



# The Friend

## Rally Sunday September 11

### Worship

9:00 and 10:30 am

### Children & Youth

### Programming Kickoff

9:20 - 10:20 am

Rooms 3, 11, 12 & Youth Room

### Congregational Brunch

9:30 – 10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

### God's Work. Our Hands.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

## September 2022

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# PRAYER

## Our Holy Calendar

Eric Nelson, Associate Pastor

*"All who hunger, never strangers; seeker be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good."  
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461*

We kick off fall programming around St. Philip's with great anticipation. We look forward to gathering as the church together even as we continue to navigate life in an ever-changing world.

So much has changed and shifted over the past few years. We've had times forced to be physically apart and great changes to our daily lives and calendars. I won't be foolish enough to forecast what the coming year looks like, but I will be bold enough to invite us all to start filling our calendars thoughtfully this fall.

A colleague in ministry once pointed out that our checkbooks and calendars speak volumes about our life of faith. She named these as holy documents. This is beautifully stated. Both show how we spend our assets, how we spend our money and our time. We'll take up discussion of the checkbook another time. This fall, I will focus on the calendar.

Fill up your Sundays. Make gathering in your faith community a priority. Make plans on your calendar to gather with others as you're able. Make plans to serve in your church or community on your own or with family or friends. Make plans for your own spiritual and devotional time. Let your calendar tell a story that moves past the best new series we've seen on any given streaming service. Let your calendar be a picture of your life lived in faith. Your calendar and patterns will look different from your faithful neighbor's calendar, but both will tell stories of how you are uniquely living the life God has given you.

I will also throw in this caveat. None of us should just start saying 'yes' to fill up our calendars. We say 'no' to some things so we can say 'yes' to others. This way we can live into the community living in faith spoken of in the hymn "All Who Are Hungry, Gather Gladly."

"Come from restlessness and roaming... Taste and see that God is good."

We can exit our restless lives that seem non-stop by creating meaningful times and spaces, creating things we say 'yes' to with purpose. We can hold onto safety, staying apart and/or masked when unwell. We can make meaningful statements in the use of our time that show how we intend to serve God and neighbor in the world.

Make your unique holy calendar document. We hope to see you at SPLC and out in your community! God bless our schedule making! God bless the unexpected changes to our schedules as well. Let each day be a day with God, lived with purpose and intentionality.

### Just Breathe

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

*"Deep peace of the Running Wave to you. Deep peace of the Flowing Air to you. Deep peace of the Quiet Earth to you. Deep peace of the Shining Stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you." ~ Celtic Blessing*

Read this Celtic Blessing again and this time take a deep breath and quiet your heart.

The seasons are changing, and we sense a slowing down as the days grow shorter. The frantic days of trying to fit everything in during the summer are giving way to the peace and relaxation of fall. We are longing for a deeper peace, for a gentle transition into winter.

As we visit with our friends, family and neighbors and sense a certain anxiety, take their hands, look them in the eye and say with a certain conviction: "Peace be with you." Help them to know that Jesus is with them. Let the peace of Christ shine in you to them.

Practice peace. Let the troubles of the world roll away. Didn't Jesus say, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me"? "Let not your hearts be troubled." These words from the gospel of John are a gift to us from Jesus.

In all of your interactions with others, let there be peace. Deep peace makes way for the love of Christ that is given for you.

Now, read the blessing again and breathe. It's what Jesus would have you do.





# PRAYER & JOY

## May There Be Peace

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

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:6-7*

Grace and Peace to you and your families. It's that time of year again. The hustle and bustle of church programming, college classes are starting, and school is beginning for our youngest learners too. No doubt if you are a parent (or remember when your kids were younger or when you were school aged), you know what this time of the season feels like. There is excitement in the air, a little bit of craziness as schedules fall into place...and occasionally there is a bit of stress and frustration that comes. If we carve a little bit of time into our day for prayer...I just know that the stress would be gone, and peace would wash over us.

I always look forward to this time of year, and I am aware that I'm probably one of the few that do. I love all that summertime brings to life, but there is something about going back into a routine, adjusting to new schedules and enjoying all things fall that really excites me and brings me peace.

This program year at church, we are excited to offer Sunday School classes by age group again! Last year the one-room-school-style worked, but this year, thanks to amazing volunteers, we are able to offer classes again by age group! Classes begin on Rally Sunday, September 11. Children will leave from the first service with me after the Children's Sermon, and classes will run from 9:20 - 10:20 am. For more information and to register your child, please reach out to me or visit our website, E-News, or church app.

As you enter into this next season, I pray that you may find peace in your new busy schedules, and I encourage you to make time for prayer each day.

## I Can!

LaRae Kazmierkoski, President

The 25th anniversary garage sale has come and gone, with the help of many hard working people who are committed to raising money, both for the church and for the community! What a project, and a labor of love. The comradery enjoyed during the two weeks of working is such fun to see and enjoy. We are a family, working together for a common good and that is how it all gets done. St Philip's is a generous church, both in giving and doing. If we believe that we are a family, then each member of the family has an obligation to help with whatever needs doing. Each family member is important. No one is too busy to help in some way. And so it should be with our church family. If each of us would do one thing during the year, everything would get done without over burdening the few. Is St Philip's a priority for you? Do you love this church and want it to thrive? If you do, I challenge you to think about one thing you can do this year. Listen to opportunities presented and instead of saying "I can't", try saying "I can." God is counting on us to do more than take up space, so let's get doing! Thank you for what you have done, and for what you will do! Peace!

## PRAYER & THANKS

### Meals on Wheels



The last delivery for the summer! Thank You so much for being the heart and hands of Jesus. Drivers for August were: Monica Anderson, Lynette Thompson, Chuck & Kathy Eichelberger, Larry & Phyllis Ehlers, Steve Ess, Jennifer Prasek and Jody Davis, Olga & Jacob Palmer, Harlan Howenstein and Flo O' Donnell. Thanks again for your time and smiles!

### Rally Sunday - Congregational Brunch

The Parish Fellowship Committee will be serving brunch on Rally Sunday, September 11 from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for waffles, sausage, fruit, and beverages.

### Rally Sunday - God's Work. Our Hands

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let's do this work together!

Join together beginning at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for activities on Sunday, September 11 to decorate lunch bags and cards, roll bandages, and rip t-shirts.

Your hands will help our Disaster Relief teams, overseas mission hospitals and clinics, and seniors living at The Landmark and White Pines.



### Library Group



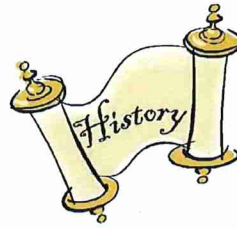
The St. Philip's Library Group will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 9:00 am in the Library. This will be an organizational meeting to determine future meeting times, chores that need to be done, and plans for the year.

All are welcome to attend. Please join our effort to preserve this ministry. For more information, please call Grace Kurtz [651-631-3726].



# JOY & PRAYER

## St. Philip's Kindergarten Program Heritage Group



The new church organized in early 1958 was growing rapidly with families – families with children. The Fridley School District did not, at that time, offer a kindergarten program. At the May 19, 1958, meeting of the Board of Administration (BOA), the Education Committee was approved to investigate the possibility of providing a kindergarten program beginning the fall of 1958.

From The Evangel on June 23, 1958: The plan would be to hold two sessions of kindergarten each day, Monday through Friday, beginning when public school opens in the fall.

From The Evangel on August 5, 1958: The curriculum will be that of a Christian Lutheran school, teaching the normal skills taught in a public kindergarten. This includes Bible stories and Christian song.

By August of 1958 a teacher had been employed – Mrs. Ronald Prazak (Marian) – to teach morning kindergarten. Class size was limited to 30, and the class was full! Tuition was \$12/month for members and \$15 for non-members. If enough additional applications were received, another teacher would be hired for an afternoon session. On May 28, 1959, commencement was held for the first class to graduate from the St. Philip's Kindergarten Program. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Gerhardt Lohmann, Chair of the Education Committee.

The BOA at its December 15, 1958, meeting approved the continuation of the kindergarten program for a second year, beginning in September of 1959. The response to the weekday Kindergarten Program was remarkable. 65 applications had been received by early August and they continued to arrive. Mrs. Orien Vick (Carol) was employed to teach the morning session, replacing Marian Prazak. Mrs. Roy Reiersen (Estelle) was hired to teach the afternoon session. If enough applications were received, a third session would be added, to begin as soon as the education wing was completed.

Even though Fridley Schools would be providing kindergarten in the fall of 1960, the BOA approved the continuation of the Kindergarten Program for its third and final year from 1960-1961. Education was and continues to be important at St. Philip's. It wasn't long before the Education Committee was working on a new educational opportunity – Nursery School. This would become a very successful program that continued for many years.



## SERVE & PRAYER

### Fall Trip

#### St. Philip's Disaster Relief



St. Philip's Disaster Relief (SPDR) is headed back to Waverly, TN with a team of volunteers to help rebuild homes that were damaged by flash flooding in August 2021. Waverly is a community of 4,000 residents in Humphreys County where nearly 1 in 15 homes were damaged and 20 lives were lost.

The team will leave Saturday, October 1, work five days in Waverly, and return on Sunday, October 9. Registration, via email, for this trip will be September 10 - 18. If you are interested in the trip and don't receive the registration email by September 10 or if you have any questions regarding the trip, send an email to [spdr@splcmn.org] or contact Mike Anderson [612-209-8529] or Renee Johnson [612-202-1959].

All are welcome to join this team. Building skills are not required. Please consider helping the residents of Waverly, TN to rebuild their homes and lives.

## The Journey Continues

### Storage Facility Construction

Demolition and construction of the new storage facility will commence after the completion of the garage sale. To date, the old garage sale shed, and the dumpster enclosure have been taken apart. The boards from these structures will be recycled for shelving in the new facility. Beginning the week of August 21, the old garage will be emptied, and the items will be put into an onsite storage container. During the week of August 29, the old garage will be demolished, including the floors and curbs, and leveling (grading) of the site, and new footings will be poured. The construction of the garage itself will start on Monday, September 19.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Spence Minear [sgminear@gmail.com], Mike Anderson [flooddog97@gmail.com], or Katie Swenstad [katies@splcmn.org].

*(Article was written the beginning of August to encompass all stages of the construction)*

# PRAYER & THANKS

## Financials

St. Philip's 2022	Actual July	Actual YTD
Income	\$61,360.19	\$430,056.68
Expense	(\$49,003.61)	(\$401,994.43)
TOTALS	\$12,356.58	\$28,062.25

## Endowment Committee



### The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

*Al Kazmierkoski*

*Gloria Nelson*

*Judy Simko*

Gifts in memory of someone, to celebrate a special occasion, or in simple gratitude should be specified for, "Endowment Fund".

For more information on the St. Philip's Endowment Fund, visit [[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org)] and select, 'Ministries' and then 'Endowment'.

**Thank you for your support!**



## Life Events



## September

Duane and Anita Prairie on 9/7/1957 for 65 years  
Chuck and Suzanne Lunde on 9/1/1962 for 60 years  
Richard and Joyce Lekang on 9/29/1962 for 60 years  
Richard and Olga Palmer on 9/30/1967 for 55 years  
Robert and Rebecca Becker on 9/13/1969 for 53 years  
Donna and Ronald Medin on 9/5/1972 for 50 years  
Myron and Rosemary Mehl on 9/26/1972 for 50 years  
Clark and Kristine Poelzer on 9/1/1973 for 49 years  
Kent and Julie Small on 9/7/1974 for 48 years  
Robert and Mary Shimanski on 9/6/1975 for 47 years  
Allen and Jan Spitzer on 9/6/1975 for 47 years  
Ronald and Jennifer Prasek on 9/13/1975 for 47 years  
John and Kathy Swenson on 9/10/1977 for 45 years  
Linda and Gene Gondorchin on 9/17/1977 for 45 years

Kenneth and Sheryl Oestreich on 9/24/1977 for 45 years  
Stephanie and Thomas Peterson on 9/23/1978 for 44 years  
Brian and Marna Dahlgren on 9/18/1982 for 40 years  
Fred and Lynne Haggard on 9/3/1988 for 34 years  
Darrell and Amy Hauge on 9/1/1990 for 32 years  
Robert and Cathy Barker on 9/29/1990 for 32 years  
Jennifer and Kent Tjader on 9/19/1992 for 30 years  
Julie and Michael Booth on 9/4/1999 for 23 years  
Al and Kari Davies on 9/18/1999 for 23 years  
Timothy and Celeste Prairie on 9/16/2000 for 22 years  
Dave and Rachael Ostrom on 9/8/2001 for 21 years  
Geoff and Kris Meisner on 9/3/2005 for 17 years  
David and Lori Shelton on 9/2/2012 for 10 years

# Friendly Takeaway



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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 - 3 years

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**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

# September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	2 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	3
4 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	5 Labor Day! Office Closed  7:00 pm Gambler Anonymous Mtg.	6 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 6:30 pm Prayer Group 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	7 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:30 pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal	8 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	9 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	10
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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).