

# The Friend



## Rally Sunday - September 8

### Worship

9:00 and 10:30 am

### Children & Youth Programming Kickoff

9:20 - 10:00 am

### Congregational Brunch

9:45 - 10:45 am

Fellowship Hall

### Outdoor Activities

10:00 am—12:00 pm

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# GROW & WORSHIP

## Community and Gratitude

Eric Nelson, Pastor

Jim and Carol Sack, our missionary partners in Japan, visited us on Sunday, August 25th to share a recap of their ministries and tell of their future plans in retirement. Many wonderful stories were shared about the impact of their ministries in Japan and many happy reunions took place in the narthex and gathering corner over coffee and cupcakes arranged by Parish Fellowship.



But two key things were shared as Carol and Jim shared original tapestries that had been brought with them. One said "gratitude" and the other said "community." Jim and Carol expressed gratitude for this community and we give thanks for our global Christian community. Across all cultures and customs, we are united by our Creator and Redeemer. Locally and globally we have much to be grateful for in Christian community.

Thanks go out to the Sacks and their ministry, all who helped foster and pray for this relationship in ministry, all who helped arrange to welcome in this visit and others (with food, gifts, and more), and all who have supported this ministry relationship in so many ways over the years.

Continue to keep Jim and Carol in your prayers, give thanks to God for their witness, and pray for the continued witness and growth of Christ's gospel locally and abroad as we celebrate these gifts of ministry in the church along with Jim and Carol's retirement.



## Friendship Fills the Soul

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

*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13*

As a new school year starts, I can't help but remember the butterflies in my tummy as a young child at the start of each school year. "Will I have friends in my classes?" "What if I don't know anyone?" By the end of the first day, the butterflies went away, and I often had plenty of classes with my friends...and always, new friends were made. This time of year can be a source of anxiety among kids. The unknown and worry can fill those little heads easily, but with a little reassurance, I pray that your kiddos' butterflies stay away on their first day. Remind them that they aren't alone in feeling this...and will be surrounded by friends by the end of the day.

Friends are one of our greatest treasures. We all have them. Certain ones stand tall above the crowd. Some of us have that one friend we can count on to always be there for us, no matter what. Some of us have that one friend (or many friends) for whom we would do anything. Some of us have that one friend we shouldn't sit by at a serious function, because if we do...we're sure to find something to giggle about and maybe get in trouble with. Some of us have that one friend we couldn't imagine life without...and sometimes the unthinkable happens, and we are forced to live without them. It is then that you hold tight to the memories and keep them alive in your heart by doing all you can to honor them. I hope y'all have friends like this. Did you meet them as young children? Maybe they came into your life during your teenage/college/adult years. Then there is the friend that we all have...Jesus. Jesus will always be there for you. He wants to see you happy. He is there carrying you when you cannot walk on your own. He dries your tears and dances with joy when you are happy.

It doesn't take much to be a good friend to others. Small acts of kindness go a long way. If you ever see me in worship, working on something attached to my water bottle...I'm making friendship bracelets. For the longest time, I would make them and wear them as anklets...giving them to friends, family, or my daughters. Now I make them for friends who come to visit our Food & Clothing Shelf. Judy mentioned that they love painted rocks, and friendship bracelets would be neat too. So now I make them and pray for the friend who will wear them. I pray that they know they are loved and are beautiful blessings from God.

However you became connected with your friends, I pray that you cherish every moment, for true friends are beautiful blessings from God. If you would like to make friendship bracelets for our Food & Clothing Shelf friends; I can provide the string!

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## End of Summer, Beginning of Fall

Brian Munsterman, President

September is already here, where did the summer go? It feels like yesterday when summer was just beginning. But when one thing ends, another begins. September brings the start of weather changes and soon the fall colors will appear. Time to return to a more normal routine from our summer mindset. I look forward to the start of Fall and all it has to offer, especially the colors of the changing season. I look forward to Rally Sunday, the return of the children, Sunday School, Confirmation, and seeing so many people back at Sunday worship.

I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated items and/or time to make our annual garage sale so successful! This task takes a lot of time, talent, and donations to ensure success year after year, so be grateful for all your contributions. Without these, we wouldn't be able to do this.

## BOA Meeting Summary



- We approved changing the office hours to be closed on Fridays beginning September 6.
- December BOA meeting dates were changed. The Exec Committee will meet on 12/9 and the full BOA will meet on 12/16.
- Added Tabling - having a table or tables set up with information for various committees, groups, or organizations. BOA will lead by example and host the first table on Sunday, October 27. More details to follow.
- Approved suggestion from Property & Grounds to swap timing of BFTF-II projects. So the Fellowship Hall renovation project would be done over the fall/winter and the parking lot project would wait until spring/summer since the sealing of the parking lot needs time to cure and doesn't work well in the colder weather.
- Approved suggestion from Property & Grounds to add an item to the annual meeting agenda to add the Sanctuary lighting project to BFTF-II. More information about this lighting project will be in the minutes of the 8/26/24 BOA meeting.

## SPLC Original Contemporary Liturgy

On Rally Sunday, September 8, our 10:30 Worship Band will debut a freshly composed, original liturgy, written expressly for St. Philip's! Composed this summer by worship band leader Cheri Sykes, it melds our traditional liturgical texts of the ages with contemporary rock idioms and rhythm. The familiar words of five principle liturgy parts, the Kyrie, Glory to God, Gospel Alleluia, Holy Holy, and Lamb of God, are presented within the fresh harmonies and melodies of today. This new liturgy will be sung at the 10:30 worship all fall. We hope you will find it appealing, singable, and most of all, worshipful.

## Meals on Wheels



The summer is racing by and everyone was busy helping with the garage sale and still they said yes to driving for Meals on Wheels! Big hugs and thanks to: Neal & Cathy Anderson, Wanda & Linda Benson, Edd & Gidget Brooks, Mike & Deb Carroll, , Larry & Phyllis Ehlers, Chuck & Kathy Eichelberger, Dave & Shirley Hogan, Sara Lovgren & Mary Paul, Eldy & Sandy Nelson, and Ron & Jennifer Prasek!

## Bishop Jen Nagel Installation

You are invited to the Festive Service of Holy Communion and the Installation of The Reverend Jen Nagel as Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod ELCA. It will take place on Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 am at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. A light reception will follow. For more information, please visit [mpls-synod.org].

## 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. Call 763-755-5335 or visit [www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org) for more information. The next series will be held Thursday evenings, September 5<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at: Nativity Lutheran Church - 3312 Silver Lake Road NE, St Anthony, MN 55418



## Join Us For a Minnesota Lynx Game!



We are headed to the Minnesota Lynx game on Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 pm as the team takes on the Los Angeles Sparks for Fan Appreciation Day. If you need help ordering tickets, please contact Jenni [jennia@splcmn.org]. Tickets are \$41 each and we have reserved seating in Section 138. We hope you will join us!

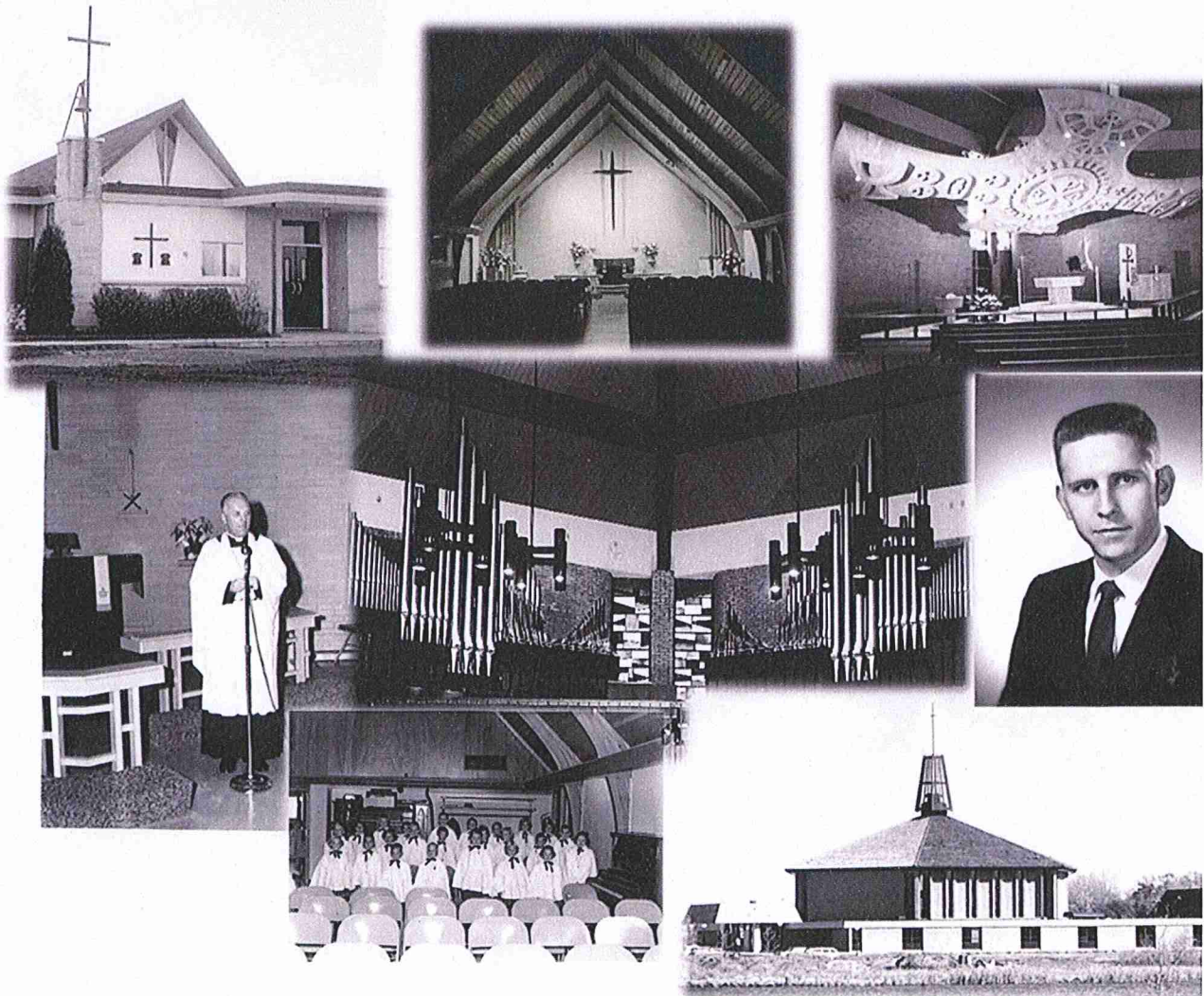
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## Happy Fall Everyone! Heritage Group

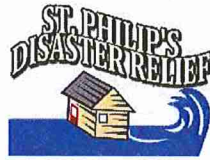
The Heritage Group took the summer off from their monthly meetings. However, the working meetings were still scheduled twice per month. Our task was to continue going through boxes of pictures. And that we did! We also made some decisions on sorting and how to handle the many picture albums. The photos were sorted roughly by subject, and we will continue to sort, identify when possible, and determine which to keep and how they will be preserved.

In addition to photos, over 100 CDs/DVDs depicting events over the years were collected and an index was created. Future focus will be to sort and identify slides and tapes.

Another task was to provide information to Pastor Matt and Cheri Sykes as we prepare to acknowledge the Blessing of the Organ in October. Based on information found while cleaning the vault, Heritage learned about the process of researching, funding and purchasing the current Schantz organ. Pictures of the delivery day and installation were given to Heritage by Jane Nienaber. Past newsletters and bulletins provided names of past organists. More information on that in the October Friend!



## 2024 Fall Trip St. Philip's Disaster Relief



Preparation is ongoing for the 2024 Fall SPDR trip which will take place from September 21– 29 in Clarksville, TN, where the team will assist in the rebuild effort. Clarksville was struck by a tornado in December, 2023, resulting in three deaths and destroying 243 homes. Registration has been completed. The SPDR Ministry is coordinating lodging and job plans with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Recovery). Thank you for your continued support.

# The Journey Continues

## Rally Sunday Activities!



Join us as we kick off our program year on Sunday, September 8. This is a fun-filled day for all ages! Children & Youth Discipleship class time is 9:20 - 10:20 am weekly. Children 2 1/2 through high school will leave for class from first service. On this day, parents will be asked to pick up after the first service at 10:00 am, and all ages are encouraged to head into the Fellowship Hall for brunch hosted by the Parish Fellowship Committee, and then outside for fun activities, including a bouncy house, face painting, gaga pit, crazy hair, temporary tattoos, snacks, and more! We hope to see you there!

## Ministry Fair - Blessings Abound

At St. Philip's, everywhere you look there are folks who gather to do God's work. Some gather daily, and others weekly or monthly. In each group, you can find laughter, discussion, and hard work. Some groups work behind the scenes, while others may be more visible. Did you know we have around 40 various groups? Have you ever wondered how you can get involved?

We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 22, in the Fellowship Hall for a Ministry Fair between worship services. Walk around and visit the tables for the groups that interest you and receive information. There's something for everyone!

Blessings abound here at St. Philip's. Because of the hard work, dedication, and love that goes into each ministry, we can make a positive impact on our community and surrounding areas.

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## Endowment Fund

### The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

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 July	Actual YTD
Income	\$62,267.18	\$425,615.12
Expense	(\$53,660.40)	(\$431,064.56)
TOTALS	\$8,606.78	(\$5,449.44)

## Garage Sale - Thank You!

Thanks to all the hard-working people who made this year's sale such a huge success. Because of their long hours and hard work, we earned \$44,000, a record, and certainly an impressive amount. We will be donating over \$25,000 to charities. Thank you so much to those of you who worked for days making this a success!



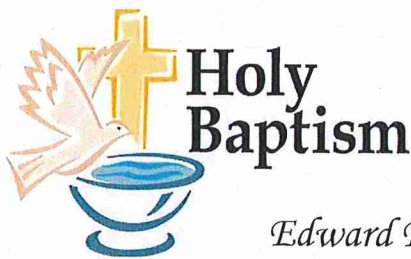


Life Events



Duane and Anita Prairie on 9/7/1957 for 67 years
Richard and Joyce Lekang on 9/29/1962 for 62 years
Chuck and Suzanne Lunde on 9/1/1962 for 62 years
Robert and Rebecca Becker on 9/13/1969 for 55 years
Clark and Kristine Poelzer on 9/1/1973 for 51 years
Kent and Julie Small on 9/7/1974 for 50 years
Ronald and Jennifer Prasek on 9/13/1975 for 49 years
Robert and Mary Shimanski on 9/6/1975 for 49 years
Allen and Jan Spitzer on 9/6/1975 for 49 years
Linda and Gene Gondorchin on 9/17/1977 for 47 years
Kenneth and Sheryl Oestreich on 9/24/1977 for 47 years

John and Kathy Swenson on 9/10/1977 for 47 years
Brian and Marna Dahlgren on 9/18/1982 for 42 years
Fred and Lynne Haggaron 9/3/1988 for 36 years
Robert and Cathy Barker on 9/29/1990 for 34 years
Darrell and Amy Hauge on 9/1/1990 for 34 years
Jennifer and Kent Tjader on 9/19/1992 for 32 years
Julie and Michael Booth on 9/4/1999 for 25 years
Al and Kari Davies on 9/18/1999 for 25 years
Timothy and Celeste Prairie on 9/16/2000 for 24 years
Dave and Rachael Ostrom on 9/8/2001 for 23 years



Edward Eric Erwin

8/18/24



The friends and family of:

Betty Nordling

Patrick Miller

Marlin Sorum

Welcome

New Members:

Jean Carpenter

Donald Severson

Sherry Carpenter

Gladys Windolff

Lloyd Schleicher

## Friendly Takeaway



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**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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**Bille Lutheran in Nigeria**

**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

# September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>2 Labor Day! Office Closed</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food &amp; Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm No Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food &amp; Clothing Shelf 5:15pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Polish Bells/Teacher &amp; Volunteer Mtg. 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 7:30 pm AA Mtg.</p>	<p>6 10:00 am Food &amp; Clothing Shelf 6:30 pm Youth-led Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Rally Sunday! 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children &amp; Youth Discipleship; 9:45 am Congregational Brunch 10:00 am Outdoor Activities 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Parish Fellowship Mtg. 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries; Joy Circle</p>	<p>10 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food &amp; Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:00 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg.; Heritage Group Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 8:30 am Men's Work Crew; WOW 10:00 am EA Mtg.; Women's Book Club 1:00 pm Walking Alone Together 5:00 pm Food &amp; Clothing Shelf 5:15pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.</p>	<p>13 8:00 am Life Line 10:00 am Food &amp; Clothing Shelf</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 am Worship; SPDR Team Commissioning 9:20 am Children &amp; Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>16 Friend Articles Due 9:30 am Glory Circle 6:30 pm Executive Mtg</p>	<p>17 9:00 am Library Mtg 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food &amp; Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:00 pm This is Most Certainly Brew 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 10:30 am P&amp;G Mtg. 5:00 pm Food &amp; Clothing Shelf 5:15pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 7:30 pm AA Mtg.</p>	<p>20 10:00 am Food &amp; Clothing Shelf</p>	<p>21 SPDR Team leaves for Clarksville, TN</p>
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<p>29 SPDR Team returns from Clarksville, TN  9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children &amp; Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>					



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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).