

The Friend



Sunday Worship

9:00 am - Traditional

10:30 am - Contemporary

August

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GROW & WORSHIP

Many Ways to Help!

Matt Flom, Pastor

8 Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining. 10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:8-10

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The amazing St. Philip's garage sale is upon us. It's time to mobilize and get ready for all our guests. Wonderful you say, how can I help, you eagerly ask! Well, there are many ways to help or get involved. The easiest way is to gather a couple of boxes of good stuff you no longer need or use and bring them on one of the donation days. Decluttering is good for the psyche and the soul. You can also help with set up, sorting, working the rooms during the sale, helping with meals for the volunteers, cleaning up, and many other things. Some people donate several days to the sale, others just a few hours. It all helps and is greatly appreciated. You can also come to the sale and find a few treasures to take home or to give as gifts. A great way to help is to invite a friend to come with you. This is a double way to help because it promotes the garage sale and you can tell them about what we do at St. Philip's. You can then invite them to come to church with you. Another way to help is to hand out garage sale flyers to friends, family, and neighbors. Spreading the word is always helpful. Finally, one thing we all can and should do for all the ministries we have here at St. Philip's is pray. Remember, prayer is the power of the church, and God is waiting for us to share our prayers. No one person can do everything, but we can all help. I hope to see you before, during, and after the garage sale.

Jim and Carol Sack are Coming to St. Philip's!

Please join us on Sunday, August 25, as Jim and Carol Sack bring a message for us in worship. Jim and Carol have served in Japan for many years as missionaries and are retiring this year. It will be an opportunity for us to hear the good news, thank them for their service, and wish them well in retirement. Please come to either service and join us afterward for fellowship.

Jesus Loves the Little Children

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

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

To me, there is no greater joy than seeing a child's eyes light up with curiosity. Throughout my life, I have been around many children. Being the youngest in my family, I was blessed with nieces and nephews before I was born, and again at seven, nine, 10, and 14 years old. I would often babysit, and it always amazed me how even the simplest things could spark curiosity in a child. After having my girls, and throughout the time I was a daycare provider, I noticed this rang true again.

Many things can cause a child to be curious, it's normal behavior and emotion as a part of their development. The part that brings me the most joy is the way a child's eyes light up when they learn something new, and it captures their attention. Throughout my nearly eight years here at St. Philip's, I have had the opportunity to see that light in many eyes on Sunday mornings. From experiencing a Bible story told with puppets or through a craft their eyes light up. When they play a Bible trivia game with their Sunday School friends, even if they don't know the answer, their eyes light up when they hear it.

It was on a Sunday morning, just a few weeks ago in mid-July, when I saw that light during a Children's Sermon. The lesson was on how God chose us to be a part of His family, long before we were born. Much like most of my Children's Sermons...we quickly got off-topic. I will never quiet a child who wants to openly share any thought that pops into their sweet little head...even if I need to work hard to circle back. Nearly every time, their tangent makes us laugh or could fill our hearts with joy.

That day, the once shy little boy's eyes lit up with curiosity. We had just had our annual Blessing of the Animals worship service a few days before, and he was curious if the stuffed animal he brought to worship that day could be blessed like his others were a few days prior. I told him I bet Pastor Eric or Pastor Matt would love to do that after worship...and I was right. That little boy remembered, and his little lion stuffed animal was blessed.

I fully believe that as adults, we still can have our eyes light up with curiosity like that of a child. It is my prayer that you may take a minute each day to be curious.

GROW & SERVE

Busy Summertime

Brian Munsterman, President

Where does the time go and why does summer seem to fly by so quickly? Is it maybe because of all the activities we try to fit in our free time while it is nice outside knowing that we only have so many months before the white stuff flies in the sky again? I know I only have so much free time based on work, family commitments, and the other outside commitments I take on, but I still like to try to do as many things as I can. At the end of this month, it will be state fair time, then back to school and some normalcy.

Even though it is summer, many exciting things are happening around St. Philip's. We had Christmas in July. There is a new gaga pit that was donated to St. Philip's that has been put up outside (thank you Aaron and Logan for picking it up and installing it!) If you have never heard of gaga ball and don't know how to play, ask any youth and they will gladly explain the game. You can also join in on the fun. This month, we have the St. Philip's annual garage sale. This is always a busy time around church. If you can help by donating your unused items or volunteering your time, that would be greatly appreciated. It takes all of you to help make this a success year after year. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer!

Grant Requests from Garage Sale

Requests for funding will be accepted through the month of August. Forms are in the church office, and completed forms may be left there. If you are requesting funds for church property, you must present a proposal to Property and Grounds for approval. Last year, we donated over \$30,000 from garage sale funds!



Meals on Wheels



People who help others are truly God's hands and feet! A very special thank you to Gidget Brooks for stepping in to call and schedule drivers for our June week for Meals on Wheels while I was away. A very special gift of service! The amazing givers of their time to deliver meals were: Sandy and Eldy Nelson, Shirley and Dave Hogan, Sarah Lovgren and Mary Paul, Chuck and Kathy Eichelberger, Carol and Jerry Jensen, Gidget and Edd Brooks, Phyllis and Larry Ehlers, Deb and Mike Carroll, Diane Campeau, and Renee Johnson.

27th Annual SPLC Garage Sale!



The time has arrived– donations for the garage sale can be dropped off:

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 1st Day to Drop Off Donations 9:00am to 7:00pm	3 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 4:00pm
4 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 12:00pm	5 Donation Drop-Off 9:00 am to 5:00pm	6 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	7 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	8 Donation Drop-Off 9:00 am to 5:00pm	9 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	10 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 1:00pm
11 Last Day to Drop Off Donations 9:00am to 12:00pm	12	13	14 Garage Sale Preview Night 5:00 to 8:00pm (\$3/admission)	15 Garage Sale 9:00am to 7:00pm	16 Garage Sale 9:00am to 7:00pm	17 Garage Sale 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!

You can also donate snacks and beverages to fuel the many volunteers that make the garage sale happen!
We welcome donations of cases of bottled water, cases of cans of pop and sparkling water, and assorted individual bags of chips & snacks. Please drop off snack and beverage donations in Room 6 by Sunday, August 11.

We are collecting **Paper Grocery Bags with Handles** for the Garage Sale. You can drop off any you have to donate in Room 6. We need lots, so thank you for any you are able to donate to the cause!

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

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June & July Completed Projects

Property & Grounds/Men's Work Crew

Job	Cost	Savings
Four outdoor garbage & recycling containers - Anoka Cty Grant	\$0	\$6,500
Filters changed on bottle filling stations	\$75	\$100
Ice machine cleaned	\$0	\$150
New sink added in the kitchen	\$2,990	\$1,000
Replaced broken motor in AC unit in the office	\$278	\$380
Bushes along front office have been trimmed	\$0	\$300
New lights installed in large parking lot	\$3,128	\$0
Replaced broken glass in Fellowship Hall	\$718	\$0
Adapted existing Baldachin lights for improved brightness in the Sanctuary	\$60	\$2,000

Make a Joyful Sound

A few days after St. Philip's participated in the Fridley 49ers parade, we received this email in the office and wanted to share the good news with you.

Deb Long here: I use to be a Fridleyite for 17 yrs and saw many Fridley parades. My daughter and I came back just for the fun of it to the 2024 parade and I want to thank you for singing praise music thru the streets of Fridley!!

What a GREAT, uplifting experience to hear "you" singing to our Lord!!



Keep your light shining in Fridley for

The Lord !!!



P.S. Your church opened its doors to my Girl Scout troop many yrs ago those 2 yrs. Still

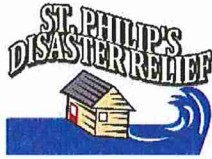


grateful



Many beautiful memories from

2024 Fall Trip St. Philip's Disaster Relief



Preparation has begun for the 2024 Fall SPDR trip which will take place from September 21 – 29. Clarksville, TN was struck by a tornado in December 2023 resulting in three deaths and destroying 243 homes. The SPDR ministry is tentatively planning to travel to Clarksville in September to assist in the rebuild effort. Coordination is underway for lodging and job plans with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Recovery). Please continue to watch for more information regarding the upcoming trip including registration in late July - early August. The Journey Continues.

Removing the Like Button from Churches

By Thom S. Ranier - Found at [churchanswers.com]

I guess like buttons have their place in social media, blogs, podcasts, and other methods of communication. I pray, though, that I will avoid the temptation to see the various aspects of my church as a place where I can determine whether it meets my needs and gets my "like" affirmation.

I pray that I will not evaluate the music style in my church with a like button. Instead, I pray that I will be grateful to those who give of themselves every week to provide us with worshipful music.

I pray I will not evaluate preaching in my church with a like button. Instead of deciding if the length is best for me and the exposition precisely as I would prefer, I pray that I will be thankful for a pastor who faithfully prepares and preaches a message every week.

I pray that I will not evaluate the pastoral care in my church with a like button. Instead, I pray I will realize fully that we don't pay our staff to do all the ministry; their primary work is to equip us for the work of ministry.

I pray that I will not evaluate the order of worship in my church with a like button. Instead, I pray that I will demonstrate gratitude that I have the freedom to worship in my church and that I will not be so petty to insist on an order of worship the way I prefer.

I pray I will not evaluate our church budget and spending with a like button. Instead, I pray that I will be grateful for those who give and for a church that seeks to be the best steward of those gifts.

I pray I will not evaluate volunteers in my church with a like button. Instead, I pray I will have a heart of gratitude that they give freely of themselves without pay and most of them without recognition.

I pray I will not evaluate my church overall with a like button. Indeed, I pray that I will not see my church as a place to get my needs and preferences met.

My church is not a social media channel built upon likes and up-and-down votes. My church is built upon the sacrifice and work of Christ. He labored for me. He prayed for me. He died for me. The least I can do is to love his bride, the church, as he loves her. The least I can do is to seek unity and be a source of unity in the church.

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourself united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future (Ephesians 4:1-4, NLT).

GROW & SERVE

Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Ray Olson

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] and select, 'Ministries' and then 'Endowment'.

Financials

St. Philip's 2024	Actual May	Actual YTD
Income	\$51,272.78	\$317,127.83
Expense	(\$71,188.88)	(\$319,930.70)
TOTALS	(\$19,916.10)	(\$2,802.87)

St. Philip's 2024	Actual June	Actual YTD
Income	\$46,220.11	\$363,347.94
Expense	(\$57,473.46)	(\$377,404.16)
TOTALS	(\$11,253.35)	(\$14,056.22)

Life Events



Wayne and Mary Ellen Carlson on 8/18/1962 for 62 years

Charles and Kathleen Eichelberger on 8/10/1963 for 61 years

Spencer and Gay Minear on 8/27/1966 for 58 years

Sandy and Eldon Nelson on 8/12/1967 for 57 years

Edward and Gidget Brooks on 8/31/1968 for 56 years

Michael and Carol Anderson on 8/22/1970 for 54 years

Daryl and Carol Gabrielson on 8/11/1973 for 51 years

Larry and MarJean Stromberg on 8/3/1974 for 50 years

Cynthia and Richard Grove on 8/27/1977 for 47 years

Judy and Michael Greer on 8/28/1982 for 42 years

Paul and Nancy Buerkleon 8/4/1984 for 40 years

Jennifer Kunze and Jay Williams on 8/8/1998 for 26 years

Howard Thompson and Elaine Knutson on 8/1/1998 for 26 years

Joshua and Kris Glood on 8/17/2002 for 22 years

Michael and Anna Shimanski on 8/23/2008 for 16 years

Anna and Joe Heinrich on 8/6/2016 for 8 years

Tom and Jordan Mesenbourg on 8/6/2018 for 6 years

Friendly Takeaway

I lift my eyes
unto the hills,
Where does my
help come from?
My help comes from
the Lord,
The Maker
of Heaven and Earth.
Psalm 121:1-2

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Worship Schedule

9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

- Access worship livestreams on our website [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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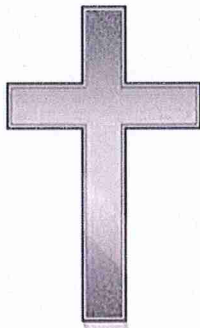
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	2 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf Garage Sale Donation Dropoff Begins	3
4 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	5 1:00 pm Joy Circle	6 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm No Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	7 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters - Cancelled 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15pm Community Supper - Cancelled 7:00 pm Concert Committee Mtg.	8 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	9 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	10
11 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Garage Sale Donation Dropoff Ends	12 10:00 am Parish Fellowship Mtg. 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries	13 Primary Election 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm No Tuesdays Together 2:00 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg. - Cancelled 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	14 8:30 am Men's Work Crew - Cancelled; WOW - Cancelled 10:00 am EA Mtg.; Women's Book Club- Cancelled 1:00 pm Walking Alone Together - Cancelled 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf - Closed 5:15pm Community Supper - Cancelled Garage Sale: 5:00 - 8:00 pm	15 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg. Garage Sale: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm	16 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf - Closed Garage Sale: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm	17 Garage Sale: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
18 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	19 Friend Articles Due 9:30 am Glory Circle 6:30 pm Executive Mtg	20 9:00 am Library Mtg 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm No Tuesdays Together 7:00 pm This is Most Certainly Brew 7:30 pm Worship Band	21 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 10:30 am P&G Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15pm Community Supper	22 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	23 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	24
25 Global Missions Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	26 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries; Knitters & Crocheters 6:30 pm Board of Administration Mtg.	27 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm No Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	28 8:30 am Men's Work Crew; WOW 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper	29 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	30 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	31



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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).