

# April 28 – May 5, 2024

## Scripture for April 28

Psalm 22 and John 15:1-8

## Sunday

9:00 am – Traditional Worship

10:30 am – Contemporary Worship

### Garage Sale Meeting

Yes, it's time! The garage sale is only four months away, so our first meeting will be held Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

### Newborn Kits

We have collected enough items to assemble approximately 75 newborn kits and are inviting the congregation to help do that between services this Sunday, April 28. We will be assembling them in the Mission Corner. Come and help!

### Community Supper Update

As many of you are aware, numbers are rising and we now average approximately 180 per week. This does necessitate an increase in our budget and the purchasing of many pantry items. It now takes 50 boxes of scalloped potatoes, 16 boxes of spaghetti and fettuccine noodles and many boxes of instant mashed potatoes to feed our diners. So, if you are looking for ways to donate, the above items are always needed, and can be easily stored. Thanks for your continued support!

### Thanks, Staff!

Our staff, consisting of Pastors Matt and Eric, Connie, Jenni, and Katie made and served the community supper last Wednesday. From laying out and filling boxes to cooking food and delivering dinners to the cars, they did it all! They enjoyed the experience and encourage other groups to serve too! We would love to have you! Well done, staff!

### 2024 Spring Clean-Up

It's approaching that time - to get the church grounds in shape for the summer! Please join us Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, as we get to spruce up the church grounds by weeding, edging, trimming, mulching, blowing, etc. Please bring your tools with you and clearly mark them so they are easily identifiable. Necessary tools include wheelbarrows, shovels, leaf blowers, axes, rakes, trowels, and gloves. Contact Katie with any questions [[katies@splcmn.org](mailto:katies@splcmn.org)]. We look forward to seeing you on May 18.

### Kimberly Brown Concert

Kimberly Brown will host her "Songs to Remember" concert at St. Philip's on Saturday, May 4 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are not required, but a free-will offering will be taken. Kimberly is a former member of the 3-time Grammy-Award-winning group, The Sounds of Blackness. She is a female tenor who loves to share the gift that God has given her, and she sings every note from the heart. We hope you will join us!

### Weeding

Do you enjoy squatting in the heat, sweating, having gnats fly into your eyes and mouth? Well, has Katie got the job for you. She is looking for 2-3 people who can help weed our campus. Please contact Katie in the office if you are interested [[katies@splcmn.org](mailto:katies@splcmn.org) or 763-231-0420].

### **Music Sunday**

Join us Sunday, May 19 at either the 9:00 or 10:30 am service as we showcase a variety of wonderful music! We are excited to hear the Bells of Praise, Sanctuary Choir, Worship Band, children, and organ!

### **Celebrate the Graduates!**

Join us on Sunday, May 19 as we celebrate this year's high school seniors: Sam Gemlo, Logan Gondorchin, Heather Hawkins, and Allie Yerigan. Refreshments will be available between services, so please stop by and share a well wish, ask about their future plans, and join us in either or both services as we say a blessing over them.

### **Little Voices Bring Big Praise**

Join us on Music Sunday, May 19 at one or both services as our littlest members share with you a song they've been hard at work practicing. It's not only got a sweet message, but also adorable actions...and they sure like to dance!

### **Save the Date - Vacation Bible School!**

We are excited for VBS this summer! We hope your child will join us the week of June 17 - 21, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, at St. Philip's! Children ages 2 1/2 years old – completion of grade 4 are invited to join us for a week of fun! Kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. To register your child, please follow this link [[www.myvbs.org/splcmn](http://www.myvbs.org/splcmn)], or contact Connie at [[ConnieY@splcmn.org](mailto:ConnieY@splcmn.org)].

### **Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School**

If you are interested in giving your time to help, there are many opportunities! Planning, setting up, guiding a crew, or leading a station...there is something for everyone! All those with caring hearts and helping hands (completed grade 5 - adults), please follow this link [[www.myvbs.org/splcmn](http://www.myvbs.org/splcmn)], or contact Connie at [[ConnieY@splcmn.org](mailto:ConnieY@splcmn.org)].

### **Endowment Fund Grant Recipients**

- \$5,000 Food & Clothing Shelf
- \$750 Festival of Tables
- \$500 Global Health Ministries - help pay for shipping costs
- \$1,000 Garden Group
- \$2,000 Love offering to Jim & Carol Sack in retirement
- \$3,000 IT Expenses
- \$1,500 Changing Gaits, an Equine Therapy in Brooklyn Park, MN
- \$3,007 Irrigation System

**Total distribution of funds = \$16,757**

### **Ways to Read the *Friend* Each Month**

Every month you have many options as to how you read your copy of the *Friend*. You may read it digitally via the button in the E-News, by accessing it directly from our website, or through the 'E-Friend' link found in the email from Jenni Anderson. Or you may read a printed version of the *Friend* by requesting one be mailed to you or by picking one up in the office. We can always print more if needed! If you have any questions or would like to request a copy, contact Jenni [[JenniA@splcmn.org](mailto:JenniA@splcmn.org)].