

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 133 Years

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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday



Most worshipers who know the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) probably do not recognize it as a Psalm paraphrase, but it was initially conceived as an interpretation of Psalm 90 and was first printed in *Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament* (1719). In its original form, it spanned nine stanzas of four lines, without music. John Wesley (1703-1791) altered the text slightly for a 1738 publication, becoming the version more familiar to us today. The tune ST ANNE, which first appeared in 1709 as a setting for Psalm 62 ("As pants the hart for cooling streams"), shares its opening line with Handel's anthem "O praise the Lord with once consent", and with Bach's organ fugue in E flat, often called "St. Anne's fugue." The tune and the hymn text were first paired together in an 1814 publication, but didn't become the normal setting until the publication of *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (1861). This paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-6 is often used in services marking the passage of time, and as your humble organist sees it, what better time to celebrate the history of the Church than at the Ordination/Installation of a new Pastor, where a partita, or set of variations, on the tune will be played for our prelude today.

Music in the Service:

644: The Church's One Foundation

681: Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

571: God Loved the World So That He Gave

744: Amazing Grace

918: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Prelude: Partita on "St Anne" - Paul Manz

Postlude: Toccata in G - Théodore Dubois



Today's Altar flowers are given by: Lennea Lopez for Yohannes G for blessings on his ordination/installation and to Pastor Thompson.

Mark your calendars: Maundy Thursday (March 28) and Good Friday (March 29) worship services are at **7:00 PM**. Not at 7:30 as listed in the Connections newsletter.

Special Congregational Meeting



Special Voters Meeting

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 312.12, for us to sell the property at 734 Blair, the congregation must have a meeting and adopt a motion to sell the property. The house has been sold, we just need to have this meeting before we can close.

In accordance with the statute, notice must be given for that meeting. The meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 17, after the Sunday Service.**

Concordia

ACADEMY

Concordia Academy presents Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap"

March 8,9,15 at 7:00 PM & March 17 at 2:00 PM

Understudy Performances: March 10 at 2:00 PM & March 16 at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$5-\$10 ALL seats reserved. Order tickets online at

www.concordiaacademy.com/mousetrap.

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.

A message from Sarah Culbert: I am so thankful for everyone at St. Stephanus. Everyone has helped me grow in one way or another. Taylor and I would love to invite everyone to our wedding, but since that is just not possible, we would love to invite you all to our wedding shower. Taylor and I want to be able to celebrate our marriage with our communities, churches, family, and friends. We will be having an open house style shower on March 16th from 1-4 in the King of King's gym. There will be wedding games on the half hour and things for everyone to participate in and enjoy. We are basically throwing one big party! We would love to have you all there to join in the fun!

Love, Sarah Culbert (Mueller)



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.



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

Go First! Ministry Conference

Life Together

Soul Care

April 19 - 20, 2024
Concordia Academy
2400 Dale Street
Roseville, MN

Collaboration

Outreach

Go First!

Registration for the *Go First! Ministry Conference* 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

Sharen Kappes
Karen Trudeau

Blessings/Guidance

Yohannes Ghebru
International Association for
Refuges
Concordia Academy

Shut-ins

Lorraine & Karen Byland
Ron & Mary Bisping
Larry Clemmensen

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 10

11:00 AM ✚ Ordination/Installation Worship
12:00 PM Lunch

MONDAY, March 11

TUESDAY, March 12

7:00 PM PPC meet

WEDNESDAY, March 13

THURSDAY, March 14

FRIDAY, March 15

SATURDAY, March 16

SUNDAY, March 17

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

✚ Communion Service



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March Contributions (1 week):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$5,908= \$5,908/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$575=\$575/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$6,483=\$6,483/week

Contributions for 2024 (9 weeks):

General Fund (for church expenses): \$58,695= \$6,522/week (need \$8,504/week)

Restricted Funds: \$5,884=\$654/week

Total Income (General Fund and Restricted Funds): \$64,579=\$7,175/week

Checking Account Balance (funds available to pay expenses): \$18,172

Restricted Funds: \$60,035

Funds in Sharing and Caring: \$421

Note: Current Expenses: \$89,766

Current Expenses are \$25,187 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
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 communi-
ties and our world.

Our Vision:

Connecting people with Jesus Christ and each
other through worship, learning and service.

Upcoming Birthdays, Feasts & Commemoration

March 10:

March 11: Brian Sell

March 12:

March 13: Brenda Morris,
Corine Goodrich

March 14:

March 15:

March 16: Evelyn Brown

March 17: Patrick, Missionary to Ireland



Serving in today's worship

Lector: Sharon Savard

Communion Assistants:

Greeter: Rich Carter & Richard Johnson