

The Friend

March Worship Schedule

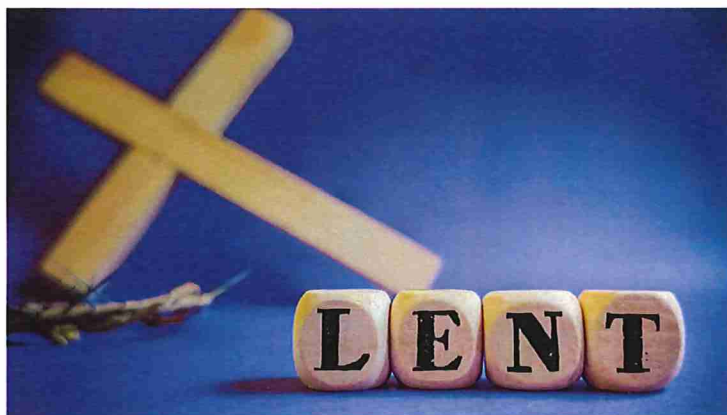
Sundays

March 5, 12, 19, and 26

9:00 and 10:30 am

Lenten Wednesdays

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29



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GROW & WORSHIP

Speak and Listen in Prayer

Eric Nelson, Associate Pastor

"In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed." - Mark 1:35

In this season of Lent, our Wednesday evening preaching series is on different types of prayer. (Services are Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in-person and online on our website.) Reminders and refreshers in prayer are so beneficial for our daily lives in each season. Schedules can get chaotic or days can become mundane. We can feel like all things are going our way or like we're trying to forge upstream without a paddle. No matter what the day brings, prayer is essential.

Mark's gospel is notorious for quickly and briefly highlighting stories of Jesus' life and ministry. By Mark 1:35, Jesus has been baptized and called the Son of God, tempted in the wilderness, preaching and calling disciples to follow, casting out demons, and curing the sick. In the morning after Jesus had cast out demons and healed many with diseases late into the evening, we hear these words in Mark 1:35.

"In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."

Jesus sought solitude to be in communication in prayer. I don't expect any of us to be Jesus, but we should certainly follow him. As he sought silence for prayer, we ought to as well. His ministry among the crowds is unlike anything else. He brings healing and life, but he too modeled this need as a human to be in solitude to communicate with God. If we are also to bring a portion of Christ's love and healing, we also need to be rooted in God's will in prayer. And we need solitude for this. To best listen to and communicate with one another, we remove the distractions around us.

I come from a pretty small and relatively quiet family. I don't think I'll ever forget the first time I met my wife's extended family. They were wonderful, joking and hazing the new guy a bit, sure, but wonderfully welcoming and sharing in joy together as a family. There were probably four times as many people as in my own typical family gatherings and it felt at least ten times as loud. It was a good gathering with wonderful people, but it was not a space and time for quiet conversation. I had to try desperately to focus on the conversation at hand in the midst of all the noise. Can you imagine the commotion around Jesus as he cured the sick and cast out demons? It was nothing but wonderful, but also was not a place and time for quiet conversation with God.

Whether you are an extrovert or an introvert, we are called to both gather in a Christian community and hold times of solitude to focus ourselves in prayer with God. We quiet all else to listen only for God's voice and will. In any relationship, we reserve time to speak and listen. This is a key part of our life in faith. Jesus' model for prayer is beneficial for each of our lives in faith as well.

I pray God's will and presence will be known to you as you speak and listen in prayer this Lenten season. May the God who sends us to service in a chaotic world speak lovingly to our hearts in silence to guide us and remind us of our place and purpose as God's beloved children.

Forgiveness

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy;
blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
Create a clean heart in me, O God and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.
Psalm 51:1,2 & 10,11*

We are entering deeply into Lent. It is time to put our spiritual house in order -- to scrub our souls clean. But this is not something we can do on our own. It is a process that involves God and others. First, we need to acknowledge the sin that we carry and make ready to be done with it.

I grew up Catholic and often went to the Sacrament of Penance, or Confession. To prepare for this I would examine my conscience making note of egregious or recurring sins. When I was ready I would enter the confessional and wait for the priest to slide the little door open. Then I would confess my sins and make an "act of contrition" and receive absolution. Sometimes there would be some advice and always there would be prayers to be said.

I have to tell you that it felt good. Did it last? Not always. But I knew that forgiveness was always waiting for me. And that felt good too.

We not only need to be forgiven, but we all have people we need to forgive. Lent is a good time to work on that project in our lives. A professor at Fuller Seminary wrote this about forgiveness: "Forgiveness is surrendering your right to hurt back." Let that sink in.

Pray for those you need to forgive because it's not all about what you may need to do. It's also about what needs to be done for you. Forgiveness is a gift of God for you. It's all about creating a new heart.

Have a blessed Lent and let Jesus change you.

**"Forgiveness is
surrendering your right to hurt back."**

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Building Each Other Up

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

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.. Psalm 62:5

Grace and Peace to you. Spring is just around the corner, and we are well into the season of Lent! In 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. Sometimes it's not easy, but if we have a little hope, and trust in the Lord, anything is possible.

Our Youth program organized and held a unique fundraising event this past month. They asked for donations of children's books, which were then donated to our Food & Clothing Shelf so that their visitors can place books into their children's hands. On behalf of the Youth, I would like to extend a huge thank you to those who donated books or money to purchase books...what an amazing outpouring of support!

Looking ahead, we're excited for this year's upcoming First Communion classes, Lenten Mentor activities, another cinnamon roll sale on Palm Sunday as well as the children singing at both Palm Sunday worship services! 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 find hope in your heart and that you are able to take time to see where God is in your life.



Looking Forward

Brian Munsterman, President

There is something about this time of year where I always seem to be looking forward to what is to come! I know that there are only a few more weeks until Spring is here, the snow will start melting and there will be new fresh growth all around us! As I look to beginning my journey as the president of the Board of Administration, I think of all the wonderful things that St. Philip's does and the things that we will continue to do. I look forward to the continued growth of St. Philip's as well. With us entering Lent, we are reminded how much Jesus gave up for us. I personally look at it as a time of what I can do to give back. I am blessed that I can share my time, talents, and financial offerings. There are so many wonderful areas within St. Philip's that would greatly benefit from the use of your gifts of time, talent, and finances too. Will you join me in offering your gifts? Let's continue to work together to make St. Philip's the best that we can. Blessings to all through this Lenten season.

Board of Administration Highlights



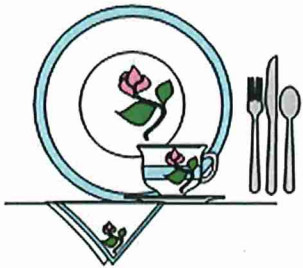
- We welcome Brian Munsterman as the new president and Aaron Gondorchin as vice president of the congregation.
- We welcome new BOA Members, Judy Greer and Tom Mesenbourg.

Meals on Wheels

Valentine sweethearts were on the road February 6 - 10 delivering meals for Meals on Wheels to very grateful recipients. Love is in the giving! Thank you for all you do for others! Phyllis & Larry Ehlers, Carole & Jerry Jensen, Kathy & Chuck Eichelberger, Mary & Rob Shimanski, Ron Prasek & Jody Davis, Steve Ess, Sandy & Eldy Nelson, Deb & Mike Carroll, and Dawn & Richard Young. Our next delivery week is April 3 - 7. If you would like to help deliver, please call Dawn at [612-270-0326].



Festival of Tables



The Festival of Tables will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fundraiser for the St Philip's Food & Clothing Shelf and the Wednesday Community Supper. Many beautiful tablescapes will be featured! Lunch will be served, and the speaker is Doug Ohman, a photojournalist and storyteller.

The Parish Fellowship Committee will be selling tickets for the Festival of Tables in the Narthex on Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 between services. Tickets are \$18. Plan to join us at this beautiful event.

Growing Through Loss Series

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. We will be following Abiding Savior Lutheran Church's facility use policy during this session. Childcare will not be provided for safety reasons. Masks are required if you are not fully vaccinated. Call [763-755-5335] or visit [www.growingthroughloss.org] for more information. The next series will be held Monday evenings, April 17 - May 22, from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church - 8211 Red Oak Dr., Mounds View, MN 55112

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Stories From the Food & Clothing Shelf

We offer free blood pressure screenings on Tuesdays and Fridays (Ann Westby on Tuesdays and Kathy Knutson on Fridays). We use a model provided to us by the American Heart Association. Approximately 1/3 of the Tuesday and Friday visitors take part in this service. On the last day of the month, a woman came in and enthusiastically announced that our blood pressure screening had saved her life. In one of our recent blood pressure screenings, her blood pressure was found to be severely elevated and we recommended that she visit her doctor immediately. She did so and her doctor admitted her to the hospital where she spent three days getting her blood pressure under control. She looked so much better and obviously was so thankful that we offer the service and caught her high blood pressure and possibly saved her life.

Wednesday evenings we are seeing a huge increase in Spanish-speaking visitors. At the Annual Meeting, I mentioned that Connor and Aiden Bertsch attend Spring Lake Park's Spanish Immersion School and offered to interpret for those visitors who don't speak English. They have been an amazing asset to the Food & Clothing Shelf Ministry. A blessing to St. Philip's. Thank you, Aiden & Connor.

Examples of Various Visitor Dialogues:

1) A man from St. Louis Park with 3 kids and 2 adults in the family. 1st time visitor.

Hall Monitor: How did you find us - a food shelf in Fridley?

A man from St. Louis Park: I checked online for food shelves open tonight.

Hall Monitor: Would you like to look for clothes also?

Man from St. Louis Park: I'll take a look at what you have but I don't need anything at this time. You have a wonderful selection of food and clothing. Thank you so much.

2) Woman immigrant from Ukraine with 2 kids and 2 adults. Speaking in broken but understandable English.

Hall Monitor: (on entry) You may have two bags of food and one bag of clothing.

Guest: (on exit) Thank you so much.

Until All Are Fed . . . And Clothed



Trip and Updates

St. Philip's Disaster Relief Ministry

A SPDR Team will be traveling to Waverly, TN for the third time in a year. The trip will take place in the last week of April, leaving Saturday, April 22, working for five days in Waverly, and returning on Sunday, April 30. In August of 2021, the area received 20 inches of rain in a 24-hour period causing severe flooding throughout the community. The SPDR team will assist in the rebuilding efforts in Waverly and the surrounding area. The team will stay at the Waverly United Methodist Church.

Registration for the trip will run from Saturday, April 1 - Saturday, April 8. Registration will take place via email. If you don't currently receive email from SPDR and wish to receive the registration information, please send a request to [spdr@splcmn.org] for the registration info. Please also consider this an invitation to join the team. All are welcome and no building skills are required.

Team members and others continue to prepare and move our equipment and supplies into the SPDR stall of the new Storage Facility. For many years now, everything has been stored in several locations. We have built shelving and have begun to move everything into the facility. Our larger trailer was moved to its new home a few weeks ago. The second trailer will make the move this spring. Thank you for everyone's help in making this long - overdue project a reality.

Community Supper Donations

Due to certain modifications within our Community Supper, the funds necessary to continue this ministry have increased. Loaves and Fishes no longer provide us with free food. This means the support for this ministry will need to come by donations from the congregation. Donations may be made in way of monetary giving or of specific food items. Money may be given through PushPay or by mailing/sending payment to the office.

- Sponsor a meal for \$200 (the price per supper)
- Sponsor the protein for a meal for \$100
- Donate any amount to the Community Supper
- Take a tag from the board in the Narthex, purchase the food item and return it to the bin in the Narthex.

Food items should be placed in the bin in the Narthex or brought to the office. Much needed food items include:

- ~ Spaghetti Noodles
- ~ Egg Noodles
- ~ Cans of fruit
- ~ Cans of vegetables
- ~ Boxes of mashed potatoes
- ~ Lg. cans of tuna
- ~ Jars of spaghetti sauce
- ~ Jars of alfredo sauce
- ~ Boxes of scalloped potatoes
- ~ Disposable roasting pans
- ~ Family sized cans of cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup

Look for information boards coming soon for more giving opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Please join us for supper each Wednesday at 5:15 pm! If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact LaRae Kazmierkoski [laraekaz@aol.com].

WORSHIP & GROW

Organ Notes Heritage Group



The new church needed everything! Number one on that need list was an organ. The February 26, 1958, edition of the Evangel included a column entitled "Things Needed".

There are three things that the Pastor has been looking for, and which he has not yet found.

If anyone can be of help, speak with him about it.

One is a reed organ. This is for use at the parsonage, in the basement, until the church is ready.

We have borrowed a field organ from the Gateway Gospel Mission but that has to be returned before long. Does anyone know where we might secure a good reed organ?

By the summer of 1958, a large Etsy two-manual and pedal reed organ built in 1907 was brought from Albert Lea.

Orien Vick, chairperson of the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee brought the organ to the church and Stanley Snow and several others repaired the organ and added an electric motor. The organ did not have quite enough power, however, so an usher could often be seen rushing to the back to pump the organ to get the congregation through a hymn. The organ was placed in the rear of the chapel and was used for all worship services until the main sanctuary was completed in 1966.

In January of 1965, the church purchased a two manual and pedal clavier pipe organ from the Hillgreen, Lane & Company in Alliance Ohio. The purchase price was \$16,400. Installation was completed in December 1965 and on December 11, 1966, the organ was dedicated with a Festival of Music with Dr. Paul Manz as guest organist.

By 1978 a committee had been formed to make recommendations on the purchase of a new pipe organ for the Sanctuary. The "First 25 Fund" was established to raise funds to purchase the new organ before the 25th Anniversary in May 1983. The Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, Ohio was selected, and an order was placed in June of 1981.

42 ranks, 46 stops, and 2,337 pipes! A beautiful instrument to be built specifically for St. Philip's. The purchase price was \$179,886. The delivery and installation were completed in October 1982. A dedication concert was held on December 5, with guest organist Howard Don Small. After over 40 years of service, the current Building for the Future II fund raiser will dedicate funds to maintain this beautiful instrument.



Library Adds Many New Titles



The St. Philip's Library has recently added new books to the collection. Stop in before or after services to check us out!

Children

- * "Alphabet Adventure" by Dawn Rundman. (E/RUN)
- * "Ava and the Big Ouch: a Book about Feeling Better" by Lucy Bell. (E/BEL)
- * "Happy Birthday, Ava! a Book about Putting Others First" by Lucy Bell. (E/BEL)
- * "Hooray for Minnesota Winters!" by Paul Lowrie and Nicholas Bret. (E/LOW) It's about Minnesota weather.
- * "Jo and the Slow Soup: a Book about Patience" by Elias Carr. (E/CAR)
- * "Rufus and the Scary Storm a Book about Being Brave" by Lucy Bell. (E/BEL)
- * "Rufus and the Very Special Baby: a Frolic Christmas Story" by Carla Barnhill. (E/BAR)
- * "Rufus Loses His Cape: a Book about Asking for Help" by Lucy Bell. (E/BEL)
- * "Uri and the busy Day: a Book about Feeling Overwhelmed" by Lucy Bell. (E/BEL)

Nonfiction

- * "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim DeFede. (971.8/DEF) On September 11, 2001, 38 jetliners bound for the U.S. were forced to land in Gander, Canada. Residents of this small town were called upon to care for them.
- * "Helping Children Grieve When Someone They Love Dies" by Theresa M. Huntley. (155.9/HUN)
- * "Little Steps, Big Faith: How the Science of Early Childhood Development Can Help You Grow Your Child's Faith" by Dawn Rundman. (155.4/RUN)
- * "Talking Horse: How Equus Taught Me the Language of Hope" by Jacalyn Pierce. (921/PIE)
- * "A Time to Mourn, a Time to Dance: Help for Losses in Life" by Margaret Metzgar. (248.8/MET)
- * "Woke Church" by Eric Mason. (277.3/MAS)

Fiction

- * "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel. (FIC/HAR) A semi-retired librarian in Florida finds an image of a book she hasn't seen in 65 years. The article describes the looting of libraries across Europe during WWII. she was forced to flee Paris because her father was a Jew. She began forging documents for Jewish children to flee to Switzerland.
- * "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott. (FIC/ALC) Here's your chance to read this classic that you never got around to during high school.
- * "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennet. (FIC/BETHisN) This historical fiction novel is about twin African American girls who grow up in a small southern town. One passes for white.

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Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Don Fauteck

Jonathan Flom

Sheila Olson

Eric Young

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].

Financials

St. Philip's 2023	Actual January	Actual YTD
Income	\$46,002	\$46,002
Expense	(\$69,144)	(\$69,144)
TOTALS	(\$23,141)	(\$23,141)

Life Events



March

Howard and Shirley Mosman on 3/26/1955 for 68 years Wes and Jeanine Grandstrand on 3/31/1973 for 50 years
Anne and Darrel Kudebeh on 3/17/1961 for 62 years



The friends and family of:

Joan Jordahl

Cherie Manderschied

Kay Petersen

Ron Ronken

Mary Ann Strand



Our hearts are broken with the sudden passing of our beloved son Eric. Our St. Philip's family is truly helping us through this difficult time. All your greetings and kind words of sympathy and loving hugs are appreciated more than we can express. We are so blessed that we are assured that he rests in the arms of our Lord.

Thank You, Richard and Dawn Young

Friendly Takeaway



"Faith is a living,
daring confidence
in God's grace, so
sure and certain
that a man could
stake his life on it
a thousand times."

MARTIN LUTHER



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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: 9:00 - 11:30 am for children 3 months - 3 years

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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).