

March 17 - 24, 2024

Scripture for March 17

Psalm 51 and John 12:20-33

Lenten Service

March 20

6:00 pm

Palm Sunday

March 24

9:00 and 10:30 am

St. Elizabeth Chorale Concert and Sunday Worship

Join us this Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 pm as Wartburg College's St. Elizabeth Chorale shares their musical gift with St. Philip's! The chorale will also be singing at 9:00 and 10:30 am worship.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

We hope you will join us for Holy Week and Easter! Holy Week starts on Sunday, March 24 with Palm/Passion Sunday where the kids will sing and palms will be waved. The week continues with Maundy Thursday (March 28) when three children will receive their first communion at the 6:00 pm service. Good Friday (March 29) brings us the cantata at 6:00 pm, sung by members of our Sanctuary Choir and others who have joined to tell of the Easter story. Easter arrives on Sunday, March 31 as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The April Friend

The *Friend* will be emailed to you by the beginning of the month. You can also find an electronic copy on our app, website, E-News, and paper copies in the office.

First Communion - Celebrate with Us!

Please join us in celebrating a huge milestone on a child's faith journey. The following children will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28: Frances Browne, Leo Morton, and Isabella Schwieters.

Festival of Tables

The Festival of Tables will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fundraiser for the St Philip's Food & Clothing Shelf and the Community Supper on Wednesday evenings. Many beautiful tablescapes will be featured and lunch will be served. The Parish Fellowship Committee will be selling tickets for the Festival of Tables in the Narthex in between services on Sunday, March 17 and 24. Tickets are \$20. If you would like to host a table there is still room! Please contact Julie Small [kjsmall74@msn.com]. Plan to join us at this beautiful event.

Board of Administration Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, March 25 at 6:30 pm in the Lounge. All members are welcome to attend!

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

Website Content – We Need Your Help

As with highlighting St. Philip's activities with photos, we want to also make sure the information about them is correct and up to date on our website. But we need your help. Please take a moment and review your committee or group's section on the website and if something needs to be changed or updated, please email Connie at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Let's See Your Photos!

If you are a part of a pair, group, team, committee, ensemble, or ministry around St. Philip's, we would love to have you share photos of your passion and dedication! We will use them on our website, app or on social media...so please remember; a photo of a face needs permission to be used! Please send your pictures to Connie at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Heritage Group

The Heritage Group has 'work sessions' twice a month to sort, catalog, and file information pertaining to St. Philip's. We have two requests for you. First, please consider joining us if you have an interest in actively preserving the past, present, and future of St. Philip's heritage. If you do, please contact any of the group members for more information. They include Carol Anderson, Mike Anderson, Diane Campeau, Arlene Hamernik, Dick Lekang, Kathy Swenson, and Erna Thomley. The group has one monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm in Room 1.

The second request we have is that if you have any information - articles, pictures, cookbooks, directories, or such items that relate to St. Philip's that you no longer want to keep, please consider giving them to the Heritage Group.

Financial Giving Options

St. Philip's offers multiple ways to electronically give! The first option can be accessed by downloading the church app onto your phone. The second option is to text SPLCMNGIVE to [833-750-3154] and click on the link it sends back to you. A third method can be found on our website [www.splcmn.org] from a desktop by clicking the word 'Give' from the drop-down menu and then 'Online Giving'. If accessing from a smartphone, click on the menu button, (three white stripes in the top right corner) from there click on 'Give', and then 'Online Giving'. Lastly, you can access our giving portal through the E-News. You can also bring your offering on Sunday morning or mail it to the office. Thank you!