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

**The Story is here!** by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem

Please mark your calendar and tell your friends that **The Story** will launch at St. Philip's the weekend of September 12 & 13. **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. **The Story** is both a great resource and the journey we'll be taking over the next eight months.

We will travel through the entire Bible over 31 weeks, from Genesis to Revelation. We will hear of God's promises and love. We will connect with imperfect biblical characters who wrestle with similar issues to what we do today. We will be refreshed in our understanding of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to live out this good news of God!

Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Faith Formation will all center on **The Story** as each week we will encounter and engage the same biblical stories and texts, at age appropriate levels. Wonderful resources will be available for all ages, too. The key resource for each one of us is **The Story**, the Bible condensed into a chapter book. Copies of **The Story** are available at St. Philip's, both when we gather for worship and during the week.

**The Story** is well worth your time, energy, and dedication. I hope that this journey will be a top priority for you, as a meaningful way to let your faith in God inform absolutely everything in your life.



**Weekly Holy Communion**

One other exciting development in the life of St. Philip's is the start of celebrating Holy Communion every Sunday in worship, just as it takes place every Saturday in worship. The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee, Pastor Mollie, and I are all committed to a weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Christ comes to us in this meal - that's the promise Jesus makes - so it just makes sense to celebrate the meal every time we gather for worship. Research even bears out that the more frequently people partake in communion, the more meaningful and significant it is for them. Strengthened by God's Word and fed at God's Table, we have the faith to move out into the week in order to be who God created us to be!

*Pastor Joel*

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## Associate Pastor Mollie Dvorak

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7

...and welcomed me you have! It has been such a joy these past couple weeks meeting staff and members of St. Philip's as your new Associate Pastor. Your enthusiasm has been contagious and your hospitality has been so warm. As I continue to learn names and faces, I am looking forward to more time together as we continue to discover what God is up to here at St. Philip's.

So again, many thanks for all you have done to welcome me into the St. Philip's family!

### "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday, is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The date for the 2015 dedicated day of service is Sunday, September 13. Members of St. Philip's will have several different opportunities to serve and love our neighbors. They include serving ice cream at local senior living centers and dinner at a facility for the homeless, making sandwiches and craft kits, painting/rehab work, and a food drive at the local Cub store. We'll meet at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall (after the Fall Picnic) for most of the activities. Be sure to add your name to one of the signup sheets in the narthex.

Contact Renee Johnson at [Renee604@juno.com](mailto:Renee604@juno.com) or 763-571-6828 with any questions.


*"Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*  
— 1 Peter 4:10

### Columbarium Announcement

The St. Philip's Columbarium Committee is proud to announce the Columbarium project has been approved by St. Philip's Board of Administration and the Property and Grounds Committee. We have signed a contract for the Columbarium portion of the project and are selling the niches now. The prices for the niches are as follows:

- 8x8 inch niches within the cross (mahogany granite) - \$3,000
- 8x8 inch niches surrounding the cross (black granite) - \$2,500
- 12x12 inch niches (black granite) - \$2,700.
- (Deposits for any size niche is \$500)

There is a display in the office with a sample niche, packets of information, and large artist designs of what the landscape and Columbarium will look like. If you have questions after reading through the packets, please contact one of the members of the committee. Joan Kruse, Neal Anderson, Margo Tech, Lynette Thompson, Ed Hamernik, Harold Kurtz or Bob Becker.

 <span style="float: right; font-size: 2em; color: green;">September 2015</span>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA	2 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	3 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery Int'l 7:30 pm AA Alanon	4 <b>The Friend Article Deadline</b> 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA 6:00 pm Stockholder's Dinner/Bible Camp	5 9:00 am 55+ Taylor's Falls 1:00 pm Ventura/Sanchez Wedding 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
6 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	7 <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b> 1:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Worship Band HR Committee 7:00 pm GA Gamanon	8 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:00 pm Solid Ground AA 6:30 pm Garden Comm. Property & Ground	9 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 10:00 am Women Book Club EA Group 7:00 pm Evangelism Comm Sanctuary Choir	10 7:00 pm Recovery Int'l SPDR Team Mtg 7:30 pm AA Alanon	11 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	12 <b>The Story Lauch Weekend</b> 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 pm Saturday Supper
13 <b>The Story Launch Weekend</b> <i>"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday</i> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Parish Fall Picnic 10:30 am Worship	14 8:30 am LEAFs Event 9:00 am Joy Circle 1:00 pm Prayer Group 2:00 pm Lynwood Bingo 6:00 pm Worship Band HR Committee Mtg 7:00 pm GA; Gamanon All Committee Mtg 7:30 pm Parish Flwshp Cmt Mtg	15 9:00 am Library Mtg 10:00 am Staff Mtg 1:00 pm Tues Together 5:00 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 Youth Committee 6:30 pm Apple iOS Group	16 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	17 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA Alanon	18 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	19 9:00 Comfort & Joy of Quilting 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
20 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Equal Exchange Coffee Sold 10:30 am Worship	21 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Genealogy Small Group 6:00 pm Worship Band 7:00 pm GA Gamanon	22 8:30 am Assemble <i>The FRIEND</i> 10:00 am Staff Mtg 1:00 pm Tues. Together 3:00 pm Global Missions Team 5:00 pm Solid Ground AA 6:45 pm Board Meeting	23 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 10:00 am EA Group 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	24 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA Alanon	25 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	26 7:00 am Disaster Relief Team Trip Starts 8:00 am Peer Ministry Leadership Training 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
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## Greetings from Sara

*Sara Quarberg, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*

I can't believe it's already back-to-school time! Where has this summer gone? On the flip-side, this summer was filled with discernment of the coming year, welcoming Pastor Mollie to our St. Philip's community, checking in on highs and lows at summer bonfires, serving at Bikes4Kids, swimming at Bunker beach and spending a faith-filled week at Green Lake Bible Camp! I'm convinced that the summer is busier than the school year!

I am so excited to start a new Confirmation group this year. Pastor Mollie and I have been in great conversation and planning along with the Youth Committee in constructing an engaging Confirmation ministry that will provide opportunities for learning, serving, fellowship and small groups. I know this will be an exciting year of faith formation at St. Philip's! Stay tuned to hear more of the changes that have been implemented and to hear stories of experiences from our Confirmation ministry.



Peer Ministry is coming to our high school youth. Our training takes place on September 26 and 27. If you are an adult who would like to join our training, please let me know! This ministry equips students with skills for caring, welcoming, and affirming each other in God's love. They learn/enhance what they already know in how to live this out in their everyday life through their relationships with their peers, families, church communities, in the workplace, God's world, and with caring adults! Why? Because - Christ first loved us. Please pray for us as we journey into the Peer Ministry Leadership model of ministry!

Our Young Adult ministry is becoming a stronger reality this summer and fall. We held our first kick-off event at La Casita in August and plan to meet monthly going forward. There has been conversation with other youth and young adult leaders in the community about combining efforts in creating a community young adult ministry. What I envision this becoming is a safe place for young adults to gather, pray and be in the presence of God while they wrestle with life's issues, doubts, joys, and much more. I'm still not exactly sure where the Spirit is leading us quite yet, but I do know that God will continue to guide us and through intentional conversation we'll continue to see where it is that God is leading us.

In Christ's love,  
*Sara*

## Are you a Triple A adult?

As summer comes to a close and the fall and the fun begins with a new program year, start thinking about how you will join in on the fun! We have started to explore new and exciting programs for our youth and now are encouraging members to be triple A (AAA) adults. A triple A adult is someone who is:

- Authentic-** To be authentic is to be trustworthy and transparent, to be real and reliable.
- Affirming-** To be affirming is to approach life with a basic 'yes,' to live positively and be supportive in each other's lives.
- Available-** To be available is to value others enough to make space and time for relationships.

Our hope as we grow the youth programs here that they be surrounded with other AAA adults to work together and grow to love God, our neighbors, and our world. We ask that you prayerfully consider being a AAA adult as the program and its variety of opportunities begin to unfold this fall!

## LEAFs *Life Enrichment Adult Forums*

Enjoy a morning of learning and fellowship. LEAFs (Life Enrichment Adult Forums) presents its fall series of educational programs. These programs are open to all interested persons. There are no age limitations. For further information go to [leafsforums.org](http://leafsforums.org) or contact St. Philip's at 763-571-1500. The cost at the door is \$14. The total cost for all four days is \$40 if paid in advance. The Sept 14 and 28 meetings will be held at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. Registration is from 8:30 – 9:00 am. The programs are from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm with lunch immediately following.

Topics covered on Sept 14 include Mike Youngberg discussing minor prophets; Dr. Jerry Jenson talking about Genomic Medicine, Melonie Shipman presenting the state bird (the Loon), and Steve Marking capturing life on the Mississippi through pictures and music.

Topics covered on Sept 28 include Pastor Ryan Brodin presenting a Bible Study on the generous hearts of the Macedonians. Lucy Rose Fischer tells us What's New About Old Age, Estelle Winiecki will speak about the suicide of a loved one, and Cathy Victorsen presents many types of harp music, from classical to folk music and Broadway.

## *The Friend* Email signup

If you'd like to save the paper, printing and delivery cost of receiving *The Friend* you may request to have your name removed from the mailing list. Please consider joining the members who are generating a savings for the church and at the same time experiencing the advantages of electronic delivery listed below:

- A full color newsletter
- Save a tree with less paper to handle and store.
- "Delivered" to your email inbox on the 1st of the month
- Links to printable forms, websites, videos and more!

When you sign up for electronic delivery each month you will receive an email announcing the newsletter has been posted with a link to the PDF version on our website. From there you can read or download, or print it, if you'd like. If at anytime you'd like to sign back up to receive a paper copy just let us know. To sign up now, email your request to [info@splcmn.org](mailto:info@splcmn.org) or call the office with your email address.

## St. Philip's Publication & Communication Guidelines

As we go into a new church year the office staff would like to remind you of our publication guidelines here at St. Philip's. The most effective way to send us your information is with a SPLC Communication Request Form, available on our website [splcmn.org/stpsnews/communication](http://splcmn.org/stpsnews/communication) or email [AmadaM@splcmn.org](mailto:AmadaM@splcmn.org) and request the form. All submissions are subject to editing.

**The Friend** - Deadline is the 5th of each month. 250 word maximum.

**Bulletin Announcements** - 70 word limit. Will run for 2 weeks (unless other arrangements are made). Due the Tuesday before the Sunday it will run in the bulletin. Must have clear instructions as to which weeks the article is to run

**E-News (Emailed version of the Bulletin Announcements)** - will go out on Friday mornings

**Church Calendar** - If you would like to use a part of our St. Philip's Lutheran Church facility for a meeting, class, ministry, event, etc. please fill out a Room Use Form on our website [splcmn.org/stpsnews/roomuse](http://splcmn.org/stpsnews/roomuse) or in the office, and it will be added to our calendar.

*“A cheerful look  
brings joy  
to the heart,  
and good news  
gives health  
to the bones.”  
— Proverbs 15:30*

## Camilia Club Openings

Camilia Club Adult Day Program currently has openings on all days and is open Monday through Friday. Camilia Club may be able to help you, your elderly spouse, or parent.

Camilia Club hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with transportation available. We specialize in Senior Care offering socialization with peers, physical and mental stimulation programs, outings into the community, medication management, and respite for caregivers.

Statistics prove that seniors in day programs can prolong Assisted living or Nursing home placement by two years if introduced at the early stages of their Dementia.

Please call or stop in to see Chris if you are feeling the 24/7 stresses of care giving or if you, as a senior, are interested in a fun meaningful way to spend your day.

Have a blessed rest of your Summer!



**Chris Meyer - Fridley**

**Camilia Club 2**

**763-502-0660**

**Cheryl Shanks - Coon Rapids**

**Camilia Club 1**

**763-489-3637**

## Calling All Mitten & Hat Makers

“Hey St. Philip’s Mitten Lady” is what I heard when I delivered mittens and hats to a local school last February. An assistant school nurse wanted to express her appreciation to the ‘sewers’ and to St. Philips for the work that is done to help the children. “Bring as many as you can - our students are in great need for both items”, she stated. We donate these items to 9 different schools as well as to Alexander House, Anoka County Child Foster Care, Brooklyn Avenue Teen Temporary Housing Facility, Fridley Terrace, SACA, Stepping Stone, and families in need.

For fabric, patterns, or questions, contact  
Arlene Hamernik, 763-571-6091 ([eahamernik@gmail.com](mailto:eahamernik@gmail.com))  
or Jan Spitzer, 763-786-2016 ([janspitzer1@yahoo.com](mailto:janspitzer1@yahoo.com)).

Jan will give individual or group lessons. Gather your friends and have a Mitten/Hat making party--one can cut out, one sew, one turn the mittens and one can do the final hand stitching or maybe just a ‘cutting out’ party. Hopefully we can start delivering in September.

Leave completed items in the Church office or give to Jan or Arlene.  
Please put your name, phone, email, and address on a note in with the mittens.

## St. Philip’s Holiday Market

**St. Philip’s Crafters!** Do you make handcrafted items that you would like to donate to our sale? We are hosting a table at the Holiday Market, Saturday, November 7. We’ve found over the years, inexpensive unique articles sell the best. Please leave donations in the church office, clearly marked with your name and contact information, before October 30. We will set up on Friday November 6 and need many workers on Friday and Saturday. Proceeds are given to Parish Fellowship, the hosting committee.

Questions? Contact Becky Becker 763.913.4059 or Joan Kruse 612.251.3908

## Life Events

### September Anniversaries:

Darrell & Amy Hauge on 9/1/1990 for 25 years  
Wallace & Beverly Helmbrecht on 9/1/1984 for 31 years  
Chuck & Suzanne Lunde on 9/1/1962 for 53 years  
Clark & Kristine Poelzer on 9/1/1973 for 42 years  
David & Lori Shelton on 9/2/2012 for 3 years  
Fred & Lynne Haggard on 9/3/1988 for 27 years  
Geoff & Kris Meisner on 9/3/2005 for 10 years  
Donald & Darlene Anderson on 9/4/1965 for 50 years  
Julie & Michael Booth on 9/4/1999 for 16 years  
Robert & Mary Shimanski on 9/6/1975 for 40 years  
Allen & Jan Spitzer on 9/6/1975 for 40 years  
Duane & Anita Prairie on 9/7/1957 for 58 years  
Kent & Julie Small on 9/7/1974 for 41 years  
Dave & Rachael Ostrom on 9/8/2001 for 14 years  
Steve & Janine Ess on 9/9/1989 for 26 years  
John & Kathy Swenson on 9/10/1977 for 38 years  
Diana & Kent Larson on 9/11/1993 for 22 years  
Cynthia & Daniel Sjodin on 9/12/1986 for 29 years  
Robert & Rebecca Becker on 9/13/1969 for 46 years  
Ronald & Jennifer Prasek on 9/13/1975 for 40 years  
Edward & Judith Simko on 9/13/1958 for 57 years  
Joy & Larry Bahl on 9/14/2003 for 12 years  
Jane & Lyle Beckman on 9/14/1991 for 24 years  
Timothy & Celeste Prairie on 9/16/2000 for 15 years  
Erik & Alia Ronken on 9/16/2006 for 9 years  
Fred & Marianne Peterson on 9/17/1955 for 60 years  
Allen & Kari Davies on 9/18/1999 for 16 years  
Gerald & Sandra Koskiniemi on 9/18/1954 for 61 years  
Leif & Jennifer Ronken on 9/18/2004 for 11 years  
Richard & Connie Gundlach on 9/19/1970 for 45 years  
Jennifer & Kent Tjader on 9/19/1992 for 23 years  
Steven & Sally Gray on 9/20/1975 for 40 years  
Don Holien & Mary Revoir on 9/21/1996 for 19 years  
Alice & Edmond Benson on 9/22/1951 for 64 years  
Richard & Beverly Schillinger on 9/22/1951 for 64 years  
Donald & Sharon Hippen on 9/23/1961 for 54 years  
Jack & Jane Hokenstrom on 9/23/1966 for 49 years  
Wendell & Carol Mogren on 9/23/1967 for 48 years  
Lawrence & Meredith Hille on 9/24/1960 for 55 years  
Richard & Muriel Lombard on 9/24/1955 for 60 years  
Kenneth & Sheryl Oestreich on 9/24/1977 for 38 years  
Myron & Rosemary Mehl on 9/26/1972 for 43 years  
Robert & Cathy Barker on 9/29/1990 for 25 years  
Richard & Joyce Lekang on 9/29/1962 for 53 years  
Ronald & Cheryl Lotz on 9/30/1972 for 43 years  
Richard & Olga Palmer on 9/30/1967 for 48 years  
Greg & Katie Shaddrick on 9/30/2006 for 9 years

*“That their  
hearts  
might be  
comforted,  
being knit  
together in  
love..”  
— Colossians 2:2*

**Come, Lord Jesus,  
let these gifts to us  
be blessed.**

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### Support the St. Philip’s Endowment Fund

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#### Legacy Circle

Helen Baker, Charles Johnson  
& Willy Ertl are new additions to  
the Legacy Circle!

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#### Memorials & Celebrations

*In July, gifts were received in memory of  
Anna Mae Feigal, Virgil Ishaug,  
Charles Johnson, Helen Baker,  
Gary Leske & Hulda Meisner.*

*Additional gifts were received to  
celebrate the birthdays of  
Mary Seekamp, Char Fauteck,  
Bette Blair & Willy Ertl.*

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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 or 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  
[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org), select the “Ministries” tab, and  
“Endowment,” or contact a Committee member:*

*Bob Becker, Duane Retzer,  
Ray Olson, Howard Thompson,  
Dana Rebelein, Jennifer Prasek,  
Joan Kruse or Dick Lekang.*

## President's Column *Ron Ackerman*

Summer is almost over. As usual, people are busier than ever. I think I need to get a full time job so that I can take some time off from my busy retirement. Busy is also the feeling around St. Philip's. That is good!

Thanks to all the people who helped with the 19th Annual Garage Sale. More than 100 volunteers helped setup, sort, display, price, sell, cashier, prepare food, work concessions, cleanup and teardown. It was a success, generating almost \$20,000 before expenses. Thanks to the committee chairs – LaRae Kazmierkoski, Sue Davis, Jan Kugler, and Michelle Angerhofer. They did a great job planning, organizing, managing and making sure we did not have any

rain. It is a great congregational project where you meet and get to know other members of St. Philip's. The money will go to many worthy projects within the church.

The end of summer transition also brings a staff transition. St. Philip's has said farewell to Interim Pastor Tim Savarese and Carly Tappe who served as Children and Family Ministry. We are sorry to see them move on. They did a great job while they were here!

We also have welcomed Associate Pastor Mollie Dvorak. Pastor Mollie started on August 1, and has already presided over some of the services. It is great to see the energy and excitement that she

brings to St. Philip's. She is definitely a great addition to our staff!

The St. Philip's Columbarium project is moving along. Presentations have been given at the Sunday Services and a display has been set up in the Office, showing the physical plan including landscaping. Members of the committee are available to answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have any questions or concerns. A number of people have already signed up for a niche. Take a look at the display in the office and pick up a packet.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and all the excitement at St. Philip's!

## Building For The Future

September marks the one-year anniversary for the Building for the Future appeal. The goal of the appeal is to raise \$200,000 to ensure that our church remains in good condition for the future. The response from the congregation has been fantastic and, as a result, it has been a very busy year! Through July 2015, contributions to the appeal total \$153,093. Of this amount, \$14,551 has been set aside for benevolence concerns and \$23,266 has been used to build a reserve for future unplanned property and grounds needs. The remaining \$115,277 is to be used to address the current needs of the church building and grounds. The total spent through July is \$102,999.

The needs addressed so far include the following:

- Roof Repair - Replaced the roof above the nursery and the north side of Fellowship Hall
- Cupola Repair - Repaired the loose boards and replaced the lights for the cross
- Sunday School Rooms - Replaced the worn carpeting in rooms #17 and #18 with tile
- Door Opener - Installed an automatic door opener for entrance #2
- Narthex Windows - Replaced the cracked window panes
- Courtyard Windows - Replaced the stained windows by entrance #2
- Office Carpeting - Replaced the carpeting in the main office and all staff offices
- Sound System - Replaced the sanctuary sound system with a new state-of-the-art system
- Parking Lots - Patched cracks, sealed and restriped all the parking lots

The projects included on our original list that are awaiting funding include the following:

- Sanctuary Windows - Reseal the stained glass windows to preserve them for the future
- Exterior Lighting - Replace the fixtures and bulbs on the post lights to improve the lighting of the grounds, to reduce operating cost and to improve the appearance of the lights
- Landscaping - Develop and implement a landscape plan for the church grounds, improving the appearance of the church from Highway 65 and Moore Lake Drive. Install a sprinkler system to ensure the landscaping stays healthy during the summer months.
- Weir Replacement - Use natural plantings to clean parking lot runoff water before entering Moore Lake

In addition, new needs have been identified over the past year. While the repairs to the roof above the nursery have been completed, other areas of the roof now need repair! Also, the air conditioning units in the office are getting old and are failing, and replacement units are no longer being manufactured. An updated approach for heating and cooling this area would improve efficiency and lower our utility costs.

As you can see, there continues to be the need to raise funds to properly maintain our beautiful church. Additional contributions can be included in the Sunday offering by indicating "BFTF" on your envelope by the Special box or brought directly to the office. If you have any questions concerning the Building for the Future appeal, please contact Dick Kruse ([dick.kruse@gmail.com](mailto:dick.kruse@gmail.com)) or any member of the Property & Grounds Committee.

## 55 + Group *Get ready to start your aww-tumn adventure!*

MN Landscape Arboretum & Lunch

Thursday, October 8 from 9:00 am -3:00 pm

Aaaah...Autumn in Minnesota! If you are a nature explorer, outdoor enthusiast, a garden lover or just want to enjoy the fall colors this outing is for you. Come spend the day at the MN Landscape Arboretum, ranked by Explore Minnesota as a top visitor attraction. Meet in the church parking lot on Thursday, rain or shine. Dress casual and wear comfortable walking shoes. Anyone 55+ is welcome to attend.

Shortly upon arrival, we begin by riding the Arboretum Trumpet Creeper, an open air tram, for a narrated one hour tour of the 1,100+ acres of gardens and woodlands. Following the tram tour, we'll go to the Visitor Center for lunch in one of the many gathering rooms where we will find our box lunch consisting of a sandwich, chips, cookie, and soda. After lunch, start your self-walking tour; discover the many outdoor gardens, view the exhibits, visit the gift shop or just sit on one of the many garden benches and enjoy nature.

The cost of \$32/person includes school bus transportation, tram tour, entrance to Visitor Center and box lunch. Due to limited openings and a short time to sign up, don't delay. Signup in the church office, select your choice of sandwich and pay by Sunday, Sept. 27. Please make (non-refundable) check payable to St. Philip's.

Any questions, please contact Tom or Marlene Schonebaum at 763-786-2483.



## St. Philip's Disaster Relief

*When was the last time you went to camp? Now you have a chance to go again!*

St. Philip's Disaster Relief is returning to Colorado for a third time and plans are for the team to stay at Buckhorn United Methodist Camp northwest of Ft. Collins. (Check it out at [buckhorncamp.org](http://buckhorncamp.org).) Note - it won't be arts and crafts, swimming, and games at this camp but it will give you a chance to experience nature, enjoy fellowship with others, and most likely learn some new skills. Under the direction of UMCOR, team members will be working on a home that was flooded during the Front Range flooding in September 2013 and on a home damaged during the High Park Fire of 2012. The camp was also damaged during that fire and plans are to help with some of the needed rebuilding there.

The week-long trip is scheduled for September 26 through October 4 and registration has already begun.

Contact Mike Anderson at [flooddog97@gmail.com](mailto:flooddog97@gmail.com) or 612-209-8529

for trip cost information and registration forms.

Don't delay, space is limited. Registration ends August 30.

## Garage Sale Thank You!

Another successful garage sale has been held and almost \$20,000 was raised! This could not happen without the generosity of the wonderful men and women who spent days setting up, sorting, cleaning and displaying the items which were donated. It is because of all of you that this sale happens, is done so well, and is so successful!

Thank you to all who hauled the heavy tables into the church for us once again. Thank you to those of you who worked outside in the back lot. Thank you to the people who came everyday to oversee the set up and display of each area, and those folks who fed us during the sale. Thank you to the staff members for your efforts and help in making the sale a success. Thank you to each of you who came each day and carried items to rooms, marked items and organized them. We can't express our appreciation enough!

This event offers the opportunity to spend time together, contribute to the church's mission, and so much more. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of this and for supporting what we think is a great ministry.

God's blessing and our thanks from the Garage Sale Co-Chairs:  
LaRae Kazmierkoski, Sue Davis, Jan Kugler and Michelle Angerhofer