. Walther

Offering: In Adam We Have All Been One - setting by Dennis W. Zimmer

Postlude: I've Got Peace Like a River- setting by Mark Hayes, arr. by Marvin Gaspard



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez for many blessings and friendships.

Looking for a Lent service to attend?

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 AM 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.

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 10th 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!

We need your help! Please look at the flower chart. There are still spots open to request flowers. The flowers may be dedicated to a special occasion, in thanks for something, in honor of a person or group, or just because you want to make sure we have flowers to praise and honor God. You are asked to take your flowers home right after the church service. 1 bouquet of flowers is \$27.50 and 2 bouquets of flowers are \$55.00. If paying by check, make it out to St. Stephanus Lutheran Church and in the memo write Flowers.



There will be a game time on Saturday, February 24th, from 1-3 PM in the Fireside-Room. Bring your favorite game to share. Come for fun and fellowship.



We will be collecting toys for the Ronald McDonald House thru March 17th. The toys must be new in original packaging and not gift-wrapped. Please put them in the box marked "Ronald McDonald House Toys" in the lobby.

Prayer Requests

Healing/Peace

Sharen Kappes Family of Sally Cordes

Blessings/Guidance

Camp Omega Concordia University

Shut-ins

Marlene & Ed Potter Sharen Kappes

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, Feb. 25

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

MONDAY, Feb. 26 TUESDAY, Feb. 27 WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28 THURSDAY, Feb. 29 FRIDAY, March 1 SATURDAY, March 2

SUNDAY, March 3

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♣ Communion Service

February Contributions (3 week): Counting INCOMPLETE General Fund (for church expenses): \$9,719= \$3,240/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$2,161 = \$720/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$11,880=\$3,960

Contributions for 2024 (7 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$42,071 = \$6,010/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$3,683 = \$526/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$45,754 = \$6,536/week Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$15,653

Restricted Funds: \$58,212

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$316 Note: Current Expenses: \$75,351

Current Expenses are \$29,597 higher than current income

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration



Feb. 25: Lydia Bekele Feb. 26: Andrew Fleischhacker

Feb. 27: Haikel Amare Feb. 28: Rich Carter

Feb. 29: Riley Bauch March 1: Amy Sura, Candace Pagel, Lois Thur

> March 2: March 3:

Serving in today's worship

Lector: Dale Trapp **Communion Assistants:**

Greeter: Lynn Billing & Jan Uden



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Monday to Friday 8 AM to 1 PM Bulletin Deadline: 11 AM Wed

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Worship Service Stream at www.saintstephanus.org

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

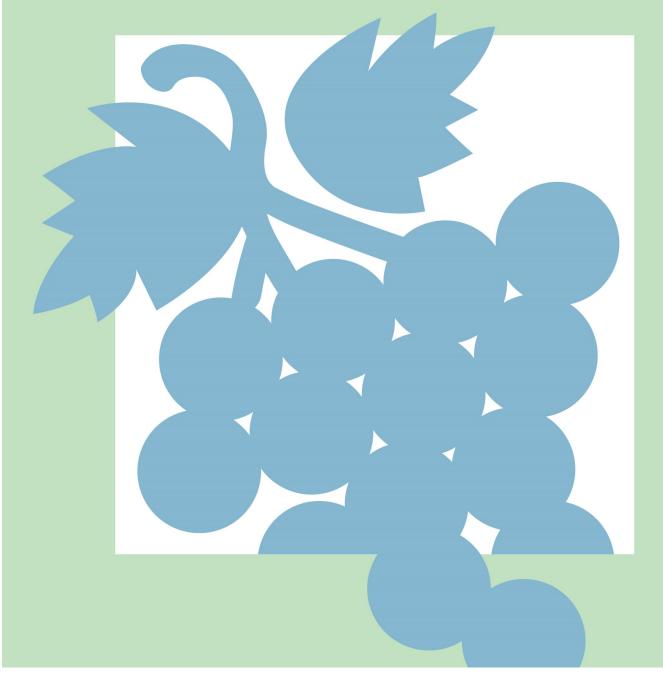
Our Mission Statement:

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.

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