



The Friend

SUMMER

All are Welcome!

Sundays

9:00 am - Traditional

10:30 am - Contemporary

Prayer Service

Wednesday, June 7

Blessing of the Animals

6:00 pm

June 2023

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GROW & WORSHIP

Connecting With God Wherever You May Be

Matt Flom, Pastor

*Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

Psalms 139:7-10

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God, our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Summer is finally here; despite a winter that liked us so much it just couldn't seem to leave. In Minnesota we realize that summer is the time to get outside and go places. I know a lot of folks go to the lake, the cabin, or on trips. Getting away is needed to recharge our batteries and be refreshed for all that we have to do. Getting away also means missing worship. I have some tips for maintaining good practice as a disciple of Jesus when away from home. We all know that we can access worship online through computers, tablets, and smartphones. However, often our trips take us places where we don't have Wi-Fi, so when traveling go to the ELCA website to an area called, 'find a congregation' and you can search for a place to worship near where you are staying. [<https://www.elca.org/tools/FindACongregation>] Visiting other congregations can be fun and a great way to learn new or different ways to do church. You can bring back a bulletin, pictures, or ideas and share them with your faith family. If you're going to an area without any suitable churches, you and your household can take a few minutes to do devotions on Sunday morning (or any or every day you choose). There are many devotional books and apps available, but a scripture reading and prayer do well also. If you are hosting guests coming into town, make it a point to bring them to worship at St. Philip's. When you bring guests, please come a little early so you can show them where to find all the important things like restrooms and coffee. Please welcome them to communion and explain how we do it here. If they have kids, let them know about the children's sermon, activity bags, and the pray ground. I hope your summer is a wonderful time of rest, renewal, and adventure whether you are traveling or hosting. God is always with you no matter where you go, so make it a spiritual habit to connect to God each day in your personal devotions and to praise God each week in worship no matter where you are.

Morning by Morning

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

This hymn has long been one of my favorites. It reminds me that God does not change. God's mercies are new each and every morning and for this I am grateful.

This time of year, we are greeted with abundant mornings. My kitchen is on the east side of my house and as the sun comes up it fills my kitchen with light. My gardens on this side of the house are filled with a kaleidoscope of flowering plants. New things bloom almost every day. As they fade away other blooms take their place.

As I write, the trees are flowering as are the bushes. My rhododendrons are lush with purple blossoms. Soon they will also fade, and my mother's peonies will bloom along with Siberian Iris. Later there will be flox and what I call "Black-eyed Susans".

And so, it is also with us. A new phrase has crept into the vocabularies of my physicians, "As we age . . ." I don't much appreciate hearing their reminder that things are changing for me, but of course they are. There are things I can no longer do easily, and some things take more time, so I make accommodations to the situations. But in these changes, God is faithful to me as God has always been and I am grateful for the little things - like a handicap hanger so I can park closer to wherever it is I'm going. That blue card hanging from my rearview mirror is pretty nice to have!

So, as one aspect of my life fades away, new mercies abound, like afternoon naps and visits with old friends, and watching a new generation take over family duties. God's mercies never end. God does not change, but God's mercies adapt to our needs and bless us morning by morning.



GROW & SERVE

We Are Called

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

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Grace and Peace to you. We are all called to be God's Hands and Feet...have you answered that call? If so, how has it changed you? Where else is God calling you to serve? Are you brave enough to answer the call?

I have written about this before, but it's worth sharing again. It has now been around 2,380 days since I answered the call to work at St. Philip's. Every moment since answering that call has been a true blessing, and it has undoubtedly changed me. Being able to walk with families and children on their faith journey is amazing. Watching them get to know, love, and welcome Jesus into their lives, all while encouraging them to be God's hands and feet, has been life-changing for me. This program year has come to an end...wow it went fast! As I reflect on this past program year, I am reminded of the wonderful memories made, and my heart is so full. I am so excited about Vacation Bible School, and the summer Mission Trip, and I look forward to hearing all about camp from our littlest members.

If you are feeling called to volunteer...Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. I can almost hear the sound of little feet and voices filling the halls of our church as the children gather to sing, play, and learn about Jesus and how they can shine His light! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me. VBS runs the week of June 19-23.

This summer, I hope you feel the call to pray for our littlest members as they venture off to Camp WAPO, as well as the youth and chaperones headed to Chicago at the end of July. I am looking forward to having the privilege of attending the Mission Trip with our amazing youth and two wonderful chaperones. We will have the opportunity to be God's hands and feet in the community of Chicago and also learn about its history. Watching children volunteer fills my heart with so much joy. Each of the youth will definitely have a great time, and leave knowing that the work they did made an impact on others' lives.

There are so many ways we can volunteer...we don't need to travel far to do it. Volunteering is truly fulfilling work, and I encourage you to try it. If you are feeling called to help around the church in some way, I would love to help you find an area where you can serve.

I love the Bible verse above. "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them. Ephesians 2:10" We are what God has made us...and he has called us to be His hands and feet. I pray that you answer that call.



All are Welcome Here!

Brian Munsterman, President

I normally don't write anything that has to do with theology because we have our amazing Pastors, Matt, Eric, and Margie that do such a wonderful job, but I felt called to share what I was able to experience. This year was my first year attending the Synod Assembly. While the handling of the church business is part of the process on Saturday, first we attended service the night before. Being able to visit other churches, seeing what they are doing, seeing how inviting their churches are, and seeing how other elements can be brought into service, was a wonderful way to spend a Friday night and Saturday. It has given me simple ideas that we could try ourselves here at St Philip's. During the business meeting on Saturday, we were also given the privilege of listening to Senior Pr. Dr. Rev. Otis Moss III from Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. He spoke on community engagement & advancement, and social justice as foundations of ministry. He spoke the words from the Bible while also translating those messages to reflect today's world. My thoughts from his speech:

Dr. Rev. Moss III spoke of the graveyard ministry – the gathering of the body of believers – the church community. He stated, "The problem that we face in the 21st Century is that the church was never constructed, nor designed, not theologically nor spiritually, to have the capacity to be in alignment with empire. Church, to be, in alignment with empire, must go through a vast number of hoops to twist itself and the message of the gospel in order to align itself with that which it was never to be aligned with. The church was never designed to be in alignment with the status quo." "We were never designed to be part of the status quo, but an alternative community." We should help "breathe new life into those lives that have been marginalized by larger systems and larger ideas and things that shrink the human spirit." "We have confused, or we have removed, and our religion has gotten in the way of our faith. Religion is the system, the framing, the package by which some enter into a structure, an understanding of what eventually may be faith. Part of the problem is that we have become so focused on the system that we end up marginalizing the Savior." "Jesus always upset our systems, always challenging our religion, always daring us to go deeper." "We are called to and hope to be better tomorrow than what we were yesterday. We are not to be the empire. What modernity has done to us is made bureaucrats out of poets to hold the status quo instead of speaking beauty into one spirit. This text is challenging to the church as we read it in a spiritual manner so that we do not see the depth and the radicality of what is in that word. It challenges us collectively as a community of believers." "Jesus and his crew," traveled to "the graveyard, in the space where things were dead" and "had no economic development, no good school system, where there is a high mortality rate, where no one wants to come and no one wants to invest, Jesus becomes a light within this particular space." "Instead of locking those up that have chains locked around their wrists and chains around their ankles," we should be "providing public help instead of incarnating them" or "writing them off." "Let's not be the chain-making business that makes money off the chains of those that are to be incarcerated." "Jesus was living his life in this space to help lift those up." "Church needs a graveyard ministry and faithful living."

Such a powerful message that had a profound and lasting effect on me. This is one that we all can and do live by in the great work that we are doing at St. Philip's. Things like our Disaster Relief teams, Food & Clothing Shelf, Quilters, Youth Mission Trip, Community Supper, and the Benevolence Committee. The list goes on and it warms my heart. Let's be a graveyard ministry and continue to reach out to the community and those that are marginalized, lift those up, not hurt one another, and make it known that...All are Welcome Here!

SERVE & GROW

Board of Administration Highlights



- Bottle-filling stations have arrived and ready to be installed.
- The annual spring clean-up was a huge success and many tasks were accomplished.

2023 Synod Assembly

If you are interested in watching the 2023 Synod Assembly Worship and Business Meeting, please click below:

- Assembly Worship: [<https://youtu.be/yk-srmix1ro>]
- Business Meeting: [<https://youtu.be/sW7WtekkpXQ>]

The introduction to Dr. Rev. Otis Moss III from Bishop Ann starts at 1 hour 7 minutes. A question and answer session with him starts at 4 hours 11 minutes.

Benevolence Committee Updates

We have made updates to how we do things for our Thanksgiving and Christmas giving and want to share with you.

For Thanksgiving, instead of shopping and purchasing canned goods, we are going to give Walmart gift cards. These will vary with the size of the family, and we will be asking for \$10 and \$15 gift cards in November. Food & Clothing Shelf clients will register for these cards and pick them up prior to Thanksgiving, giving them the opportunity to purchase what they would like.

We will also work with Food & Clothing Shelf clients for our Christmas giving. Families will register and we are planning a shopping event for parents. We will collect items and hopefully they will be able to choose two gifts for each child. A limit will be placed on the number of children for whom we can provide gifts. The shopping will likely take place the second Saturday in December, but we will be holding, "Christmas in July".

Backpack collection will be at the end of July/beginning of August. Fewer items will be collected along with backpacks.

Christmas in July!

Knowing how busy things are in November and December, Benevolence has decided to try doing Christmas in July. A tree with gift tags will be placed in its usual location, and we ask for your gifts to be placed in boxes during the month of July. These gifts will be used for our parent shopping day in December, a time when Food & Clothing Shelf clients who have registered for help for Christmas, can come and shop for gifts for their children. You will also have the opportunity to make a monetary donation instead.

Look for more information to come in future publications for all of these events.



26th Annual SPLC Garage Sale!

Wednesday, August 16 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm (Preview Night - \$3/admission)

Thursday & Friday, August 17 & 18 from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm – It's Everything ½ Price Day!



Let's do it again - 26 for the 26th Challenge.

All of your donations last year helped make the 25th Anniversary sale a huge success. Let's do it again – we challenge those who are able to donate 26 items to the 26th Annual Garage Sale. The more donated the more we can sell – and the more we can raise! So start sorting and saving your gently used items to donate. And tell your friends and family – we gladly accept donations from the community for the sale.

Donations for the sale can be dropped off Friday, August 4 - Sunday, August 13. Watch for details later this summer on specific times you can drop off each day.

Please hold onto your items until then, as no early donation drop-offs can be accepted.

Volunteer Opportunities Galore!

The garage sale is a cornerstone community service event of St. Philip's and we would love to have **you** as part of the big team making it all happen. Join in the fun and fellowship that is the St. Philip's Garage Sale!

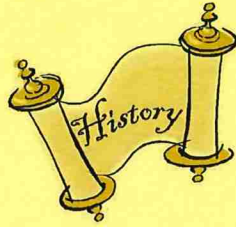
There are so many ways you can help, whatever your abilities and interests. Whether you have 2 hours or you have multiple days of time to give. Just a few examples of how you can help:

- Assist with calling and scheduling cashiers for the sale. Looking for several people to help with this important job.
- Assist with initial table and display setup on Wednesday, August 2
- Assist with unloading donations from vehicles during drop off days (August 4 - 13)
- Help sort and price donations (August 4 - 15)
- Help during the garage sale days – assist shoppers by taking purchases to their cars, be a greeter, or help with security/parking lot monitoring. You can help with prep and cleanup of meals for the volunteers. Assist in one of the many departments – from clothing to linens to housewares and more!
- Be a cashier or bagger during the sale.
- After the magic is done and the sale closes on Saturday, we always need lots of help with packing up leftover items, tearing down tables and displays, and cleaning up the church rooms used. Many hands help make this important part of the sale go quickly.

Interested in volunteering? Contact LaRae Kazmierkoski at [763-571-4266 or laraekaz@aol.com].

WORSHIP & GROW

Creating a Chapel Heritage Group



Today's Chapel is where St. Philip's began. It occupies part of the original Sanctuary which was used for services from 1958 to 1966. The 1991 building project included plans to complete the interior space as a fulfillment of an earlier vision by founding pastor Mandus Egge. During the 1991 construction, the front portion of the original Sanctuary was made into storerooms (choir, quilters, paraments and banners) while the rear portion became a part of the current hallway and restrooms. The remaining portion was designated to be a Chapel.

The Art & Interior Design Committee, a subcommittee of Worship, Music & Arts was tasked with the project. Committee members included Bob Becker (chair), Lorraine Ordemann, Ralph Petersen, and Marilyn Hole. The Mandus Egge Memorial Fund, established after Egge's death in July 1993, provided much of the funding.

The Chapel Dove was designed and constructed on site by Ralph Petersen. Work on the dove and raised platform began in mid-August 1994 and was completed by mid-September. The budget was \$750. The communion rail and final clean up lasted into November. The altar was built in Ralph's home workshop the following year. Ralph credits his faith, Casio's scientific calculator, and the many volunteers who worked weekends, evenings, and holidays to insure the successful completion of this beautiful space. An estimated 300 hours of construction time was given by Ralph and volunteers. More information on the creation of the Chapel Dove can be found on the church website at [www.splcmn.org] and then click on 'About' and 'History'.

The original cross was mounted on the back wall of the new space. Originally stained black, the cross was refinished to allow the natural mahogany color to show through.

Also on the back wall is a wall hanging designed by Bev Schillinger and woven by Shirley Herrick. Originally created for the Unity Hospital Chapel, it was later donated to St. Philip's.

New track lighting was installed that would highlight different elements in the room.

In 1995 Elaine Knoff, Lorraine Ordemann and Clem Coverston took a stained-glass class at a local community college. Armed with their newfound knowledge, they created panels that resembled the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary and were designed to cover the valance lighting.

The Chapel baptismal font was made for the original Sanctuary.

More recent Chapel history is found in the May 2023 edition of the *Friend*, under BOA Highlights.

The baby grand piano previously used in the Chapel was donated to Keys 4/4 Kids and a used Yamaha Clavinova was purchased in its place.

The Chapel is intended to be used as a more intimate setting for rites of the church - weddings, funerals, and baptisms. It is designed as a venue for small ensemble and solo concerts as well. Any appropriate use of the Chapel is encouraged.

SPDR Spring Trip

Written by Renee Johnson



Another successful SPDR rebuilding trip was completed at the end of last month. 22 individuals traveled from five states to Waverly, TN to continue helping those that were impacted by flash flooding in August 2021.

What we thought was going to be a week of mostly smaller jobs to finish up the last remaining work in several homes didn't turn out quite like that. We ended up working just a day or two in two homes, 3-4 days in two other homes, and all five days at another home – with almost the whole team there on the last day.

The work was varied and matched our skills well. Some team members were on the second floor of a home building and erecting exterior walls while others were down in a crawl space shoring up the beams of a sagging living room floor in another home. A couple of team members were climbing up and down ladders to install crown molding in rooms with 12' ceilings while several others were on their knees a few blocks away installing laminate flooring throughout the house. In addition to the flooring, others worked outside installing vinyl siding on the front and back gables (the easier, lower part had already been done the week before by volunteers from St. Louis.) Several others on the team spent a good share of the week with a paintbrush in their hand – painting all the ceilings and walls in the home where the flooring and siding were installed as well as the window trim (that was later installed by some of our team) and even part of a picket fence at another house. Drywall was replaced, taped, and mudded by a couple of team members in two different homes along with a few other tasks. Both the front door and the screen door, at the home with the sagging floor, were removed and re-installed by two team members and now both doors close. And, of course, our kitchen crew worked all week planning and preparing our meals at Waverly United Methodist Church where we stayed.

On some trips, we never get a chance to meet the homeowners, but this trip we did. One stopped by a few times to check on the progress of his home, one fixed her crew a wonderful lunch and her husband and his brother helped out with the wall building some of the days, a third one let us use her backyard for our Friday evening pizza party – even though she wasn't home, and the fourth, who was working from home in her living room while our team members were cutting into her floor and pounding beneath it to shore it up. After our first day of work in her home, she wrote this on the SPDR Facebook page: "Today I was blessed with such a wonderful group of individuals working on my home. The atmosphere created with their presence just makes the heart happy. An extremely knowledgeable, and compassionate TEAM. Words can only surface the gratitude I have for what they are doing for me. I pray an abundance of blessings over all the volunteers for their selfless acts. Praying for their health and safety, not only as they help individuals as myself to restore their homes/lives but always."

And after our second day, she wrote "Another wonderful day with SPDR. Everywhere I turned, there was someone selflessly giving their time and efforts for me. When they came to my house, they didn't know who was on the other side of that door. What type of person I was, or if I deserved their help. None of that mattered. They pulled in my driveway ready and selflessly with a pure heart. It was more than a physical restoration, but also a spiritual restoration as well. Building floor supports and relationships at the same time. This is the definition of good people. We laughed, we cried, it was a beautiful experience. Something I will never forget."

The journey continues... for SPDR and the people of Waverly.

WORSHIP & GROW

New Clavinova Keyboard!

We have a new keyboard in the chapel! Well, it's used, but new to us! It is a lovely Yamaha Clavinova digital piano with realistic and beautiful piano, pipe organ, string, and other instrumental sounds. The Yamaha Clavinova is a well-respected brand and model. It easily transposes keys to accommodate vocalists. We hope to set it on rollers, for easy transport from room to room. We have donated the former grand piano to Keys 4/4 Kids, a St. Paul non-profit that refurbishes pianos, then donate and delivers them to low-income piano-student families.



Thank You from LCCN Bille

Companion congregation support. Greetings.

On behalf of LCCN Bille congregation I here by confirm the receipt for the sum of one million eight hundred and ninety seven thousand five hundred and seventy seven naira fifty Kobo, (#1,897,577:50) being companion congregation support sent from St.philips Lutheran church in Fridley Minnesota USA.

Received with thanks.

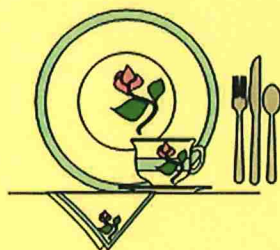
We are extremely grateful to pastor Matt, pastor Eric, staff the musicians, lay leaders and other volunteers.

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For LCCN Bille.

Note: The thank you arrived via email and has not been edited in order to maintain authenticity. Also, the money given converts to \$4,400 U.S. less bank transfer and exchange fees.

Thank You - Festival of Tables



Thank you to all who attended the Festival of Tables fundraiser in April. It was a wonderful day and the tables were beautiful and very creative. Doug Ohman was the speaker and was very entertaining! A big thank you to Thrivent and the St. Philip's Endowment fund for grants for this project. Because of all the support we were able to give \$1,400 and nearly 400 pounds of food to the Food & Clothing Shelf and \$1,400 to the Community Supper.

Save the date : April 13, 2024 is the date of the next Festival of Tables. We are always looking for volunteers to decorate. If you would like to learn about getting involved with this project please contact Julie Small at [kjsmall74@msn.com].

Notes from the Food & Clothing Shelf

Judy and Karen took part in a 100-mile garage sale event and during their many stops purchased clothing that filled up room 18. Now they and Sandy have their work cut out to tag and put into stock all the clothing for guests to enjoy.

A first-time woman visitor was referred to us by Anoka County Social Service on the 89th block to the west of Central. It was her first time visiting a food shelf. Her first comment was that she loved our orange T-shirt uniforms. We went over the visitation procedure and told her about our Wednesday evening meals. She was amazed and will be sure to take part in those meals. When she got into the food and clothing rooms she was overjoyed. She was so appreciative of our inventory offering. When she was ready to leave we told her we were doing blood pressure checks. She said her blood pressure might be high because she was so overjoyed. She did have her blood pressure checked.

In April 4,485 pounds of food was distributed and 425 pounds of clothing was distributed during the 12 days we were open. Until all are fed. . . and clothed

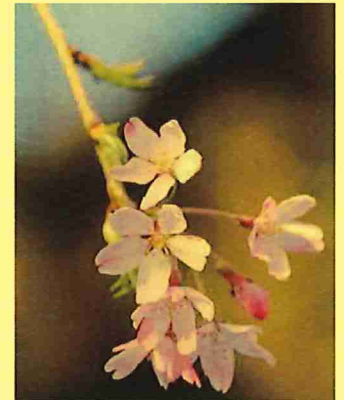
Letter from Jim and Carol Sack

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It has very much turned to spring here in Japan, and this is one of my favorite seasons. Simultaneously many varieties of flowers and flowering trees bloom and create a visual symphony of colors and beauty. Probably the most famous one is the "Sakura," or the cheery trees. Once again, this year we were treated to the beauty of the Sakura that God has created and used to inspire so many. We have just celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and the Sakura always reminds me of that fact, as they usually bloom very close to Easter. They bring a concrete sense of new life and everything in the world feels right.

Shortly after the cherry blossoms fall from the trees, the intense colors of vibrant green come out as trees give birth to new leaves. We are just now at the end of new leaves coming out in full force. Recently I have been studying about something called "Shinrin Yoku" in Japanese, which is translated "Forest Bathing" in English. In the States, most of you are able to readily access nature no matter where you live. However, in Japan, especially Tokyo, wide patches of nature may not be easily found in this "concrete jungle." 78% of Japanese currently live in the city.

With Forest Bathing, it is thought that being in nature can restore our mood, give us better energy and vitality, as well as refresh and rejuvenate us. We take in the forest through our senses. In both Shinto and Buddhism, it is believed that the forest is the realm of the divine. This is in line with our belief that God created all of nature for the pleasure of humans. After creating each day, we read that "God saw that it was good." When we draw upon the power of nature, there is now a wealth of data indicating that forest bathing provides reduced blood pressure, lower stress, improved cardiovascular health, improved concentration and memory, improved pain thresholds and even a boost to the immune system.



SERVE & GROW

Letter from Jim and Carol Sack



Research has even found that there was a significant increase in sleep time after experiencing a forest-bathing day, suggesting that you sleep better when you spend time in a forest, even when you don't significantly increase the amount of physical activity you do. Phytoncides are the natural oils within a plant and are part of a tree's defense system. Trees release phytoncides to protect themselves from bacteria, insects, and fungi. Phytoncides are also part of the communication pathway between trees: the way trees talk to each other. Researchers have shown that phytoncides can: stimulate a pleasant mood, significantly lower blood pressure and heart rate and bring your nervous system into balance and make you feel comfortable and relaxed. Maybe this has become too detailed, but as a summary, walking

slowly through a forest will help you to keep your senses open, to notice things and to smell the fresh air. Immersed in nature, we are in a whole new dimension, a restorative sonic landscape. Being still and quiet, we are able to hear the sound of silence and begin to relax. I am convinced that in the creation of the heavens and the earth, our Lord God was making a place of peace, rest, and serenity, where male and female could relax and enjoy all that God had made. At the end of Genesis 1, we read that God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life... God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

I hope that we all can take even a short time to enjoy God's wonderful creation that surrounds us, each day.

We ask for your prayers:

- 1) that Carol and I can make use of our teaching to relay the message that God is wanting to bless each one of us, so we also can be a blessing to others.
- 2) that the nine students in the seminary may continue to strongly feel the call to ministry.
- 3) that the four seniors in the seminary will receive assignments that they can do meaningful ministry for God.
- 4) that the newly elected pastors and lay people for our national church will be inspired to lead in this time of various difficulties.
- 5) that there truly may be peace in a world filled with conflict.
- 6) That the Lord's Spirit would call new persons into the prayer ministry of Pastoral Harp.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry here.

Blessings, Jim and Carol Sack

SERVE & GROW

Staff Trivia Game

Summer is a time for fun...so please join us in a little game of Staff Trivia! Below are fun facts you learned about our staff back in the February 2023 *Friend*. Take a minute and see how well you know us! (Answers are this month's Friendly Takeaway) Good luck!

1. Majored in Art Education at Mankato State University	A. Pastor Matt Flom
2. Has bicycled across six states (some several times)	B. Pastor Eric Nelson
3. Enjoys fishing and photography (editing)	C. Pastor Margie Guelker
4. Has been a photographer for 22 years	D. Katie Swenstad
5. Had surgery on both legs in 6th grade to correct the way they walked. Had to relearn how to walk.	E. Jenni Anderson
6. Bowls every week during the winter months	F. Connie Yerigan
7. Got their pilot's license in High School	G. Rianna Swenstad
8. Loves to garden	H. Julie Lueck
9. Enjoys golfing and playing the drums	I. Cheri Sykes
10. Has worked at Disney World in Orlando, FL	J. Ryan Gorka

Financials

St. Philip's 2023	Actual April	Actual YTD
Income	\$78,259.63	\$289,371.71
Expense	(\$58,464.06)	(\$261,171.91)
TOTALS	\$19,795.57	\$28,199.80

SERVE

Endowment Fund Grant Recipients

The Endowment Committee received requests for \$28,890. The Fund provides financial support for educational, charitable, and religious programs of St. Philips, the local community, and across the globe.

- \$2,000 Irrigation system
- \$3,000 Managed IT Systems - unexpected WiFi updates
- \$1,400 Managed IT System - backup system for our computers
- \$750 Growing Through Loss series donation
- \$3,334 snowplowing expenses
- \$1,500 Community Supper
- \$600 Library Group - books and supplies
- \$500 Parish Fellowship - Festival of Tables expenses
- \$500 Global Health Ministries – defer some shipping expenses
- \$5,000 to Storage Facility Fund - offset additional expenses
- \$1,000 Sanctuary Decorating - Paraments, banners, and candles
- Total distribution of funds = \$19,584

Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Lois Johnson

Kay Petersen

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

Life Events

PRAYER



June

Don and Anne Gilbertson on 6/10/1955 for 68 years

Ron and Mary Seekamp on 6/16/1956 for 67 years

Ed and Arlene Hamernik on 6/20/1959 for 64 years

Robert and Delores Masuda on 6/5/1959 for 64 years

David and Lucille Edlund on 6/18/1960 for 63 years

Jerry and Gayle Mattison on 6/9/1961 for 62 years

Harold and Grace Kurtz on 6/16/1963 for 60 years

Ronald and Mary Mattson on 6/29/1963 for 60 years

Leroy and Kathleen Venne on 6/1/1963 for 60 years

Stanley and Janet Yocum on 6/22/1963 for 60 years

Bob and Pat Wharton on 6/21/1964 for 59 years

Neal and Cathy Anderson on 6/12/1965 for 58 years

Gary and Deanna Blomster on 6/24/1967 for 56 years

Jim and Janice Kugler on 6/3/1967 for 56 years

Arlen and Judy Olson on 6/10/1967 for 56 years

Marsden and Beverly Sperry on 6/10/1967 for 56 years

Roger and Jeri Hall on 6/15/1968 for 55 years

Roger and Roberta Tuey on 6/15/1968 for 55 years

Gerald and Carole Jensen on 6/14/1969 for 54 years

William and JoAnn McCloskey on 6/20/1969 for 54 years

Howard and Kari Helgen on 6/21/1975 for 48 years

Kathy and Darron Knutson on 6/8/1975 for 48 years

Tim and Cindy Solberg on 6/28/1975 for 48 years

Marty and Dawn Hansen on 6/9/1979 for 44 years

Greg and Sue Rosholt on 6/1/1979 for 44 years

Gary and Kristin Johnson on 6/6/1981 for 42 years

Lucinda and Jeff Marshik on 6/5/1983 for 40 years

Dan and Connie Bernardy on 6/22/1985 for 38 years

Duane and Monica Anderson on 6/7/1986 for 37 years

Jeff and Michelle Ellering on 6/18/1988 for 35 years

John and Pam Schwint on 6/23/1990 for 33 years

Scott and Lisa Rolfs on 6/22/1996 for 27 years

Tom and Pam Warnke on 6/27/1998 for 25 years

Denise and Chris Fowler on 6/5/1999 for 24 years

Doug and Kathy Fransen on 6/30/2007 for 16 years

Nikolaus and Tasha Browne on 6/13/2009 for 14 years

Kyle and Nicky Bohm on 6/16/2012 for 11 years

Eddie and Andi Erwin on 6/22/2012 for 11 years

Tom and Chelsea Gasser on 6/2/2012 for 11 years

Eric and Kaitlynn Nelson on 6/30/2012 for 11 years

Emily and Aaron Sasse on 6/30/2012 for 11 years

Sherri and Kirk Myhra on 6/19/2016 for 7 years



The friends and family of:

Kermit Hollen

Judy Maas

Friendly Takeaway

Staff Trivia Answers - How Did You Do?

1 = G	6 = D
2 = I	7 = A
3 = H	8 = C
4 = F	9 = B
5 = J	10 = E

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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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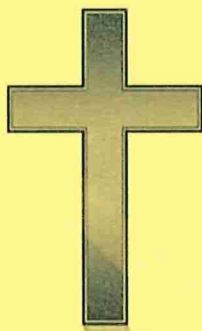
June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	2 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	3 12:00 pm 55 and Under Crew
4 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	5 1:00 pm Joy Circle 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.	6 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 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 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Prayer Service- Blessing of the Animals	8 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	9 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	10
11 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	12 10:00 am Parish Fellowship Mtg. 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.; Gam-Anon Mtg.	13 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:00 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	14 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am WOW 10:00 am EA Mtg.; Women's Book Club 1:00 pm Walking Alone Together 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper	15 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	16 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	17 6:00 pm Youth Lock-in
18 Father's Day! 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	19 Friend Articles Due 9:00 am VBS 9:30 am Glory Circle 6:30 pm Executive Mtg. 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.	20 9:00 am VBS; Library Mtg. 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	21 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am VBS; Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 10:30 am Property & Grounds Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper	22 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 9:00 am VBS 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	23 9:00 am VBS 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	24
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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).