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**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

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*The* **Friend** July 2015  
*Come as you are to Worship, Wonder, and Work in Jesus' name!*

**Save the Dates!**  
*by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem*

God is up to some exciting things in the life of St. Philip's and I want to highlight three upcoming dates that you will not want to miss!

**August 1**  
On June 7, the congregation voted to call Pastor Mollie Dvorak as the new Associate Pastor. Pastor Mollie's ministry at St. Philip's will begin on Saturday, August 1. Along with sharing worship leading, preaching, and pastoral care responsibilities with me, her initial areas of emphasis will be building our small group ministry and re-envisioning confirmation with Sara Quarberg, our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Pastor Mollie is coming to us from Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, where she has served since 2011. She grew up in the area and she absolutely feels called by God to St. Philip's. Her energy, passions, and gifts will be an incredible blessing to our faith community. I am so pleased that she will be a pastoral partner in ministry and a terrific member of the staff team!

To learn more about Pastor Mollie and the entire call process, you can visit the St. Philip's website (www.splcmn.org) or the Call Committee's blog (splc2015call.wordpress.com).

**August 16**

I don't want to spill too many beans, but please mark August 16 on your calendar. On that Sunday, there will be one worship time: 9:30 am. I'd even go so far to recommend that you invite friends and family to worship on August 16 at 9:30, too. Keep watching for more information in the coming weeks!



**September 12-13**

While I do not want to wish away summer, I am so very pleased to announce the launch Weekend for *The Story* congregation-wide focus on September 12 and 13. *The Story* is a resource, a campaign, and a full-congregation alignment. *The Story* is a condensed, chronological Bible, and in our church-wide journey through it we're going to discover how our story fits into God's story. Beginning the weekend of September 12-13, we will begin a 31-week trek through the entire Biblical story. Worship, Sunday School, adult forums, Bible studies, small groups, and youth group will all be focusing

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on the same biblical texts each week. For example, parents and children will be engaging the same stories in worship, Sunday School, and adult education.

I have heard from so many people that they wish they knew more about the Bible and felt more comfortable, confident, and knowledgeable about it. Yet it's a daunting task to try to dig in and begin to get a handle on the immensity of Scripture. *The Story* will provide the opportunity to engage fully the entire Bible, help us understand how the pieces fit together, see why knowing the Old Testament is crucial for a deep understanding of Jesus, and open our eyes to the ways our lives here and now connect with God's grand story.

If we, as a community, are willing to make a whole-hearted commitment to this journey, I promise that it will be a life-changing experience. It will change

your life and enrich your faith. It will change the life of the community of St. Philip's, too, as we see the immeasurable love God has for us that inspires us to share that love with the world around us.

There will be a whole host of information available in the coming weeks and months about *The Story*. If you are willing to lend your gifts to help coordinate the campaign in some way - be it large or small - please let me know. Your talents can be put to good use as a part of this life-changing experience. Please be in touch with me at JoelWH@splcmn.org or 763-571-1500.



*“The Story will change the life of the community of St. Philip's, as we see the immeasurable love God has for us that inspires us to share that love with the world around us.”*

~ Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem

## 55 + Retirees Fall Events ~ Autumn Planning

The 55+ Retirees group offers monthly social and learning events from September through May. Anyone 55+ and older is welcome to attend. Events are pre-organized and advertised in advance; just signup and pay in the church office. For events away from church, we rent a school bus. (Sure beats carpooling, the hassle of traffic and parking and we all arrive at the same time!) Check out the church website to view some of our previous events by going to: splcmn.org, click on ministries, then Senior Ministries and finally 55+.

### Upcoming events are:

Sept. 17th - Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Cruise and Lunch

Oct. 8th - Arboretum & Box lunch

Nov. 19th - Fridley High School Dinner & Play (Name of play to be announced)

If you have any questions or suggestions for upcoming events, please contact:

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Dick and Joan Kruse 612.251.3908

		<h1>July 2015</h1>				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 9:00 am Quilters 9:00 am EA 11:00 am Staff Meeting	2 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA 7:30 pm Alanon	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	4 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
5 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Parish Brunch 10:30 am Worship	6 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chair Yoga 1:30 pm Genealogy - Small Group 6:00 pm Worship Band 6:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm GA 7:00 pm Gamanon	7 <b>Friend Deadline</b> 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA	8 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am Women's Book Club 11:00 am Staff Mtg 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee	9 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:00 pm Garage Sale Mtg 7:30 pm AA 7:30 pm Alanon	10 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	11 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
12 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Prayer Chain 10:30 am Worship	13 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Worship Band Yoga HR Comm. 6:30 pm Benevolence 7:00 pm GA, Gamanon All Committee 7:30 pm Parish Fellowship	14 1:00 pm Tues Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Youth Committee 6:30 pm P & G Meeting Garden Comm. 6:45 pm Board / Columbarium Mtg	15 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Summer Youth Bonfire	16 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA Alanon	17 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	18 9:00 am Comfort & Joy of Quilting 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
19 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Equal Exchange Coffee 9:30 am Parish Brunch 10:30 am Worship	20 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Genealogy 6:00 pm Worship Band 7:00 pm GA 7:00 pm Gamanon	21 8:30 am Assemble The FRIEND 9:00 am Libral Comm. Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:30 pm Apple iOS Group	22 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am EA Group 11:00 am Staff Meeting	23 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA Alanon	24 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	25 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
26 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Parish Brunch 10:30 am Worship	27 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters Chair Yoya 6:00 pm Worship Band 7:00 pm GA, Gamanon	28 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 3:00 pm Global Missions 10:00 am Solid Ground AA	29 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am EA Group 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Garage Sale	30 9:00 am Garage Sale 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA Alanon	31 9:00 am Garage Sale 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Our Annual garage Sale is being donated, organized, sorted, and sold in two weeks time this year! We need a lot of help to get things ready.

Are you available to help with setup?

- Sat, July 18 & 25 9-2
- Sun, July 19 - 26 9-1
- Mon-Thur, July 20-23 9-7
- Fri, July 24 9-4

or sign up to work the sale!

contact LaRae 763.571.4266 or laraekaz@aol.com

We also need donations of any of the following items:

- Water & Cases of Soda
- Hot Dog & Hamburger Buns
- Any baked goods
- Ketchup or Mustard
- Packages of individual bags or chips

**Stop by our brunch July 12, in the Fellowship Hall**

**THANK YOU!**



**SALE DATES**

**Wednesday, 7/29**  
Preview, 5 to 8 pm  
(\$3 admission)

**Thursday, 7/30**  
9 am to 7 pm

**Friday, 7/31**  
9 am to 7 pm

**Saturday, 8/1**  
9 am to 12 pm

**JULY DONATION DROP OFF DATES & TIMES**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 9am - 2pm	19 9am - 1pm	20 9am - 7pm	21 9am - 7pm	22 9am - 7pm	23 9am - 7pm	24 9am - 4pm
25 9am - 2pm	26 9am - 1pm	27	28	29 Sale Begins 5pm - 8pm \$3 fee	30 Sale 9am - 7pm	31 Sale 9am-7pm 1. August 9am-12pm

We **can** accept; gently used clothing and household goods including; small chairs, lamps, end tables, collectibles, wall art, decorative, pieces, tools, and lawn furniture.

We **cannot** accept; large furniture, mattresses, bed pillows, TVs, car seats, VHS/cassette tapes, computers, monitors, printers, or encyclopedias.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

A group of eleven spent the first Thursday in June working through *Thrivent Builds* on a Habitat for Humanity home in Fridley. Throughout the day the group sheetrocked the garage, installed and sealed vapor barrier film on the ceilings of most of the rooms, unloaded a truckload of insulation, insulated the exterior walls on most of the main floor, and several other tasks.

Thank you to Eric Abrams, Bob Becker, Renee Johnson, Dave Landrus, Dick Lekang, Spence Minear, Don Nelson, Laurie Peterson, Todd Schellenberg, Frost Simula, and Richard Young for helping the soon-to-be Fridley homeowners. And thank you to Char Fauteck and Kevin Schwartz for the treats!



**Meet Our New Members**

**Jayne and Mike Gillitzer**

Mike is originally from Annandale, MN, and Jayne is originally from Saylorville, IA. They were married in July of 1991 and moved into their Spring Lake Park home four days later. Their hobbies include vacationing, golfing, and playing card games. They have two dogs.

**Lee and Betty Hinnenkamp**

The Hinnenkamps moved to Fridley last October to be closer to their family. They moved from Shakopee where they had lived for 25 years. Lee worked at the Kraft plant in Melrose, MN (where he is from) for 23 years, until it burned down in 1989. Betty is from Nevis, MN. Her parents had a resort there for 10 years and now every summer their whole family of 12, goes up north for a week. Lee and Betty love to dance to old time music. Betty just had her knee replaced, now they're anxious to get back to dancing!

**Bob Jacobson**

Bob is engaged to current St. Philips member Diane Haugen. They will be married in this church on Saturday, June 27. Bob has three adult children, a daughter in law and one grandson. Diane has two adult children and they reside in St. Paul. Bob works for the City of New Brighton and serves

as the City's Director of Public Safety/ Chief of Police and Diane is a Division Manager for St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health.

**Sara and Aaron Karch, Raea and Will**

Aaron, Sara, Raea & Will reside in St. Anthony, MN. Aaron works at Twin City Powder Coating in Lino Lakes and Sara is a 7th grade math teacher at St. Anthony Middle School. Raea (age 9) is in 3rd grade at Wilshire Park Elementary and Will (age 5) goes to preschool at the St. Anthony Community Center. The Karch family loves spending time outdoors camping, fishing, biking, and going to the cabin.

**Amada Marquez and Frost Simula**

Frost and Amada live in Columbia Heights with their dog and 16 year old son, where they are very active in their neighborhood and city council. They enjoy camping, Scouting, volunteering, rock climbing, science fiction, and playing jazz music together. Though their faith journeys have taken each of them to many places across the country, Frost and Amada are overjoyed to have found a church they can worship at together, serve in together, and call home together at St. Philip's.

**Sonja and Dana Menard Isabel, Gianna, and Jessica**

Life always comes full-circle... Dana & Sonja Menard (Isabel, Gianna, and Jessica) have a long history at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, which is now beginning its fourth generation. Dana's grandparents, Emil and Edna Menard, along with his parents, Ralph and Vaness Menard, have been long-time members of the church for over 50 years. Having recently moved to Maple Grove, Dana & Sonja Menard are happy to be back to the church that has long-nurtured their spiritual lives.

**Dan, Shanea and Owen Schmelling**

Dan and Shanea met as classmates at the University of Minnesota. They were married in October 2011 and currently reside in New Brighton. They keep busy and have a full house living with their 2 dogs: Bichon Shih Tzu, Millie and a German Shorthair Pointer, Sadie. Recently, they welcomed their first child, Owen Daniel, who was born on January 19, 2015. Since Dan is originally from Madison and a die hard Wisconsin fan, they often find themselves spending time there. They enjoy hunting, winter ski trips to Colorado, spending time on the lakes, and hiking.

**Sally and Steve Gray**

Steve and Sally Gray are happy to join St. Philip's and are looking forward to helping usher Saturday Worship in the fall. ♦

~~~~~ **THANK YOU!** ~~~~~

The Parish Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Festival of Tables 2015. We served 271 guests, and we were entertained by the musical group "The Grace Notes". There were 31 beautifully decorated, themed tables. \$1670 was donated to the SACA food shelf in Columbia Heights, and Thrivent added \$700 more to the SACA donation. \$800 was donated to CEAP food shelf in Blaine, along with 310 pounds of food.

Many lives will be touched!

Thank you so much for your support of this fundraiser! The next Festival of Tables is scheduled for April 16, 2016.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars!  
On Sunday,  
August 16,  
St. Philip's will have  
one service  
at 9:30am,  
with music led by  
Grass Fire Band,  
a local bluegrass  
group.

More details to  
come!

## Generosity Continues to help Nigeria

Members of St Philip's contributed \$2,500. to the Lutheran Church of Christ of Nigeria (LCCN) to assist in caring for refugees. This was given in response to an appeal from the Minneapolis Area Synod which designated the Synod Assembly offering in May for this purpose. The Assembly offering for LCCN, which is the Minneapolis Area Synod's companion synod, amounted to \$13,000.

Thanks to members of St Philip's for this generous gift, part of which came from previously undesignated mission and benevolence funds. The larger part of St Philip's contribution was given by members in response to a notice in the weeks preceding the Assembly.

Through these gifts we are helping the Nigerian Church provide for people who have fled from their homes as a result of terrorist attacks of Boko Haram. For several years this terrorist groups has killed and kidnapped children, youth and adults, also burning churches and homes. To save their lives thousands of people have fled to the city of Yola and the area where LCCN has its seminary and church offices. Thankfully we have reports that recently many have been able to return to their villages and homes.

On behalf of our Nigerian brothers and sisters, thanks to members of St Philip's for your generosity. Let us continue in prayer for the release of the kidnapped and for peace in Nigeria.

*Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor* Proverbs 22:9



## St. Philip's Disaster Relief

The dates have been chosen for the fall Disaster Relief trip although the destination has not been determined. The current plans are to leave St. Philip's on Saturday, September 26 and return Sunday, October 4. With thousands of homes damaged due to flash flooding in Texas and Oklahoma in May, those are two likely destinations. SPDR coordinators have contacted Upbring Disaster Response – the Lutheran Social Services affiliate helping families and communities in the aftermath of natural disasters in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Also, \$1000 has been sent by SPDR to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response for the recovery efforts following this flooding.

Watch for registration information for this trip in St. Philip's announcements in July and August. If you have any questions, contact Mike Anderson (flooddog97@gmail.com) or Renee Johnson (Renee604@juno.com.) ♦

## Life Events

### July Anniversaries:

John & Carol Kapotas on 7/1/1961 for 54 years  
Kenneth & Myra Munsterman on 7/1/1967 for 48 years  
Mike & Gina Paton on 7/1/2000 for 15 years  
Dan & Katie Mae Pritchard on 7/2/2004 for 11 years  
Jon & Amber Young on 7/3/2004 for 11 years  
Richard & Linda Huisenga on 7/4/1964 for 51 years  
Don & Martha Debelak on 7/5/1981 for 34 years  
Jim & Gail Fackler on 7/5/1997 for 18 years  
Aaron & Sara Karch on 7/6/2002 for 13 years  
Alan & Nina Ball on 7/8/2006 for 9 years  
Ralph & Janet Thompto on 7/9/1968 for 47 years  
Roger & Mary Gehrke on 7/10/1965 for 50 years  
Stacey & Jeremy Repinski on 7/10/2004 for 11 years  
Elizabeth & William Wackman on 7/12/2003 for 12 years  
Matthew & Jennifer Brooks on 7/14/2012 for 3 years  
Murray & Miriam Jensen on 7/14/1984 for 31 years  
Nicholas & Christina Meisner on 7/14/2001 for 14 years  
Terri & Ron Chaffer on 7/15/1994 for 21 years  
Thomas & Sandra Kallroos on 7/15/1962 for 53 years  
Dave & Donna Weiss on 7/16/1994 for 21 years  
Scott & Jennifer Bjerketvedt on 7/17/2007 for 8 years  
Robert & Marlis Johnson on 7/18/1959 for 56 years  
Larry & Kathy Weegman on 7/18/1981 for 34 years  
Todd & Jody Bjerkes on 7/19/1975 for 40 years  
Gary & Susan Ellestad on 7/20/1979 for 36 years  
Russell (Chip) & Karen Duncan on 7/23/2005 for 10 years  
Ryan & Ingrid Kleinjan on 7/23/2004 for 11 years  
Allan & Norma Sonnenfeld on 7/23/1960 for 55 years  
John & Jane Truckenbrod on 7/23/1988 for 27 years  
Mike & Jayne Gillitzer on 7/24/1991 for 24 years  
R.T. & Amy Taylor on 7/24/1999 for 16 years  
Dennis & Sharon Christensen on 7/25/1970 for 45 years  
Kermit & Karen Sommers on 7/25/1964 for 51 years  
Ann & Mike Kozarek on 7/26/2003 for 12 years  
George & Janice Dean on 7/27/1963 for 52 years  
Kara & Eric Mbacke on 7/27/2002 for 13 years  
Fred & Janice Kunze on 7/28/1962 for 53 years  
Chad & Hilary Leon on 7/29/2006 for 9 years  
James & Miriam Hougen on 7/30/1961 for 54 years  
Mark & Kayla Kruse on 7/30/2011 for 4 years  
Gordon & Dorothy Kuluvar on 7/30/1967 for 48 years  
Ronald & Charmaine Cadwell on 7/31/1971 for 44 years

### Baptisms:

Everly Schellenberg on 5/10  
Paizley Johnson on 5/17  
Hannah Gladwin on 6/7  
Easton Buerkle on 6/14  
Layla Mortenson on 6/14

### Sympathy:

To the friends and family of Virgil Ishaug upon his death 5/2  
To the friends and family of Helen Baker upon her death 5/25

## Endowment Fund

*"Your faithfulness continues through  
all generations..."* Psalm 119:90

Let your ministry continue through  
your support of the Endowment  
Fund

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### Memorials

In May, gifts were received in  
memory of Charles Johnson, Anna  
Mae Broton, Gary Woodworth, Ellen  
Ramech, Virgil Ishaug and  
Hulda Meinser.

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Additional gifts were given by Bob &  
Becky Becker, and St. Philipians were  
generous donors at the Endowment  
Fundraiser brunch.

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*Gifts in memory of someone, to  
celebrate a special occasion, or in  
simple gratitude, should specify  
"Endowment Fund."*

*Attractive enclosure cards are available  
in the office to let others know that  
gifts to the Fund have been made in  
their memory or to honor them. There  
are also special envelopes for making  
regular or periodic gifts. Donations  
may also be made by designating  
"Endowment Fund" on the memo  
line of checks placed in your regular  
offering envelopes, by designating  
the Fund as a beneficiary of your Will,  
annuity, life insurance policy, certificate  
of deposit or other investment account.  
For more information, visit the website  
at [www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org) and select the  
"Ministries" tab and click "Endowment,"  
or contact a Committee member:  
Bob Becker, Duane Retzer, Ray Olson,  
Howard Thompson, Dana Rebelein,  
Jennifer Prasek, Joan Kruse or  
Dick Lekang.*

## Greetings from Sara

Sara Quarberg, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

*“It’s beautiful that these young people have found a place where they can come as they are; as God has made them to be.”*

~ Sara Quarberg

**As I’ve hit** my one year mark in this community, I find myself grateful for each moment of this year. It’s been a year of learning and growing for all of us! Our Youth Committee is diligently doing work in visioning and restructuring of the committee itself and the youth ministry of St. Philip’s! I want to thank each one of the members for their work so far and all the work to come! This is an exciting process for us! I can feel the Holy Spirit at work in each one of the members and the Spirit is stirring up excitement in each one of us! There will be opportunities for our youth’s voices to be heard in this process, so stayed tuned!

I would also like to say a huge word of thanks to Pastor Tim for his leadership this year in Confirmation. The youth had a great time learning about, exploring and questioning their faith with Pastor Tim and their small group leaders. It’s beautiful that these young people have found a place where they can come as they are; as God has made them to be. Thank you, Tim, for your willingness to be open minded to helping us take our first steps in our shift in ministry with the youth of St. Philip’s! We are so grateful for your ministry and for the ways in which God works through you!



We are a few weeks away from Bible Camp! Please keep the 12 youth who are attending Bible camp in your prayers during the week of July 19th. We are excited to return to this community and share how God has done marvelous things and continues to do marvelous things in our lives! If you haven’t already, ‘Stock in a Camper’ can still be purchased in the office and/or by seeing me! Don’t forget about our Stockholder’s dinner on August 4th!

As always, check the bulletin boards, church website, facebook, emails, bulletins and E-News for more information on upcoming ministry opportunities here at St. Philip’s and in our community! ♦

In Christ’s great love, Sara

## CHANGE TO ACOLYTE PROGRAM

*As we gather for worship, we are reminded of the ways in which God calls us to community to use our gifts to glorify God.*

*After conversation and discernment between the pastoral staff, the Youth Committee, and the Worship, Music and Arts Committee, the decision has been made to discontinue the acolyte program at the end of June. Instead, Confirmation students will be required to connect their gifts to the life of worship through other leadership roles such as lectors, communion servers, ushers, and greeters.*

*If you have any questions, please talk to one of the pastors or our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Sara Quarberg.*

## Children & Family Ministry

Carly Tappe, Director

### Vacation Bible School

We started off the summer with a FUN & FAITH FILLED week of Vacation Bible School. This year our theme was EVEREST: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that helped make our VBS a great week for the children and guests of SPLC!

### July Park and Play

Join us Wednesday, July 15 at Lakeside Commons Park in Blaine for an afternoon of FUN! We will meet at the playground at 10 am for some playtime and picnic lunch then head to the splash pad and beach to cool off in the afternoon. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited!

### Sunday School Registration

Sunday School Registration for fall will be sent out mid July. This year our Sunday School students will be experiencing something new with our all church program that follows “The Story.” Watch for more information coming soon! ♦



## Blessing of the Animals

**A big furry, feathery, and fluffy “Thank You” to everyone who attended our Blessing of the Animals on July 10. Pastor Tim blessed 11 dogs, 12 cats and along side the pets, 40 humans. It was a beautiful, faith filled evening. Everyone was reminded of our place as stewards of the earth and of all God’s creatures. Delicious treats were served to all.**

**Thank you to the Social Benevolence Committee for organizing a fun and meaningful summer event.**

*The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you,  
O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! - Psalm 145:9-10*

