

# The Friend

## *March Worship Schedule*

### *Lenten Wednesdays*

March 6, 13, and 20  
6:00 pm Worship

### **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday – March 28  
Good Friday Cantata – March 29  
6:00 pm Worship

### **Palm/Passion Sunday**

March 24  
9:00 and 10:30 am

### **Easter Sunday**

March 31  
9:00 and 10:30 am

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# GROW & WORSHIP

## Growing Something Good

Eric Nelson, Pastor

With our tame winter, it seems many started planning for gardens and outdoor planters shortly after the Christmas season ended.

No matter if we are fully into spring or finally get one winter storm so the kids can pull the sleds out, we know that spring is coming. This winter, in the lack of snow, the dormancy of plants was even more evident. The brown grass, withered remains of perennials, and bare-branched trees all were more visible without the typical ice and snow. Plants wait to surge back to life. Seeds wait for soaking rains and bright sun to take root in new life.

In the Lenten season leading up to Easter, these things fit the seasonal pattern. All these things that seem to be dead come back to life. Yes, all of this is different from Christ who truly died and rose to life once again, but still the pattern speaks to us in meaningful ways.

Many choose to give up something as a discipline in Lent or take up a practice to encourage their life in faith. In this, an area is dug away. Time or intention is made with purpose. This leaves us in a prime place to grow something new or make space for something good to grow again that had been covered by weeds in previous seasons.

There can be a tendency to go back to our old ways when Easter comes when Lenten disciplines end. We begin to snack like usual, forget to drink our water, don't keep up with the devotional practice, etc. A great challenge in this season is to try to grow something good in this. As we carved out that metaphorical space in the ground, we listen for what life-giving thing God might be calling us to grow in this season.

Maybe we're called to reach out more, calling or texting one person each day. Maybe we're called to get involved in a new ministry at church. Maybe we're called to give time or resources to a ministry that means a lot to us.

God brings life-giving gifts in so many ways. Our wonderful task is to tend to these things, laying down our distractions (and pulling them up like weeds) so we can make space for these good gifts. We might wonder where to start sometimes. We may need to ask for others' advice. There will be days when we forget to tend closely, days when the sun doesn't shine, or rainfall isn't quite right. But we can remember that we have been raised to new life with purpose. We are raised to new life to produce good fruits so that others can experience the goodness of God.

As you look out at the plants beginning to grow again this spring, consider where God calls you to be raised to life-giving work as well. God renews us in each season, in this life and the next.

"Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil."

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW 512



### Walk By Faith

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

*For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7*

Grace and Peace to you. As we journey through this Lenten season, it is my prayer that you take time in prayer and actions to think of all that Jesus has done for us. I hope you join us for Wednesday evening worship too.

Our Children & Youth continue to practice music for their Palm Sunday performances. As a special treat, they will be singing another song shortly after Easter...stay tuned for that!

Looking ahead, I'm excited for the upcoming First Communion classes, Lenten Mentor activities, some Easter fun as well as our summer volunteer work and camps. We have so much to be grateful for around St. Philip's and in our community.

### New Growth

Brian Munsterman, President

Can you believe it is already March? I must admit that I have really enjoyed not having much snow this year. I guess that also means that we will just have to get some much-needed rain this spring for all the new growth that spring offers. This also means that we can look forward to warmer weather, trees budding, and flowers starting to sprout and bloom – new beginnings and new growth. I look forward to what is ahead with excitement! I also look forward to the continued growth of St Philip's as well. During Lent, we are reminded how much Jesus gave up for us. I look during this time of what I can do to give back. I am blessed to be able to continue to give my time, talents and financial offerings to St. Philip's and our community. I hope you will join me in giving to continue the growth. Blessings to all through this Lenten season.

### Board of Administration Meeting Highlights



- We welcomed two new Board members, Rita Schwieters and Connie Bernardy.
- Prayer request for Pastor Margie
- Attendance during Sunday services continues to trend upwards
- Tentatively scheduled a date for a BOA/Staff retreat

# GROW & SERVE

## Spring Trip St. Philip's Disaster Relief



A second team will be traveling to Mayfield, KY from April 20 – 28 to assist in the rebuilding effort after many communities were devastated by several tornadoes in December 2021. Additional trip information will be provided shortly and trip registration will take place the last week in March.

Thank you for your continued support, both through financial contributions and thoughtful prayer.

## Upgrades to Sound in the Sanctuary!

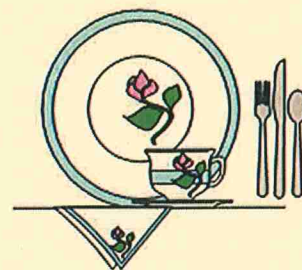
We are talking about moving the soundboard in the Sanctuary, to the main level on the left side, towards the band in front of the pillar, just in front of the balcony. The removal of some pew chairs will be needed. Doing this will improve the sound quality because the soundboard technician will be able to hear what everyone else hears and communicate with the pastors and the band more efficiently. A box will be made to enclose the equipment and technician to enhance overall appearance.

In June, the organ is being restored, so in May we will be moving all the pew chairs from the balcony area for the pipes to be cleaned. The plan is to move the soundboard in May if all goes well.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact Katie, Pastor Matt, Pastor Eric, or anyone on the Board of Administration.

## Festival of Tables

The 2024 Festival of Tables will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Information is being sent to past hosts now. If you would like to decorate a table, have questions about the festival, or would like more information about decorating, please email Julie Small at [kjsmall74@msn.com]. Save the date and invite friends and family to join in the fun. Entertainment is music from the 50s! Tickets go on sale in mid-March.



## Endowment Fund Grants

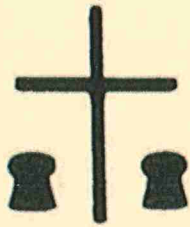
Grant monies available for distribution in 2024 are \$16,757. Grant request forms will be available in the office and requests can be submitted beginning Sunday, March 10. All requests must be received in the office no later than Monday, April 15.



### The Legacy of Art at St. Philip's Heritage Group

This month we continue with *The Legacy of Art at St. Philip's* series and will focus on Norm Johns' design skills and his creation of a symbol that is used throughout St. Philip's. The Sanctuary of St. Philip's is filled with many symbols of our Christian faith. We see them on the altar, baptismal font, pulpit, and on the Baldachin.

The early church symbol could be seen on the outside of the building near the front door.



**FIRST SYMBOL OF  
ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH**



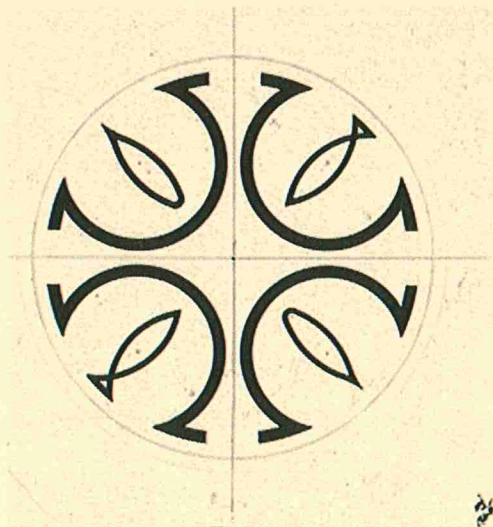
During the planning and construction of the new worship center, a new symbol was created. It is used as part of the church logo on letterhead and newsletters, on the website, in the wooden offering plates, on the dove in the chapel, and the outside wall of the building – near the main entrance.

An original drawing of the Norm Johns design is dated 1965. We can assume that this new design coordinated with the new Sanctuary. He may have drawn inspiration from the plans for the Baldachin. The Baldachin shape is also a modified Celtic cross and there are loaves and fish images.

From the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet, we learn about the planning and construction of the new facility.

*During this time, a new symbol for St. Philip's, designed by member Norman Johns, was approved.*

*The symbol, a modified Greek cross with two kernels of barley and two fish, reminds us of Philip's involvement in the feeding of the 5,000, as well as the continuing challenge before St. Philip's congregation to invite the multitudes to come and be fed by the Bread of Life.*



# GROW & SERVE

## Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

*John Hinsverk*

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

St. Philip's 2024	Actual January	Actual YTD
Income	\$50,593.42	\$50,593.42
Expense	(\$61,982.14)	(\$61,982.14)
TOTALS	(\$11,388.72)	(\$11,388.72)



## Life Events



Howard and Shirley Mosman on 3/26/1955 for 69 years

Anne and Darrel Kudebeh on 3/17/1961 for 63 years

Wesley and Jeanine Grandstrand on 3/31/1973 for 51 years

Rita Schwieters and Brian Leyendecker on 3/15/2020 for 4 years



### *New Members:*

Karen Block

Dan Eittreim

Walt Wenholz



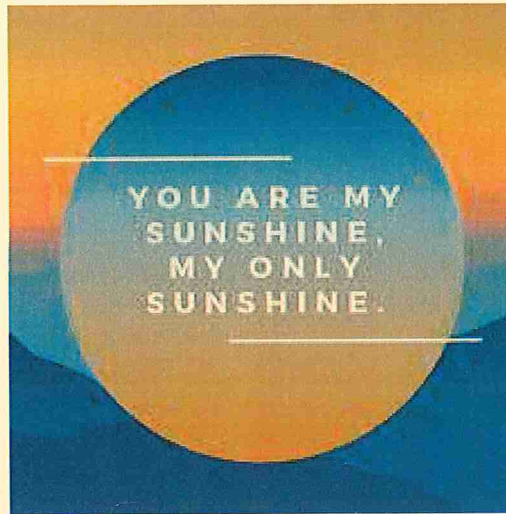
Thank you very much for your prayers, cards, and concern for me during my cancer treatments. I know that St. Philip's is my family and I appreciate you all! My latest scans were good news. Thank you to you all. - Jack Angerhofer

## Growing Through Loss



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. Childcare will not be provided for safety reasons. Call [763-755-5335] or visit [[www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org)] for more information. The next series will be held Monday evenings, April 8<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at:  
Christ the King Lutheran Church – 1900 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW New Brighton, MN 55112 651-633-4674.

# Friendly Takeaway



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**Paden Swenstad, Part-Time Custodian**

**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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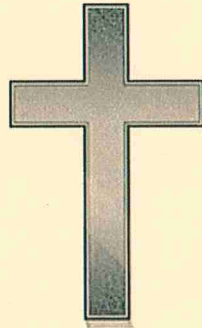
# March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	2 12:00 pm 55 and Under Work Crew
3 8:00 am Easter Flower Sale 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:00 am Easter Flower Sale 10:30 am Worship	4 6:30 pm LGBTQ+ Mtg. 7:00 pm Gambler Anonymous Mtg.	5 7:00 am Presidential Primary 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	6 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 6:30 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30 pm First Communion Class 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	8 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	9
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31 Happy Easter! 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship						



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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).