

The Friend



Worship Schedule:

October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

9:00 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

Children & Youth Discipleship: 9:20 am

October 2022

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PRAYER

Seeds of Faith

Eric Nelson, Associate Pastor

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." - 2 Corinthians 9:6

October fully settles us into the season of fall. As farmers and gardeners take in physical harvests of food, we certainly ought to consider how this is shared in our communities so that all can be fed. But I also consider the words of Paul in his writings to the Corinthians. He speaks of simple truths of the harvest. One who doesn't plant much won't gather much. One who plants a lot will gather in a lot.

Obviously, we know that there are questions of weather and other variables that can impact the crop. One might not receive quite as bountiful a harvest as they anticipate, but they plant as if it will produce! I was recently speaking with an individual who shared about encouraging a loved one time after time, year after year to get back to church. They said their words finally did something. After years, their loved one was back. One might not consider that a bountiful harvest. That is just one person showing back up to church. But think of how often this was done in care.

That is the other thing we can do in our frequent planting of seeds in the faith. When done with care, knowing the person you are speaking to and already being in relationship, one can further the hope for growth. When even a stranger is genuinely treated with respect and care, there is a possible place for a seed of faith to grow. As we first show care to someone, there are beginnings of good soil for the seed's growth found in the care of our God.

Jesus reached out to meet people's needs of healing, hunger, and forgiveness which helped bring them closer and often to become his followers. We don't receive detailed stories about any who might not have followed after being fed or healed, but Jesus doesn't seem to be keeping score of this. Jesus simply goes out fulfilling the needs of others and sharing the nature of who God is. The harvest is plentiful.

Sometimes we Christians lean hard on one aspect or another. Some are great at showing care and kindness. Some are great at boldly telling of faith in Christ. We should genuinely lean into both as we plant in the harvest. We can ask ourselves where we are being called to grow in this. Can we grow in genuine care for others? Can we grow in boldness sharing faith? What is our first step in any of this today?

Wherever we are, we remember that God works. Even if uncaring, God can grow faith from that seed like a plant in the crack of a rock. Even if timid to share, God can grow faith from our love. Still, we long to grow in this, sharing news that is too good to keep to ourselves and giving thanks that we are invited to experience God's love and grace and share it in the world.

Let us participate in planting and harvest and give thanks!

PRAYER & THANKS

Give Thanks for All Things

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

"And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God . . . If God is for us, who is against us?"

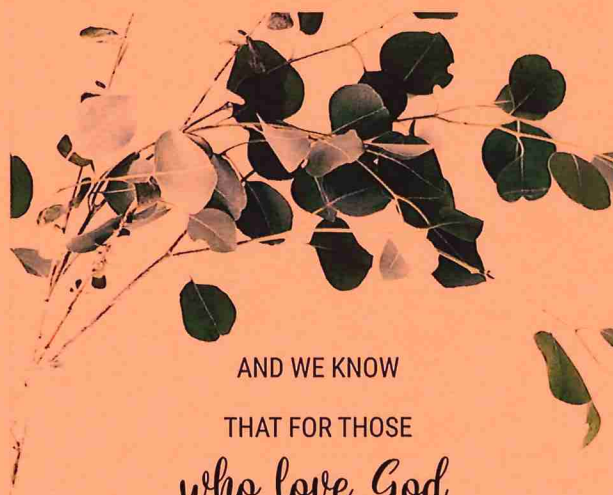
In case you haven't noticed, the days are quickly growing shorter. When this happens, we know that the dark days of winter are not all that far away.

For those of us who cannot drive in the dark, this means that we need to schedule appointments a little later in the morning or earlier toward the end of the day. Add to that the brilliance of the rising and setting sun at this time of year as it seems to be full in our face as we seek to see to drive. It is daunting, to say the least.

This also means that our "shut-ins" truly are shut-in for several months and visits and phone calls are much needed and appreciated.

Are there things you might be able to do for someone to make the time pass more quickly during these months? To whom might God be sending you? All things, Paul tells us, work together for good for those who love God. You might just be a part of this work. You are, after all, blessed to be a blessing.

Enjoy this season while we have it. Savor it. Give thanks for all things.



AND WE KNOW
THAT FOR THOSE
who love God,
ALL THINGS WORK
TOGETHER FOR GOOD

ROMANS 8:28

PRAYER & JOY

Praise the Lord!

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

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6

Grace and peace to you this beautiful Autumn day. This is one of my favorite times of year. The beauty that surrounds us in the changing of the trees, cool weather that brings out the fuzzy socks and comfy sweaters...and pumpkin spice all around! I love it!

The program year is off to a great start! The children and youth are all enjoying the lessons and activities in their classes, and we have some truly amazing volunteers this year. Also, some of the youth and their families gathered and put in some very hard work to paint the Youth Room, and it looks amazing! Please feel free to stop by and check it out.

This season is going to be a busy one around church. The children will begin practicing for the pageant, the youth will be preparing for the fundraising activities for their summer mission trip, and I am so thankful to be able to walk alongside them through it all!

There are so many things to be thankful for...if we truly take the time to look. I will forever praise the Lord for all of the blessings in my life. What are yours?



Board of Administration Highlights



- The construction on the new storage building is more than halfway completed.
- A big thank you to our garage sale, storage building, and community supper volunteers. These events would not be possible without you.
- A SPDR team will be traveling to Waverly, TN, October 1- 9.
- We have had several visitors show interest in becoming members of St. Philip's in the last month.

Bells of Praise



The Bells of Praise is a dedicated volunteer group who participate in both worship services monthly using music to praise God. There are also special musical events in which they participate: the Christmas concert and Music Sunday.

St. Philip's has 5 octaves of handbells and 3 octaves of handchimes. Many different techniques are incorporated into our ringing. The Bells of Praise welcomes additional ringers any time during the season. We are always looking for additional ringers. Requirements include a love of music and interest in fellowship. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Please join us! For further information, please contact Dawn Hansen at [763-780-0360].

E-News: Let's Communicate!

We have many ways for you to receive information about St. Philip's...the Friend, app, website, slides, and the E-News. Do you know what you can find in the E-News? The E-News was created two years ago to provide its readers with a one-stop shop for all things St. Philip's. It is emailed every Friday morning and just by clicking on the links you have access to so much information. You will find the previous Sunday's worship services, the announcements, the most recent Tuesdays Together Bible Study, and the weekly Prayer Meeting. You can find The Friend, ministry news, music information and recordings, give your offering on our secure giving page, access the staff email addresses, and so much more! We invite you to fully use this multi-purpose form of communication. If you would like to receive the E-News or have any questions, please contact Jenni Anderson [JenniA@splcmn.org].

Fall Trip, Team, and Departure St. Philip's Disaster Relief



A SPDR team of 17 individuals will travel to Waverly, TN from October 1 - October 9 to assist in the rebuilding effort following a major flood in the fall of 2021. On Saturday, October 1, the team will be leaving for TN at 8:30 am. We welcome everyone to join the group anytime between 8:15 - 8:30 am at Door 3 to show support and say goodbye and Godspeed! You can follow the trip at [<https://splcmn.org/spdr>] or on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsdisasterrelief>]. The members of the team:

Mike Anderson

Carol Anderson

Diane Campeau

Mike Carroll

Don Foss

Jerry Jensen

Gary Johnson

Renee Johnson

Cheryl Jones

John Katerberg

Sue Rosholt

Rob Sheridan

Mark Swenson

Ken Welle

Dawn Young

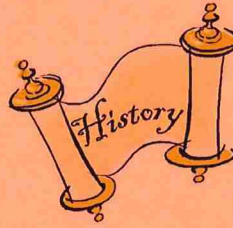
Richard Young

Len Zolna

Pr. Steinhauer & three parishioners (TN)

JOY & PRAYER

Hmong Artwork in Room 1 Heritage Group



In April of this year, the Heritage Committee reached out to the congregation with a "History Mystery".

Two pieces of Hmong artwork had been found and we were looking for information on who donated the item, where they came from, and how they had been displayed in the past.

We have learned that both pieces were purchased and gifted to the church by two members of the congregation. We thank them for their generosity! Over the next few months and with the assistance of the Quilters and the Property & Grounds Committee, these two pieces will be displayed in Room 1 for all to enjoy.

Already on display in Room 1 is another piece of artwork. It is a Hmong Story Cloth. The Heritage Group reached out to Pastor Bee Vang, pastor at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, for help in understanding the story.

Pastor Vang explained that this type of artwork is called "Paj Ntaub". He explained that it does not tell a single story, but rather it depicts several ways of life/stories within its framework. After studying the piece, he explained that it tells the story of the creation in Genesis through the gospels.

Pastor Vang's explanation will be included in the November 2022 edition of the *Friend*.



Trunk and Treat

Halloween will soon be upon us, and St. Philip's will again host a safe and convenient trick or treat experience right here at the church for our members and neighbors to enjoy. Please join us in the west parking lot on Monday, October 31 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. St. Philip's members and friends will decorate the trunks of their cars and the tailgates of their trucks in Halloween fashion and kids will be able to trick-or-treat from car to car.

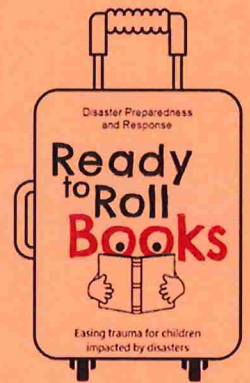
We would appreciate your involvement by displaying a "trunk" or donating a bag or two of individually wrapped candy for the event. Please contact Sue Davis for information [763-784-9318] or you may drop off candy in the church office. Please invite others. All children and families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

SPDR - Ready to Roll Books

Ready to Roll Books are now in Texas! 13 carry-ons containing a total of 910 books, in English and Spanish, were delivered to the ELCA Gulf Coast Synod office in Houston in mid-September. The Ready to Roll Books is a project of St. Philip's Disaster Relief where rolled carry-on suitcases are fitted with shelves and filled with children's books for all ages. Check out the photos on Facebook at [<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsdisasterrelief>].

Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible by donating books, carry-ons, and money; sorting through the books for condition; labeling the books by reading level, building the shelves; and filling the carry-ons. A special thank you to Rev. Chris Markert and the Gulf Coast Synod disaster team that will help deploy the carry-ons, SPDR team members DeMaris Nelson and Renee Johnson for delivering them to Houston, Thelma and Myron Nash for storing everything in their living room for months, and to Pastor Deb Grant, of Houston, for getting this project rolling.

After the Ready to Roll Books were delivered, Pastor Chris said, "Thanks to St. Philip's for their ongoing partnership with the Gulf Coast Synod over the years to support our work in disaster preparedness and response!"



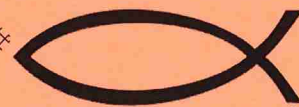
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Growing Through Loss



This 6-week series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session begins with an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by small groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Although there is no cost, donations are welcome. Registration takes place each evening before the program. Church affiliation is not necessary. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions. Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. Please call [763-755-5335] or visit [www.growingthroughloss.org] for more information. The current series is being held Thursday evenings, September 15 – October 20, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection – 3115 Victoria St. N, Roseville, MN 55113 [651-484-1292].

Endowment Committee



The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Gary Erickson

Darlene Rosholt

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] and select, 'Ministries' and then 'Endowment'.

Thank you for your support!

PRAYER & JOY



October

John and Marlys Hinsverk on 10/26/1957 for 65 years
Richard and Betty Nordling on 10/11/1958 for 64 years
Arthur and Bonita DeMeyere on 10/8/1960 for 62 years
Richard and Bette Blair on 10/20/1962 for 60 years
Larry and Phyllis Ehlers on 10/28/1962 for 60 years
Gary and Linda Morris on 10/21/1967 for 55 years
Duane and Arlene Retzer on 10/23/1971 for 51 years
Don and Val Habig on 10/4/1975 for 47 years
Lonnie and Marsha LeClair on 10/9/1976 for 46 years
George and Cheryl Mills on 10/8/1977 for 45 years
Kay and Steven Loucks on 10/29/1977 for 45 years

Mark and Tamara Zroka on 10/21/1978 for 44 years
James and Lori Manecke on 10/4/1986 for 36 years
Michael and Kristy Dettle on 10/25/1986 for 36 years
Jack and Michelle Angerhofer on 10/7/1989 for 33 years
Don and Jan Nelson on 10/14/1989 for 33 years
Gregory and Wendy Hundt on 10/7/1995 for 27 years
Jeffrey and Melissa Loven on 10/29/2005 for 17 years
Dustin and Elizabeth Lauby on 10/30/2005 for 17 years
Jeremiah and Kelsey Johnson on 10/6/2006 for 16 years
Lynn Cooch and Diane Monson on 10/5/2013 for 9 years

Financials

St. Philip's 2022	Actual August	Actual YTD
Income	\$32,907.19	\$462,963.87
Expense	(\$58,498.29)	(\$460,492.72)
TOTALS	(\$25,591.10)	\$2,471.15

Friendly Takeaway

*Pray, not until God
hears you, but until
you listen to God.*

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Worship Schedule

9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

- Access worship livestreams on our website [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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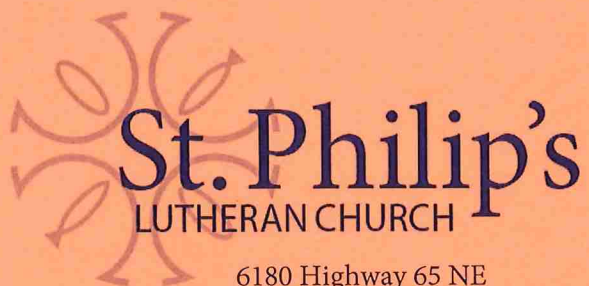
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Bille Lutheran in Nigeria

Ministers: All members of the Parish

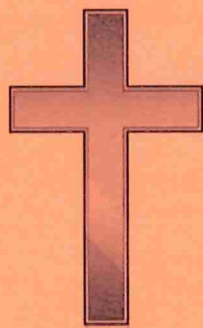
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST



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).