

The Friend

Holy Week

April 2- Palm Sunday

9:00 and 10:30 am

April 5 - Prayer Service

6:00 pm

April 6 - Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm

April 7 - Good Friday Cantata

6:00 pm

Easter

Sunday, April 9

9:00 and 10:30 am

April 2023

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GROW & WORSHIP

Finding a Way

Matt Flom, Pastor

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God, our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I look out the window when I'm writing this, I see some grass, but also a lot of snow. The temperature was nice this morning when I took my two dogs, Ole and Lena, out for a walk, but the sidewalk was still full of ice. I ended up walking in the street so I wouldn't slip and fall. There is hope for the new spring, but there still are difficulties. Things aren't quite the way I would like them to be, but I'm finding a way to keep going. That seems to be the way this year is headed. I wish things were back to normal or at least the way they used to be, but I know I still have to work around difficulties. The same goes for church, I think. We are working through a few difficulties, but we are finding ways to keep the mission of our congregation strong.

We have had a few issues with the sound during worship. Most of these issues are fixed, but we are continuing to work to make it better. If you worship at home/online and the sound isn't good enough, let me or Pr. Eric know; we can come and visit and take a look at how to fix things. We also had a huge problem with our offering envelope company. They had supply and worker issues and they did not send out envelopes to anyone (that we know of) for a quarter. This resulted in a substantial drop in offerings. Many folks contacted us and we sent them substitute envelopes. Also, many people realized that they had gotten behind on what they wanted to give and caught back up in giving. This has been a huge help to the church. We have also come to realize that quite a few members find it best to worship at home/online. We can see that most Sundays there are between 60 and 80 views of Sunday worship, but we of course don't know who is watching (and nobody knows how many people equal a view). We are seeking to put together a roster of online/at home worshipping members so that we can serve them better. If you and your household participate in worship online/at home, please let me know. Pr. Eric and I would like to be able to visit you and make sure we stay connected. You are always an important part of the St. Philip's family of faith.

I also want to thank all the leaders and volunteers who are working through all these issues and are continuing to make St. Philip's a better place. St. Philip's continues to make a tangible difference in the lives of our members and members of our community. Thank you for your dedication and faithfulness.

The Voice of Jesus

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

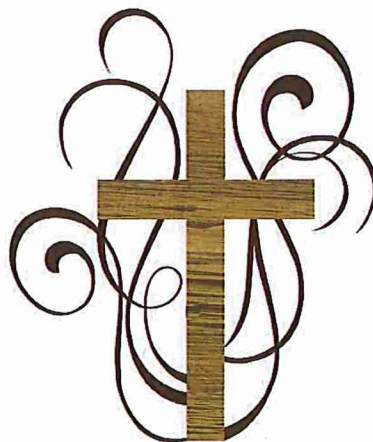
It was dark that first Easter morning when Mary went to the tomb. She was filled with grief and had not likely slept much since Jesus was crucified. Her weeping made it difficult to see clearly. She went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away and when she looked inside, she saw two angels sitting where Jesus had lain. She told them she was looking for Jesus and they told her that he had risen from the dead. Mary turned and walked away from the tomb and when she did she saw someone. She thought it was the gardener, but then he spoke. Jesus spoke her name, "Mary," and told her to go tell the disciples that he had risen. She reached for him, but he told her not to hang on to him, that he needed to go to his Father. And so, Mary did as Jesus asked her to do.

When Jesus spoke her name, she knew who he was. What would it sound like if Jesus came to you and spoke your name? Stop for just a moment and listen for the voice of Jesus. It may be soft or loud, but you will know it is him.

Jesus is always calling to you in love and bidding you to open your heart to him and to others.

You can be the voice of Jesus as you pray for others, as you bring them comfort and encourage them. You just need to speak tenderly to those to whom Jesus sends you. This can happen in a visit with a friend or with a stranger. When you speak kindly, you speak in the name of Jesus.

May you be blessed this Easter as you meet the resurrected Christ and listen to his voice as he calls to you.



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Letting Your Light Shine

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

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Grace and peace to you on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has blessed us with! So as I write this, I have no way of knowing what the weather will be like, but I do hope that you find it a beautiful day.

A few weeks ago, for my Children's Sermon, I brought a desk lamp with me. I asked the children and the congregation to help me turn the lamp on by singing "This Little Light of Mine". After a few unsuccessful attempts (I intentionally didn't plug it in or turn it on at first) we sure did have fun trying! Then, after we had all of the things we needed ready, we were able to let our light shine!

This demonstration was so much more than a silly action. I believe that for so many things that we do in life, it's important that we have help. We know that we want to let our light shine. We sometimes think that our light is shining but what we don't realize is that occasionally we need help. If we truly allow others to help, not only will our light shine but it will be the brightest that it's ever been.

Friends, I am searching for those with caring hearts and helping hands of all ages... please consider volunteering at Vacation Bible School! Volunteer and let your light shine so bright! There are many different areas to help. You could lead a crew, run a station, help with set up or help decorate. However you choose to volunteer, you are sure to grow in your faith as you help our youngest friends grow in theirs...and let their light



Renewed Growth

Brian Munsterman, President

As I write this, I look outside and still see all the snow. But I remind myself that spring is literally just days away. I rejoice in knowing that warmer weather is on the way to stay and that the snow will be melting soon. Grass will start to grow, trees will bud, and flowers will start sprouting. Spring, such a wonderful time of year! This is a time of renewed growth and energy. This reminds me so much of the season of Lent and Easter. During Lent we wait, wait for the rising of Christ. Easter is a time to rejoice in his rising and the hope that he provides. I hope all of you can spend some time with families and loved ones this Easter and rejoice in these blessings. Easter Blessings to all!

Board of Administration Highlights



- Receiving a grant from Anoka County that will pay for new hand dryers in the restrooms and replace existing drinking fountains with new ones that will include water bottle filling stations.
- We welcomed several new members this month.

Save the Date - Annual Spring Clean-up

It has been a long snowy winter, but spring is finally here and it's time to get the church grounds in shape for the summer! Please save the date and join us Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, as we get together to weed, rake, edge, etc. More information to come as the date gets closer. If you have any questions, please contact Katie [KatieS@splcmn.org].



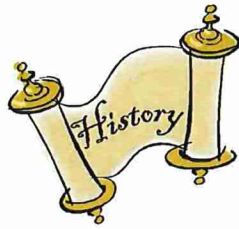
Growing Through Loss Series



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

WORSHIP & GROW

Baldawhat?? Heritage Group



Next time you are in the Sanctuary, look up! That unique, massive canopy hanging over the altar is called a Baldachin. What is a Baldachin? It is a ceremonial canopy of stone, metal or fabric over an altar, throne, or doorway.

St. Philip's Baldachin, created in the form of a cross, is suspended 22 feet above the altar.

At the very center, enclosed in a bursting sun, is the Chi Rho (first two letters of the Greek word for Christ), and the Alpha and Omega, (first and last letters of the Greek alphabet). This symbolizes Christ as the beginning and the end.

The Holy Spirit, represented by a Dove, is placed over the sun.

A six-pointed star under the sun symbolizes the six days of creation when God created this earth and all living creatures.

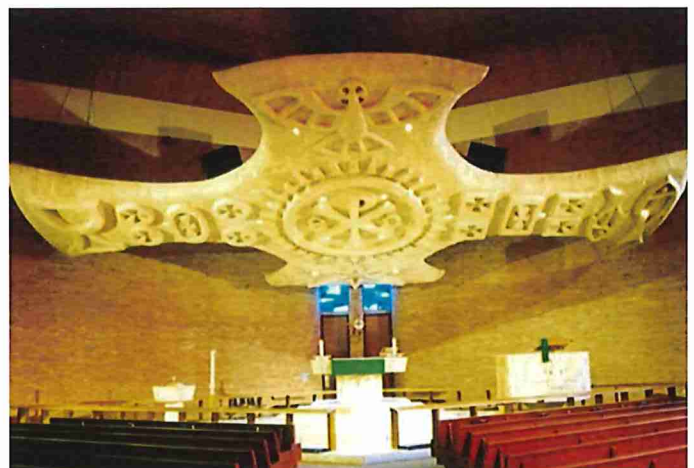
On the left side of the cross, the wafers and chalice indicate that we receive God's grace through the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Five wafers are used to symbolize the five wounds inflicted on the body of Christ, and the wafers are round to symbolize the eternal life we receive through God's grace in the Lord's Supper.

On the right side of the cross are five loaves and two fish, based on the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, reminding us that our daily bread and all that we need to live on this earth is given us by God. The loaves are rectangular to symbolize the material world.

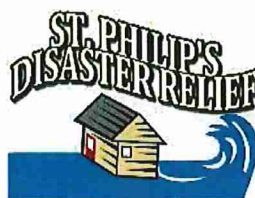
The Baldachin was designed and created by Professor Palmer Eide of the Augustana College Art Department. He was assisted by his son, Peter Eide and Steven Larson, a graduate art student at Augustana.

Designs were cut into eight-inch-thick chunks of Styrofoam which were then mounted on a lightweight base sheet and covered with plaster saturated burlap. The fine coating of sand applied to the plaster gives a rough textured appearance. Created in 32 sections, the 56x32 foot canopy was shipped to Fridley and joined together on a suspended metal frame. The joints were sealed with the same burlap-plaster-sand procedure.

The new Sanctuary, including the Baldachin, was dedicated on November 27, 1966.



Waverly Trip & Storage Facility St. Philip's Disaster Relief Ministry



A SPDR Team will be traveling to Waverly, TN for the third time. The trip will take place in the last week of April. 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.

Registration for the trip will run from Saturday, April 1 - Saturday, April 8. Registration will be processed through email. If you wish to receive the registration information (and don't currently receive SPDR email messages) please send an email to [spdr@splcmn.org] requesting the registration info. We invite you to join the team. All are welcome. And very importantly, no building skills are required.

During the trip those at home can follow the team's activities on Facebook through the St. Philip's Disaster Relief page. As during past trips, we are planning to make at least one post per day recapping the day's activities, but there are usually many posts each day by team members.

We continue to prepare and move our equipment and supplies into the SPDR stall of the new Storage Facility. Our larger trailer was moved into its new home in January and the second trailer joined mid-March following a major backyard snow dig out. Again, thank you for everyone's help in making this project happen.

The Journey Continues

Thank You - Funeral Hospitality Group!

We would like to thank all the dedicated hard-working women that serve on the Funeral Hospitality Team and help families plan for a gathering following a funeral. Thank you: Sharon Aune, Sandy Byl, Paula Cable, Sandy Kallroos, Joyce Lekang, Shirley Mosman, Dana Rebelein, and Karen Teska. We also thank Sue Fenning for her contributions, Karla Ackerman for her leadership and Katie Swenstad and Everett Washington for facility set-up. If you would like to volunteer with the Funeral Hospitality Team, please contact us. Thank you, Linda Benson and Wanda Benson.



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Endowment Fund

The St. Philip’s Endowment Fund

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Betty Alfredson

Jonathan Flom

Kay Petersen

Mary Ann Strand

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

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*	St. Philip’s 2023	Actual February	Actual YTD
*	Income	\$76,618.48	\$122,871.00
*	Expense	(\$57,843.13)	(\$126,987.30)
*	TOTALS	\$18,775.35	(\$4,116.30)
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Life Events



April

Leland and Marilyn Drossel on 4/23/1965 for 58 years

David and Shirley Hogan on 4/3/1971 for 52 years

Richard and LoRaye Hedlund on 4/22/1972 for 51 years

Steve and Lisa Clovning on 4/30/1977 for 46 years

Lee and Betty Hinnenkamp on 4/12/1978 for 45 years

Nancy and Martin Menzia on 4/22/1978 for 45 years

Steven and Kay Haglund on 4/25/1981 for 42 years

Joe and Wendy Wegleitner on 4/14/1984 for 39 years

Gwendolen and Patrick Zeman on 4/5/1986 for 37 years

Cameron and Rhonda Ollila on 4/4/1992 for 31 years

Michael and Nancy Varichak on 4/3/1993 for 30 years

Jerry and Laura Havon on 4/27/1996 for 27 years

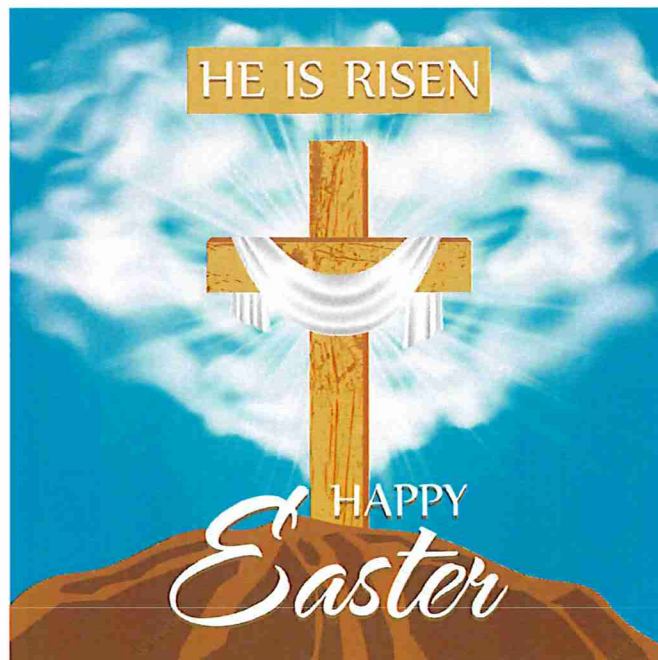
Raymond and Patty Fabian on 4/23/2005 for 18 years

Brian and Jessica Munsterman on 4/8/2006 for 17 years

Bryan and Bridget Hovde on 4/5/2007 for 16 years

Lauren and Jennifer Goldenstein on 4/25/2015 for 8 years

Toan and Jennifer Tran on 4/2/2016 for 7 years



Friendly Takeaway



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Everett Washington, Part-Time Custodian

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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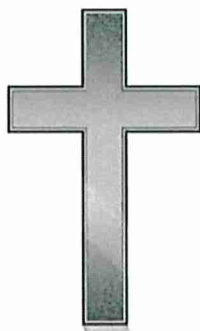
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 12:00 pm 55 and Under Crew
2 Palm Sunday! 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:00 am Youth Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser 10:30 am Worship	3 1:00 pm Joy Circle 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.	4 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	5 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Prayer Service 6:30 pm Bells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	7 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf 6:00 pm Good Friday Cantata	8
9 Happy Easter! 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship	10 Easter Monday - Office Closed 10:00 am Parish Fellowship Mtg. 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.; Gam-Anon Mtg.	11 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:00 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg; Heritage Group Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	12 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am WOW 10:00 am EA Mtg.; Women's Book Club 1:00 pm Women Walking Alone Together 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	14 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	15
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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).