

# October 1 - 8, 2023

## Scripture for October 1

Isaiah 2 and Philippians 4:4-13

## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 12

10:05 am - Sanctuary

Proposed New Constitution

(Copies available upon request)

## Notes From the Food & Clothing Shelf

We continue to stock used Bibles on the shelves of our food room. We are excited to report that we have had a huge uptick in guests taking the Bibles. One lady said she got one and reads at least a chapter a day. Please know that we are feeding the body and the soul.

We also have seen numerous immigrants come to the food shelf who, we found out, had just arrived in the US days before visiting our Food & Clothing Shelf. They feel so blessed that they have food and clothing to start out their new life in Minnesota.

Along with the many blood pressure screenings done during the month we also occasionally have other at-risk situations arise. On September 20, a very busy Wednesday evening, we had two individuals with major health needs in which staff dealt with amazing care. Most days we have retired nurse volunteers as we did this evening. One homeless individual came looking for a shirt and pants to cover a severe infection of Poison Oak Ivy. (i.e., the biblical reference of the leper). After receiving the clothes, the individual was encouraged to go to the ER immediately. A ride to ER was offered but was declined. The other guest was bent over with severe spinal back pain. We helped to gather the food and placed the bags in the car.

We pray for all these people and everyone that comes to our door for any help we can offer. Thanks to the congregation for sponsoring this Food & Clothing ministry.

## New Member Class

We're glad you are here in worship! Interested in becoming a member of St. Philip's? Join us for lunch and a new member class at 12:00 pm on October 15. Please RSVP to Pastor Eric [[EricN@splcmn.org](mailto:EricN@splcmn.org)] by Sunday, October 8.

## New Storage Facility Dedication

Our new storage facility is completed except for the landscaping, which will be finished this fall. On Sunday, October 15, the St. Philip's congregation will have opportunity to celebrate the completed project. The storage facility will be open for viewing from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and there will be a building dedication at the end of the 9:00 am service. Everyone is welcome to attend the open house and participate in the dedication. Refreshments will be served.

## Please Join Us for Tuesdays Together!

Next week we start the book of Ecclesiastes! Tuesdays Together is led by Pastor Matt or Pastor Eric every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the Lounge and is later posted on our website under the quick links and in the weekly E-News on Fridays. All are welcome to join at any time, just show up. Contact Pastor Matt at [[mattf@splcmn.org](mailto:mattf@splcmn.org)] or Pastor Eric [[EricN@splcmn.org](mailto:EricN@splcmn.org)] with any questions.

## 55 and Under Crew

The monthly meeting will be postponed until Saturday, October 21 when we help with the fall cleanup. See you at 9:00 am on October 21!

## **E-News – Complete Information Right at Your Fingertips!**

We have many ways for you to receive information about St. Philip's...the Friend, app, website, slides, and the E-News. Do you know what you can find in the E-News? It is emailed every Friday morning and by clicking on the links and icons you have access to the previous Sunday's worship services, the announcements, and the most recent Tuesdays Together Bible Study. You can find The *Friend*, ministry news, music information and recordings, give your offering on our secure giving page, access the staff email addresses, and so much more! We invite you to fully use this multi-purpose form of communication. If you are not currently receiving the E-News and would like to or if you have any questions, please contact Jenni [[JenniA@splcmn.org](mailto:JenniA@splcmn.org)].

## **We're Headed to the Farm!**

Join our Children, Youth & Family Ministries Director, Connie, on Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 pm at Eveland Family Farm in Andover, 2575 Andover Blvd. Andover, Minnesota 55304, for an afternoon of fall fun! Take a hayride, see animals, and even pick out the perfect pumpkin! This will be an afternoon of fun for all ages! The signup sheet is located in the Narthex or reach out to Connie [[ConnieY@splcmn.org](mailto:ConnieY@splcmn.org)] and let her know if you can make it and she'll reserve your ticket!

## **Save the Date - Trunk and Treat**

Halloween will soon be upon us, and St. Philip's will again host a safe and convenient trick or treat experience right here at the church for our members and neighbors to enjoy. Please join us in the west parking lot on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. St. Philip's members and friends will decorate the trunks of their cars and the tailgates of their trucks in Halloween fashion and kids will be able to trick-or-treat from car to car. We would appreciate your involvement by displaying a "trunk" or donating individually wrapped candy for the event. Please share news of this event with others. All children and families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

## **Fall Cleanup**

Please join us Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm to help with the fall cleanup. We will be focusing on tree trimming and cleaning the brush and ditches. Please bring a pair of gloves (some will be available if needed) and meet us inside Door 2. Thank you!

## **Summer Mission Trip 2024**

We're headed to St. Louis! Summer may have just ended, but we are already planning our next Mission Trip! The week of July 20-27, 2024, our youth and chaperones will venture off to Missouri to be God's hands and feet in the community. We are excited for this opportunity and welcome your prayers as we begin the countdown! Please watch for info on ways you can support our youth through fundraisers and prayer opportunities throughout the coming months! Thank you for your generosity, support, love, and kindness that you always show our youth!

## **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. Due to COVID-19, if you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask. Please call [763-755-5335] or visit [[www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org)] for more information. The current series is being held Monday evenings through October 16, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at Centennial United Methodist Church: 1524 County Road C2 W, Roseville, MN 55113 [651-633-7644].