

# The Friend

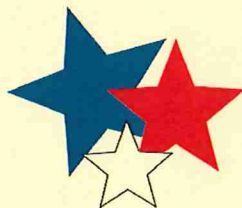
*July* 

All are Welcome!

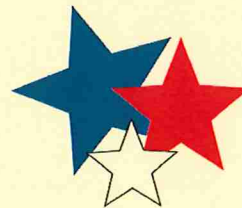
Sundays

9:00 am - Traditional

10:30 am - Contemporary



July 2023



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# GROW & WORSHIP

## The Results Are In!

Eric Nelson, Associate Pastor

In preparation for hymn-themed Sundays this summer, we asked you what your favorite hymns are. Many individuals shared their favorite hymns and many different hymns were mentioned! In fact, 76 different hymns were named! While you will not hear every song featured in worship services this summer, rest assured that we are keeping this wonderful information so we can include as many of these favorites as we can throughout the year. It was surprising to see such a variety of hymns selected. Many of the usual favorites came up, but none with even as many as 10 votes, showing the wide range of hymns people connect with at St. Philip's. The number next to the hymn signifies the number of votes it received:

<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	8	<i>This is my Father's World</i>	3
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	6	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart</i>	3
<i>Borning Cry</i>	6	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	2
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	5	<i>Earth and All Stars</i>	2
<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	5	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	2
<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	5	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	2
<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	4	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	2
<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	4	<i>It Is Well With My Soul (When Peace Like a River)</i>	2
<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	3	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	2
<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	3	<i>Just A Closer Walk With Thee</i>	2
<i>I Know that my Redeemer Lives</i>	3	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	2
<i>In the Garden</i>	3	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>	2
<i>O Day Full of Grace</i>	3	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	2
<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	3	<i>Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	2
<i>Thine is the Glory</i>	3	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	2



## SERVE & GROW



And 44 more favorite hymns with 1 vote!

*A Mighty Fortress / Abide With Me / All Glory Laud and Honor / Be Thou My Vision / Beneath the Cross of Jesus Christ the Lord is Risen / Come Ye Thankful People, Come / Come Thou Almighty King / Crown Him With Many Crowns*

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

*Fairest Lord Jesus / Faith of Our Fathers*

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

*Hallelujah / Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

*If I But Suffer God to Guide Me / In the Cross of Christ I Glory / It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*Jesus Loves the Little Children / Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee / Just As I Am*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now / Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory / Morning Has Broken / My God and I Walk Through the Field Together / My God How Wonderful You Are / My Jesus, I Love Thee*

*Now Thank We All Our God / Now We Join the Celebration*

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways / One Bread, One Body*

*Rock of Ages*

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us / Seek Ye First / Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is / The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done / This Little Light of Mine*

*Wake, Awake / We All Believe / We're Marching to Zion / Were You There / When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

I hope you had as much fun looking through the results as I did. If you're at all like me, just reading the title of one of your favorite hymns was enough to start it playing in your head. Whether your favorites were toward the top, you were shocked to see hymns with only 1-2 votes, or you're shocked to see other favorites didn't even make the list - It is a great gift that we have such a library of music for use in praise and prayer. Martin Luther revered music as one of the most glorious gifts of God. I pray it continues to be a blessing in your own life of faith and I look forward to singing many of these hymns with you in worship! Until then, keep praying and singing these beautiful hymns!

"Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!" -Beautiful Savior ELW 838





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## Freedom

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

*For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1*

In my first years as a pastor, I took a group of youth to the National Youth Gathering in Dallas, TX. It was exciting to prepare for this trip. As I remember, we traveled with other churches and stayed in a big hotel. Even in Dallas, we filled the venues with youth. The theme song was "Called to Freedom" and our speakers focused on the freedom of the gospel. The youth was mesmerized and so was I. Thousands and thousands of youth and adults on our feet singing together.

Of course, we discussed the cost of freedom, and one afternoon I took them to Dealy Plaza, the place where JFK was assassinated. They learned that freedom is not free.

In Christ, we are set free to live the lives Jesus intended for us. We are free to make choices in our life. Often when we speak of freedom we speak of freedom from something or another. But we are also free FOR acts of kindness and compassion. We are free to openly share the gospel of love with others. What does this gospel look like? The gospel of freedom embraces ALL people. Even as we move ever closer to it, we become more and more aware that there are those who would restrict this gospel of love.

In the month of July, let us give thanks for our freedom. We are free to be all that Jesus calls us to be. We really are called to be light to the world and act with justice, and to love tenderly. Come, live in the light.



# Made Perfectly

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*

I have written about this before...but it is all still very true, and so worth repeating. There are many ways I have been blessed through this calling to ministry work. One being that I get to meet and spend time with many people from our congregation and community. Most I have known for a while, some I see more often than others...but all hold a special place in my heart. From the family whose children I have known since they were very young and are now grown, to the couple who have brightened my day with a warm smile and a conversation each Sunday morning for over 20 years...it is a blessing to know them and I thank God for them.

Another amazing blessing in all of that, is the fact that each one of us is unique. A true miracle, perfectly made and loved by God. At Vacation Bible School a couple of weeks ago, I couldn't help but look around at the children and youth gathered. Laughter filling the halls, friendships being made...not one person the same as the next. I fought back tears as I took it all in. Months of planning and stress...all washed away as I watched those young people, having a great time together, all with their own unique personalities...they were all made perfectly by our God.

As summer is beginning, I invite you to take a few minutes at your next family gathering, to look around and see those that surround you. Give thanks to God for them.

Each one of us is unique, a true miracle perfectly made and loved by God.

You are so loved by God.





# GROW & SERVE

## Summer is Here!

Brian Munsterman, President

July is already here! I can't believe we are already halfway through this year. The time seems to have gone by quickly. We seemed to have gone from a long and snowy winter, to enjoying a minute or two of spring and then jumped right into a dry and hot summer! I pray for some much-needed rain.

Last month I talked about how Dr. Otis Moss III said church needs a graveyard ministry and faithful living, and I talked about how we at St. Philip's are doing many great things. Pride was also last month during the month of June, and I see firsthand how people in the LGBTQ+ community have been and currently are persecuted. I think these are ones that Jesus would be reaching out to especially right now and taking under His wing. He would want them to be who they are and not the way that society tells them how they should be. Of the many quotes that I have seen online recently, this one sticks out to me: "I would rather be excluded for the ones I include rather than included for the ones I exclude." I believe this is what the disciples would have said as well. While some churches and religious denominations seem to be going in a more draconian direction, I am glad that our church and the ELCA is open and welcoming to all, and that is the way that it should be.

In the month of July, we celebrate Independence Day, which is a time for freedom. A time where ALL are free to be who they are and be welcomed. A time where we are free to welcome Christ into our lives. Let's celebrate our freedoms and continue to welcome all.

While July and summer is a time for relaxing and vacations, it also seems to be a very busy time when we all are trying to get things done. There are still many things to do. At St. Philip's, the 26th Annual Garage Sale is coming up next month, the SPDR team is planning another trip this fall, the Garden Group is hard at work, there are two new beautiful raised gardens that were built, and the finishing work on the storage facility is almost complete. With all the work though, don't forget to take some time to relax, enjoy family, and enjoy summer!

## Board of Administration Meeting Highlights



- A Narthex sale/asks policy was created and approved. This will keep the Narthex area more open and inviting to the congregation and visitors.
- A projector company has been chosen and approved. Work will commence in July.

## 26th Annual SPLC Garage Sale!



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 garage sale can be dropped off:

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4 <b>1st Day to Drop Off Donations</b>  9:00am to 7:00pm	5 Donation Drop-Off  9:00am to 4:00pm
6 Donation Drop-Off  9:00am to 12:00pm	7 Donation Drop-Off  9:00 am to 4:00pm	8 Donation Drop-Off  9:00am to 7:00pm	9 Donation Drop-Off  9:00am to 4:00pm	10 Donation Drop-Off  9:00 am to 7:00pm	11 Donation Drop-Off  9:00am to 4:00pm	12 Donation Drop-Off  9:00am to 1:00pm
13 <b>Last Day to Drop Off Donations</b>  9:00am to 12:00pm	14	15	16 <b>Garage Sale Preview Night</b> 5:00 to 8:00pm (\$3/admission)	17 <b>Garage Sale</b> 9:00am to 7:00pm	18 <b>Garage Sale</b> 9:00am to 7:00pm	19 <b>Garage Sale</b> Everything ½ Price! 9:00am to 12:00pm

**What we CAN accept:** gently used clothing & shoes (adult and children's), household goods, small appliances, craft and sewing supplies, jewelry, small chairs, lamps, end tables, collectibles, wall art and frames, decorative & holiday pieces, books, linens, tools/hardware items, lawn furniture, sporting goods, luggage, and toys.

**What we CANNOT accept:** men's sport coats and suits, bed frames and headboards, mattresses, bed pillows, TV's, car seats, playpens, cribs, VHS/cassette tapes, Christmas trees, computers, monitors, printers, encyclopedias, large exercise equipment, and chemicals.

**NO Large Furniture accepted** – if one person can't lift it, we can't take it. Thank you for understanding!

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



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## Meals on Wheels



Oh yes! Our warmer than normal end of May - beginning of June matched the warm giving hearts of the volunteer drivers for Meals On Wheels. A big thank you to: Sandy & Eldy Nelson, Kathy & Chuck Eichelberger, Shirley & Dave Hogan, Mary & Rob Shimanski, Deb & Mike Carroll, and Dawn & Richard Young!

## Food & Clothing Shelf

The clothing room has a children's clothes area where we also have children's books and frequently have some small toys. One day a mom and her children came in and while mom shopped for clothes, the children sat on the floor and read a book. Phyllis was the clothing room monitor and asked the mom if she could take a picture because it was such a joyful moment. The mom approved. All Are Welcome!



## Benevolence Committee

### Christmas in July!

The holiday season is always both busy and costly, so we have decided to do Christmas in July! This time of year tends to be less busy and not quite so expensive and it will be easier to do some shopping now. Christmas trees will be up from Sunday, July 9 - Sunday, July 16, so take as many tags as you want and return your gifts by Sunday, July 23. Our hope is to gather a large number of gifts for our shopping event which will be held on the second Saturday in December. Registered Food & Clothing Shelf clients will be able to shop for their children at that time.

### Backpack Collection

We will begin collecting backpacks for Fridley High School and Middle School students at the end of July. We will collect backpacks, notebooks, folders, and paper. Look for more information in the E-News as time grows nearer.



### SPDR Trips & News

#### St. Philip's Disaster Relief



#### SPDR Fall Trip

The 2023 SPDR Fall trip is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 - Sunday, October 8. The team will travel to the destination on the first two days, work at the location for the next five, and return home on the final two days. The coordinators have been and will continue to work with our partners in Kentucky and Tennessee to determine a location in need of our assistance and best suits our skills. More information will be coming in later July.

#### Dickinson TX Church Fire Donation

Following Hurricane Harvey in 2017 on SPDR's first trip to Texas to assist, the team met Pastor Deb Grant at Faith Lutheran in Dickinson, TX, just outside of Galveston, TX. Her church had major damage caused by Harvey's four feet of water flooding the offices and Sanctuary. This first team and several other SPDR Teams got to know and love Pastor Grant as she was very involved in our recovery work in both Galveston and Houston. Pastor Grant retired five years ago and still lives in the east Houston area.

Unfortunately, Faith Lutheran caught fire this past June 2 from unknown causes and many rooms and offices were destroyed. The Sanctuary was spared the fire and only received smoke damage. The congregation plans to rebuild. A link to a news story with video about the fire is shown here:

**[Fire breaks out at Faith Lutheran Church in Dickinson \(click2houston.com\)](https://www.click2houston.com/news/faith-lutheran-church-dickinson-tx-catches-fire/)**

Your SPDR ministry donated \$500 to Faith to help in their project.

#### Tornado Survivor Donations

SPDR donated \$1,000 to the Thrivent Member Network - Lutheran Disaster Relief to assist the rebuild of all the damage caused by tornados this past spring. By using the Thrivent Network, our donation of \$1,000 was increased by 50% to \$1,500 by Thrivent.

# The Journey Continues

## Endowment Fund

### The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Your gifts to the Endowment Fund, both now and after  
your lifetime, can make our church stronger and more responsive  
to the needs of generations to come.

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

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

Thank you for your support!

## Financials

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St. Philip's 2023	Actual May	Actual YTD
Income	\$57,266.61	\$346,638.32
Expense	(\$64,821.18)	(\$325,993.09)
TOTALS	(\$7,554.57)	\$20,645.23
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## Life Events

## PRAYER

### July



Robert and Marlis Johnson on 7/18/1959 for 64 years

Larry and Kathy Weegman on 7/18/1981 for 42 years

James and Miriam Hougen on 7/30/1961 for 62 years

Murray and Miriam Jensen on 7/14/1984 for 39 years

Fred and Janice Kunze on 7/28/1962 for 61 years

R.T. and Amy Taylor on 7/24/1999 for 24 years

Charles and Bunny Nara on 7/27/1963 for 60 years

Mike and Gina Paton on 7/1/2000 for 23 years

Roger and Mary Gehrke on 7/10/1965 for 58 years

Ann and Mike Kozarek on 7/26/2003 for 20 years

Gordon and Dorothy Kuluvar on 7/30/1967 for 56 years

Elizabeth and William Wackman on 7/12/2003 for 20 years

Kenneth and Myra Munsterman on 7/1/1967 for 56 years

Ryan and Ingrid Kleinjan on 7/23/2004 for 19 years

John and Margaret Fricke on 7/21/1968 for 55 years

Dan and Katie Mae Pritchard on 7/2/2004 for 19 years

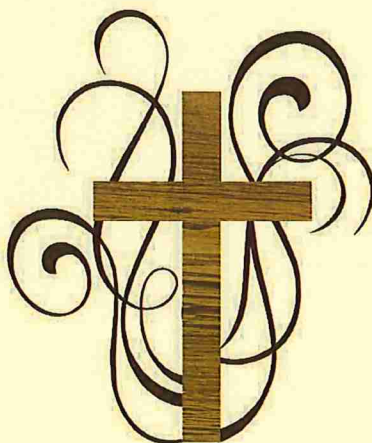
Ralph and Janet Thompto on 7/9/1968 for 55 years

Julie and Bill Lueck on 7/24/2010 for 13 years

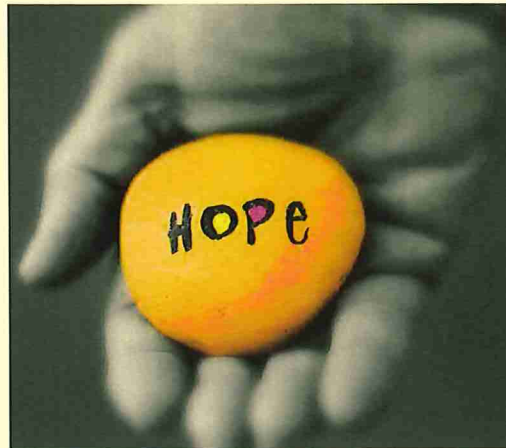
Ronald and Charmaine Cadwell on 7/31/1971 for 52 years

Matthew and Jennifer Brooks on 7/14/2012 for 11 years

Todd and Jody Bjerknes on 7/19/1975 for 48 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](http://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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**Ministers: All members of the Parish**



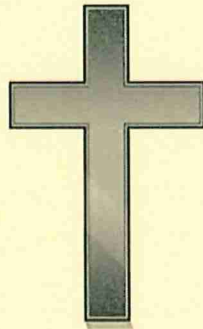
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 12:00 pm 55 and Under Work Crew - Cancelled
2 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	3 Office Closed  7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous Mtg.	4 Happy 4th of July! Office Closed  10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf - Closed 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together - Cancelled 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal - Cancelled	5 8:30 am Men's Work Crew - Cancelled 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf - Closed 5:15 pm Community Supper	6 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	7 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	8
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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).