

# The Friend

## *March Lenten Worship Schedule*

### *Sundays*

March 6, 13, 20, and 27

9:00 and 10:30 am

Children & Youth Discipleship

9:30 - 10:20 am

### *Wednesdays*

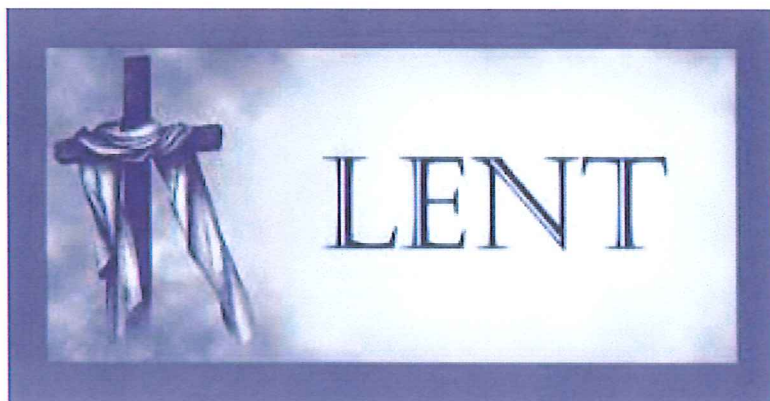
March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

7:00 pm Worship

### March 2022

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# PRAYER

## Lenten Spiritual Journey

Matt Flom, Pastor

*6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.  
Colossians 2:6-7, NRSV Translation*

*6-7 My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.  
Colossians 2:6-7, Message Translation*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God, our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This March we start our Lenten journey for 2022. Pr. Eric and I are preaching a series on Wednesday evenings about several of the people St. Paul meets in the Book of Acts. Paul journeyed quite extensively throughout the eastern Mediterranean and met many people. This Lent we will go on a spiritual journey and meet several of them. On March 9, we will meet Lydia and talk about the importance of leadership in the church. On March 16, we will meet Silas and learn about courageous faith. On March 23, we will meet the couple Priscilla and Aquila and talk about teamwork in service. On March 30, we will meet Timothy and learn about having an identity as a servant of the Lord. Finally on April 6, we will meet Barnabas and learn about encouragement in faith. There are many different people and many different lessons on faith and life.

We will have a change this year for Lent. The Wednesday night service will start at 7:00 pm and go until about 7:45 pm. The Curbside Community Supper will still start at 5:30 pm. Between 6:00 and 7:00pm will be time for Christian Discipleship (children, youth, and small groups). I invite you to come and join us for a spiritual journey this Lent. Who will you meet this Lent or how will God meet you?



## Journeys of Life

Eric Nelson, Associate Pastor

*"I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me."  
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)*

The journey of life brings us through many events we have little preparation for and likely do not anticipate. There are, of course, many expected occurrences in life as well, but the trickiest ones to handle are usually those unplanned difficulties in the journey. When those times come, it is so important to know the presence of God, but this is best known in our practice as disciples.

Throughout the season of Lent there is the common custom of some sort of fasting: giving up chocolate or some other simple pleasure, not eating meat on Fridays, giving up social media, or any other number of ways individuals might enter a type of fasting. This is commonly done as a sacrifice and self-discipline as we remember and live into Christ's time of fasting and temptation in the wilderness. But sometimes the fasting becomes disconnected from the purpose behind it. Though self-improvement is a wonderful goal, that isn't the aim of this fasting. Though there may be some suffering in giving up a simple pleasure, this doesn't truly relate us to the suffering Christ endures for our sake.

The point is to take a time of re-centering our lives and our trust in God. Giving something up makes time to take something else in. We can take in a time of silence, prayer, and devotion. We can take in an intentional time with another person. We can give something up to be more present to God's presence with us in so many ways. We can remove and examine barriers we may make in our daily lives and habits so that we can be more connected to God and the people God puts in our lives. We can grow in our practice walking as disciples throughout our different journeys and callings in life.

We do not know exactly what each season of life will bring us, but we can work to stay centered in where God connects to us, seeking to walk with Jesus, mindful of God's presence alongside us instead of distracted in our daily grind.

Whatever your practice in Lent, to give something up or to add in devotional time and prayer, seek to know God's presence each day. Seek to hear God's voice on the journey, to seek God's way on the journey, and to handle the expected and unexpected of life with faith in the Lord as we grow as disciples on the journey.

God bless you in this season and may Christ always be with you in the journeys of life.



# PRAYER

## Invite Jesus on Your Journey

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

*"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19*

Adam and Eve have just been expelled from the Garden of Eden and God is telling them how it will be with them and with all of humankind for ever after.

We begin Lent with the words: "you are dust and unto dust you shall return" sounding ominously in our ears. These words are a "wake up" call for us. They call us to a season and a life of repentance. None will escape this fate. None of us will live forever except in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I can remember as a child receiving the imposition of ashes on my forehead. The gritty ashes scratched a little and sometimes they fell onto my eye lashes. I knew Lent had begun with its disciplines of prayer and fasting. 40 days lay before us even as promises of spring and resurrection began to make their appearance.

As a pastor I counted the preparation of the ashes to be a sacred duty. Toward the end of my ministry the priests from next door shared ashes with us. In a way it bound us together in this holy ritual. These ashes were created from burning the palms from Palm Sunday the year before. They were dried through the year and then burned and crushed and sifted. But nothing could get rid of the gritty feeling of the ashes, nor should it.

On Ash Wednesday, people would line up to receive the ashes. I can see them still. Some held their hair back, some put out their hands, some had to bend way over so I could reach them. And then there were the parents bringing their babies forward. That always gave me pause. Weren't they too young to be reminded of their impending death? But the parents knew. We all knew what our end was to be and we submitted to the words and the ashes.

When the service was over and the candles extinguished, I looked at my fingers. Black with a blackness that was not easily washed away. And so Lent began . . .

Hold these days gingerly in whatever disciplines you choose. Invite Jesus on your journey. Soon the stone will be rolled away.



# THANKS & JOY

## With Grateful Hearts

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries*

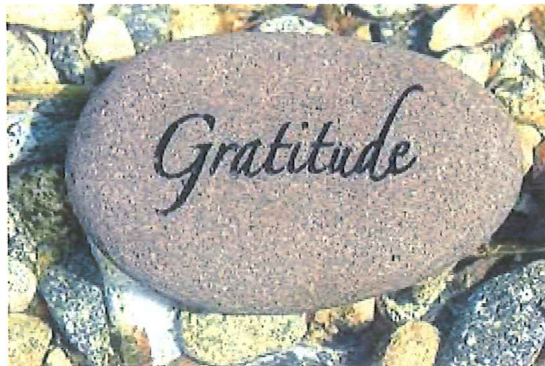
*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11-12*

Grace and peace to you. Spring is just around the corner, and that means so is Lent! As we enter this season, we are reminded of how much Jesus gave up for us, all because He loved us. We are encouraged to share that love with others, friends or foes. Sometimes it's not easy, but if we live with a generous heart and our minds on Christ, I believe anything is possible.

Our youth program organized and held a unique fundraising event this past month. They asked for donations of soup and warm socks which were to be donated to our Food & Clothing Shelf. On behalf of the youth, I would like to extend a huge thank you for not only meeting their goal of 100 cans of soup and 100 pairs of socks...you blew it out of the water! At the last count, there were 168 cans of soup and 244 pairs of socks donated! That's incredible! As promised, if the goal was reached, I would color my hair pink and purple, and they could throw pies in my face. I have to say I love the color! The whipped cream in my face was silly and fun. I love that we were able to have some silly moments when the world can be a little scary right now.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to be planning for the upcoming First Communion classes, Lenten Mentor activities, some Easter fun as well as our summer Mission trip and camps. We have so much to be grateful for around St. Philip's and in our community.

It is my prayer that you experience many opportunities to give back to others with a generous heart, and that you are able to take time to see where God is in your life.



# THANKS & SERVE

## Invest in Ministry

LaRae Kazmierkoski, President

Our Community Supper continues to serve over 100 people each Wednesday. Last week, a woman from the neighborhood volunteered to help serve the dinners. She said she had watched for quite some time as we served the community via drive up service and decided she wanted to be a part of this ministry. What a wonderful tribute to what we do to have someone not connected to our congregation recognize the importance of the mission and want to be included. It underscores our presence and value to the community and the fact that we touch many lives by what we do. So, continue to support this ministry with your financial gifts, and your volunteer gifts. The Community Supper can use a few more volunteers! Join us even once a month. It would help a great deal! Thank you, Mike and Renee, for your continued work to keep this working well!

## Endowment Committee

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### *The St. Philip's Endowment Fund*

*January gifts were received in memory and honor of*

*Tom Kallroos*

For more information on St. Philip's Endowment Fund visit our website at [\[www.splcmn.org\]](http://www.splcmn.org).  
Select the *Ministries* tab and click on *Endowment*. Envelopes and pamphlets are in the office.

The Endowment Committee is happy to announce that the grant monies available for 2022 is \$16,440. Grant request forms are available in the church office and will be accepted through Friday, April 15.

*Thank you for your support!*

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## Sock-it to a Souper-Fun Event!

Thank you to Connie Yerigan and the youth for your amazing Sock-it to a Souper-Fun Fundraiser and donation of soups and socks to the Food & Clothing Shelf, and also for bringing the donations to the F&CS. We were so pleased that so many visited the rooms and spent time with us. We were honored that so many members of the congregation came to the open house and were able to see what this ministry is all about. We couldn't do it without you. On behalf of Judy Greer and all of the volunteers, thank you!

## Food & Clothing Shelf

Beginning Monday, March 7, our Food & Clothing Shelf will be adding Monday back to the weekly schedule and will be open 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

# Until All Are Fed . . . And Clothed

## Youth Envelope Project

You are invited to visit with our youth who will be in the Narthex after worship March 6, 13, and 20! This summer, nine of our youth will travel to Nashville, TN to do God's work, through service and learning. The Envelope Project fundraiser is an opportunity for the congregation to support our youth while learning more about them. Participants will be asked to donate the dollar amount listed on an envelope in exchange for a bio of one of our youths, and a commitment to keep them in your prayers, now and while they are on their trip. Thank you for supporting our youth!



# SERVE & THANKS

## Easter Flowers



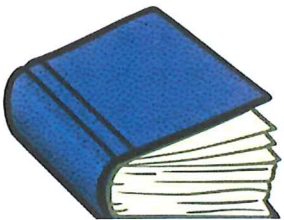
Easter flowers are on sale! The plants are used to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. A large variety will be available this year: Easter lilies, pink, blue & white hydrangeas, pink azaleas, gerbera daisies, pansy bowls, and yellow mums. Each plant will cost \$20, except for the daisies which will be \$5. Please sign up and pay in the church office. Deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 13. You may take your plant(s) home any time after the last worship service on Easter. The plants are from Gertens and are high quality. Save yourself a trip to the garden center and save some money too.

## Festival of Tables

After much thoughtful discussion with the committee and past participants, Parish Fellowship has made the difficult decision to again cancel the Festival of Tables for 2022. Even with the slowing of the COVID-19 virus, there are still just too many unknowns to keep us from safely hosting our beloved festival and fundraiser. We hope that there are many of you just waiting for it to come back for next year and will volunteer when the information comes out! And, since it is a fundraiser for hunger-related issues in our community, please remember the Wednesday Night Community Suppers and our Food & Clothing Shelf. As always, thank you again for your support. You can watch the video of last year's virtual Festival of Tables by going to our Facebook page or E-News.



## Men's Book Discussion



The Men's Breakfast Book Group has changed the meeting time to 9:00 am at Perkins on University Ave in Fridley. We will be starting a new book, *The Judge's List*, by John Grisham on Thursday, March 3.



## Financials

St. Philip's 2022	Actual January	Actual YTD
Income	\$60,973.53	\$60,973.53
Expense	(\$60,299.83)	(\$60,299.83)
TOTALS	\$673.70	\$673.70



## March

Howard & Shirley Mosman on 3/26/1955 for 67 years

Anne & Darrel Kudebeh on 3/17/1961 for 61 years

Ralph & Kathryn Petersen on 3/11/1966 for 56 years

Wesley & Jeanine Grandstrand on 3/31/1973 for 49 years

Richard & Joan Kruse on 3/22/1975 for 47 years



*The friends and family of:*

*Sharon Johnson*



IF GOD IS FOR US,  
NOTHING CAN  
STAND AGAINST US.

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### Worship Schedule

9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

- Access worship livestreams on our website [\[www.splcmn.org\]](http://www.splcmn.org)
- Past worship links can be found on our website, E-News, and app
- Nursery is available Sundays 9:30 - 11:30 am for children 3 months to 3 years

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**Bille Lutheran in Nigeria**

**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>6:30 pm</b> Prayer Group - Facebook Live <b>7:30 pm</b> Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Work Crew <b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>10:00 am</b> EA Mtg. <b>5:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf <b>5:30 pm</b> Community Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 pm</b> Bells Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> Ash Wednesday Worship; JUSTMove Mtg.	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Men's Book Discussion <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Mtg.	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Totino Grace Retreat <b>10:00 am</b> Food & Clothing Shelf	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Youth Envelope Project <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Children & Youth Discipleship <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	<b>7</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf; Joy Circle <b>7:00 pm</b> Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.;	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>2:30 pm</b> Heritage Group <b>6:30 pm</b> Prayer Group - Facebook Live <b>7:30 pm</b> Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Work Crew; WOW <b>10:00 am</b> Women's Book Club; EA Mtg. <b>1:00 pm</b> Widow's Group <b>5:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf <b>5:30 pm</b> Community Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 pm</b> Lent Activities; Bells Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Worship	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Mtg.	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Food & Clothing Shelf	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Daylight Savings</b> <b>Time Starts</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Youth Envelope Project <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Children & Youth Discipleship <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Parish Fellowship Mtg. <b>1:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf; Global Health Ministries <b>1:30 pm</b> Benevolence Committee Mtg. <b>7:00 pm</b> Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.; Gam-Anon Mtg.	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Library Group <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>6:30 pm</b> Prayer Group - Facebook Live <b>7:30 pm</b> Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Work Crew <b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>10:00 am</b> EA Mtg. <b>10:30 am</b> Property & Grounds Mtg. <b>5:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf <b>5:30 pm</b> Community Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 pm</b> Lent Activities; Bells Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Worship	<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Men's Book Discussion <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Mtg.	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Food & Clothing Shelf	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Youth Envelope Project <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Children & Youth Discipleship <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	<b>21</b> <b>Friend Articles Due</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Glory Circle <b>1:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf <b>6:30 pm</b> Executive Mtg. <b>7:00 pm</b> Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>6:30 pm</b> Prayer Group - Facebook Live <b>7:30 pm</b> Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Work Crew; WOW <b>10:00 am</b> EA Mtg. <b>5:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf <b>5:30 pm</b> Community Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 pm</b> Lent Activities; Bells Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Worship	<b>24</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Mtg.	<b>25</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Totino Grace Retreat <b>10:00 am</b> Food & Clothing Shelf	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Children & Youth Discipleship <b>10:30 am</b> Worship <b>12:00 pm</b> Youth Mission Trip Mtg.	<b>28</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf <b>1:30 pm</b> Knitters & Crocheters <b>6:30 pm</b> Board of Administration Mtg. <b>7:00 pm</b> Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.; Gam-Anon Mtg.	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>6:30 pm</b> Prayer Group - Facebook Live <b>7:30 pm</b> Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Work Crew <b>10:00 am</b> EA Mtg. <b>5:00 pm</b> Food & Clothing Shelf <b>5:30 pm</b> Community Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 pm</b> Lent Activities; Bells Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Worship	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Men's Book Discussion <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Mtg.		





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**Mission:**

God calls us to receive and share God's  
love and grace with all people.

**Vision:**

With God's help, we will be joyful,  
compassionate and generous as we worship,  
grow and serve in community.

We invite and welcome those of every spiritual background, ethnicity,  
gender orientation, or economic situation. We are committed to our place  
within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).