

The Friend

Worship Schedule:

October 6, 13, 20, and 27

9:00 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

Children & Youth Discipleship:

9:20 am

Trunk & Treat

Thursday, October 31

5:30 - 7:30 pm

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GROW & WORSHIP

Invitation

Matt Flom, Pastor

And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

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. We're trying something new and fun. The fall is a great time to invite people to church, to worship services, to social events, to service opportunities. Studies show most people are open to invitations, even if they can't come at a particular time. To help people remember the invitation and to give them basic information, we are handing out "tickets" for people to come. Yes, it's a gimmick, but it's also a fun way to get people's attention. One side looks like a normal ticket that says Admit One. The back side has our name, location, service times, and QR codes. By using the QR codes, folks can download our app or connect to our website for more information. We have a basket of these tickets on the usher's table in the back of the Sanctuary. I also think they will be helpful in reminding us to always be on the lookout for an opportunity to invite someone to church. We have such a great time here at St. Philip's. Great music, fellowship, fun, service, learning, and so much more. Let's share this amazing church with others.



He is Present

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

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20

Grace and peace to you this beautiful Fall season! Everywhere I look, I see God. The leaves are slowly starting to change, and there is no shortage of pumpkin spice items anywhere you look. I love Fall! There are so many things to be excited about, it would take pages and pages to list...but here's a few worth highlighting. The Children, Youth & Discipleship (Sunday School) programming has begun! It is so good to see the kids and hear their footsteps and laughter fill the halls and classrooms. As I write this, there are 43 children & youth registered! We kicked off the year with new curriculum for all ages, each class is being taught by two or more amazing volunteers, and our youth are moving to a new space! As the children gather in their classrooms, God is present.

There are so many more fun and exciting things happening within our Children, Youth & Family Ministry program. This year we will be focusing on our Ministry Stepping Stones, including our annual Bible Blessing on October 20th. Children & Youth who are new to our church or who have moved up an age/grade level, will receive a blessing and their new Bible. Putting God's word in their hands is an incredible milestone on their faith journey. One more exciting thing happening is our youth will participate in a lock-in retreat coming in November...God is sure to be present there.

It goes without saying, God is present in all things in and around St. Philip's. It also goes without saying that the children and youth at St. Philip's are amazing. If you ever feel called to spend time with them on a Sunday morning, I am always looking for a few extra hands and kind hearts!

He is Present

GROW & SERVE

End of Summer, Beginning of Fall

Brian Munsterman, President

How is it October already? Where has the year gone? Can it be Fall already? The days of shorts and warmer weather will soon be a distant memory as the days get shorter, the leaves change colors, and the temperature gets cooler. I like that it is becoming baking season and we will soon have some fresh goodies. I am always thankful for that! The changing of the season shows me that Christ shows beauty in all He does as He continues to move us through the seasons of life. There is always change, but there are things to look forward to as well. I am also reminded of how many things we as a church do! The St Philip's Disaster Relief team returned from another successful trip. I find it so amazing how much work they put in. Our Ministry Fair was a great event and fun seeing what all the other groups are doing. I hope everyone took time to hear about the different ministries, groups, and committees and will maybe want to join in on their work and fun. The end of the month is Halloween. I hope everyone has a spooktacular time and gets nothing but treats!

BOA Meeting Summary



- 1) Wishing SPDR well on their trip to Clarksville, TN as they help rebuild after a large tornado
- 2) Decided to move the gaga ball pit to avoid damage this coming winter from snow plowing
- 3) Celebrated the success of the ministry fair and thanked Rita for her hard work in organizing the event

Thank You from Jim & Carol Sack



Dear faithful sisters and brothers of St. Philip's,

What a wonderful Sunday we were able to share with you on August 25! Since we have had such a long-standing relationship with you all (which literally spans decades), we have come to know a number of names and faces with whom we share a history and therefore, also, meaningful memories. So special! It's always good to meet new friends, too.

One of our unique memories was a tea ceremony with my Japanese friend who came to say thank you for the may prayer shawls you sent to the disaster area in 2011. Also, I remember that one of my harp graduates enjoyed a time of fellowship with a group of you. And Jim and I have received warm support and tangible care with all of you, especially the pastors and missions committee members. And we are overwhelmed by your unbelievably generous retirement gift!

All of God's blessings, Jim & Carol

Trunk & Treat

Halloween is just a few short weeks away, and that means it's almost time for the St. Philip's annual Trunk & Treat event. We will again host a safe trick or treat experience right here at the church for our members and neighbors to enjoy. The event will be held in the west parking lot on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30- 7:30 pm!

You are invited to join in the fun by signing up to decorate the trunks of your cars and the tailgates of your trucks in Halloween fashion! Kids and their families will walk the large oval of decorated vehicles, as they safely trick or treat the night away! We would love to have you join us by decorating your "trunk" or donating a bag or two of individually wrapped candy for the event.

We want to thank our Benevolence Committee for their dedication to this event over the past years. The Children, Youth & Family Ministry program has large shoes to fill in moving forward to organize this event, but with God's help, and the support of our congregation, it's sure to continue to be a success!



Benevolence Committee Activities

Fall is a busy time for the Benevolence Committee. In October, we purchase and deliver coats for children in Fridley schools. While we no longer hand out Thanksgiving baskets, we continue to provide gift cards for families so they can do their shopping. Watch for information regarding Thanksgiving gift cards in late October. In November, we will display our Christmas trees, which will have gift ideas for gifts to be provided for children coming to our Christmas Shoppe, held the second Saturday in December. We hope to provide Christmas gifts for 200 children in the area. Parents can register to come to the event and choose two gifts for each child in their family. We know this is a lot, but there is a lot of need! As always, gifts or cash donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for continuing to support the Benevolence Committee in community outreach.

Community Supper

We continue to serve each Wednesday night from 5:15 to 6:00 pm. Curbside pickup is still the preferred method, so we will continue serving in that way. Some evenings we have served over 200 dinners! We never know how many we will serve on any given Wednesday, so cooking has become challenging! Our donation board is displayed by the Gathering Corner, so please take a tag if you are able, and purchase food items. Your support helps stretch our budget and continue to provide quality dinners to those we serve. Thank you for your support!

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Blessing & Rededication of Schantz Organ Heritage Group

In February of 1977, the Board of Administration established an Organ Committee. The old Hillgreen Lane pipe organ was too small for the space and becoming difficult to maintain. The original plan in 1965 was to purchase what the church could afford and over time expand as was possible. Unfortunately, by 1977 the Hillgreen Lane Company was no longer in business and was not available for maintenance much less expansion.

The Organ Committee's mission was to (1) study the needs of the congregation with respect to the overall music program, (2) evaluate the existing instrument, (3) conduct research as appropriate to identify solutions, (4) identify and recommend alternatives, (5) communicate their findings to the congregation.

By April 1978, the decision was made to purchase a new organ, and the organ committee was directed to (1) continue its study, (2) select an organ builder, (3) arrive at a cost estimate, (4) suggest methods of financing – outside the regular church budget.

The committee continued its research by scheduling listening sessions at various churches in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. They contacted many organ companies throughout the United States and into Canada.

On Sunday, March 22, 1981, a special congregational meeting was called to approve a resolution to purchase a new organ. Funding would come from a special 25th Anniversary Thank Offering / Fund Drive. \$180,000 from that fund drive was designated for the organ.

The Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, Ohio was selected to design and build an instrument specifically for St. Philip's Lutheran Church. The price was \$179,886. The contract was signed on June 16, 1981, with delivery and installation in late summer/fall of 1982. A dedication concert was held on December 5, 1982, with Howard Don Small as guest organist.

We are thankful for the many organists over the years that have blessed us with their talents.

Jerald Bonstrom, Jane Nienaber, Dean Billmeyer, Kristine & Roger Ruckert, Peter Hendrickson, Emily Porter, Charles Parson, Timothy Buendorf, David Geslin, Kathy Handford, Julie Lueck

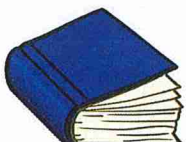
We are also most thankful for those that have been able to assist as interim organists when needed.

Norm Herzog, Kendra Brodin, Miriam Jensen, Jerry Salitros, Cheri Sykes

In the summer of 2024, as part of the Building for the Future II projects, 42 years after installation, work began on the cleaning and refurbishing of the organ. \$79,220 was spent on the project. Out of praise and joy, we will be blessing and rededicating the organ on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

New Books in the Library!

1. *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. This novel is about a soldier's perilous journey back to his beloved at the end of the Civil War.
2. *The Girl Who Smiled Beads* by Clemantine Wamariya. Clemantine Wamariya was 6 years old in 1994 in Rwanda when more than 800,000 people were murdered and millions displaced. Clemantine and her older sister spent seven years wandering through Africa searching for safety. They were eventually granted asylum in the United States.
3. *Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Spiritual Life* by Nancy Koester. The life story of Harriet Beecher Stowe -- a woman of faith, Civil War figure, and author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. This book is a Minnesota Book Awards winner.
4. *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova. Joe O'Brien is a respected Boston police officer, a devoted husband, and a proud father. When he is experiencing angry outbursts and involuntary movements, he is handed a devastating diagnosis. Huntington's disease is a lethal degenerative disease with no effective treatment or cure. Each of Joe's four children has a 50% chance of getting it.
5. *Transitions: Prayers and Declarations for a Changing Life* by Julia Cameron. With observations on the nature of creativity and daily existence, this book is a safe harbor through the storms of life.
6. *Prophet, Arise!* by John Eckhardt. The author reveals the characteristics of a prophet and encourages readers to boldly speak the word of the Lord.
7. *I Miss You Today* by Maureen Nelson. The author, grandmother of Riggins, who was born with the congenital disease known as CDG, has written a touching tribute to his memory.
8. *Is It Possible? Stories from Lost History*. by Doug Ohman. Everyone dreams of finding buried treasure. Author Doug Ohman has spent years finding lost items through metal detecting. In this book he shares his discoveries and offers advice to other hunters of history through the hobby of metal detecting.
9. *Ada Lace Gets Famous* by Emily Calandrelli. When inventor Ada Lace learns her teachers need new school supplies, she's eager to help, but how can she help raise thousands of dollars? Her friend Tycho suggests she try making fun videos. If she builds a big online viewership, she's sure to succeed with the help of her friends.
10. *Man's Search for Meaning: an introduction to Logotherapy* by Viktor Emil Frankl. Frankl has written a personal account of life in the Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival.
11. *Grieving with Hope* by Samuel D Hodges. Straightforward, warm, compassionate hope-filled book that can help you grieve.
12. *Mouse's Wood: A Year in Nature* by Alice Melvin. Mouse is going on a journey through the woods and plans to visit many woodland friends along the way. It is a journey through the seasons. The book features "flaps" to give readers a peek into woodland creatures' homes.
13. *We Will Be Free: The Life and Faith of Sojourner Truth* by Nancy Koeste. Born into slavery, Sojourner Truth defied the limits placed on her as a Black woman to become one of the nineteenth century's renowned preachers and civil rights advocates.



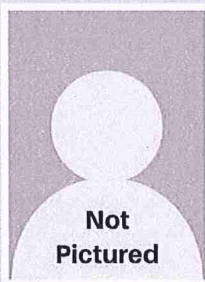
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A Bright Future

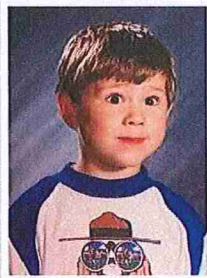
In February of 2023, we played the "Get To Know Your Staff" game, showcasing some fun facts you may not have known about us. Now with it being the start of a new school year, we thought it would be fun this time to take a peek at what we looked like in our younger years. Can you recognize our sweet faces? Many years have gone by since these photos were taken...do we look the same?

The Lord has been good to us. We are blessed to be a part of this church where together, we are God's hands and feet, for you - our congregation, for our community, and beyond.

May God continue to bless our church and it's members.



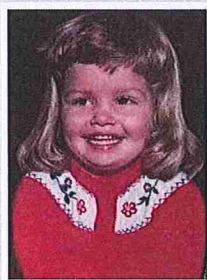
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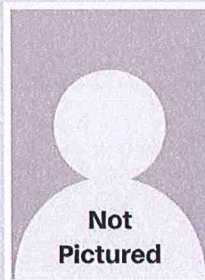
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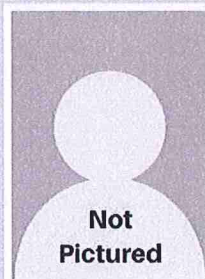
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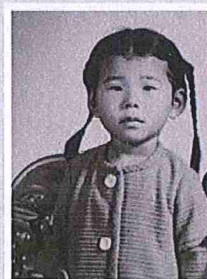
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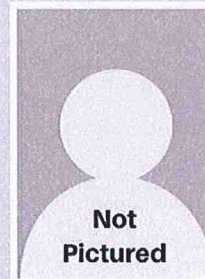
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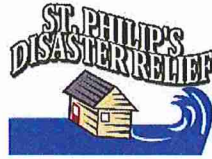


**Cheri
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**Everett
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2024 Fall Trip St. Philip's Disaster Relief



The SPDR fall trip started September 21 as 13 team members left from St. Philip's. Joining them in Clarksville, TN were seven additional team members. Team members come from five different states. This is the first SPDR trip to Clarksville following a large tornado in December 2023 that damaged or destroyed 700 homes and businesses in Clarksville, a town of 180,000.

The team's rebuilding work is under the supervision of the Tennessee Western Kentucky United Methodist Church. The team will be working on home repairs including painting, sheet rocking and window installation.

You can read the daily messages from the Clarksville trip on Facebook (search for "St. Philip's Disaster Relief) or on the SPDR website [www.splcmn.org/spdr].

The Journey Continues

Food & Clothing Shelf

September 11th the Food & Clothing Shelf celebrated its 7-year anniversary. In those seven years we have fed 7,769 families. We've distributed 233,467 pounds of food and since we started recording clothing the September of 2019 we have distributed 18,162 pounds of clothing. Suffice to say St. Philip's has been an incredible gift to the community.

With funds from SHIP (Safety Health Improvement Partnership) and St. Philip's Endowment Committee we were able to install a handicap ramp to make it easier for disabled visitors to access the Food & Clothing Shelf. There are many heartwarming stories. A severely handicapped visitor with an electric wheelchair comes occasionally by van. Our staff helps pick out and pack the food & clothing and waits for the van to come back to be picked up. People come on foot from the Hilltop area and load their items in a cart and pull the carts all the way home. People who have lost their job tearfully tell us their story and thank us over and over for our help. Small children come with their parents and sit on the floor reading books or playing with toys while their parents shop. And because of our Tuesday and Friday blood pressure screenings we have saved lives by sending people directly to a health clinic with dangerously high blood pressure. We know this because people come back to tell us we saved their life.

Because of these stories and many more we wish to thank everyone that has supported this ministry with your donations through the years. Feeding and clothing those in need would not be possible without your support. To all the volunteers that have donated 8,177 hours of their time serving the visitors to the food & clothing shelf, thank you, thank you. Without your work the distribution of these gifts truly could not have happened.

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Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Thank you for your support!

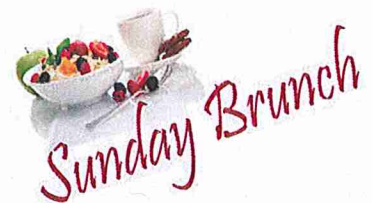
Fall Cleanup!



Join us Saturday, October 5 and 19 for fall cleanup! We will work from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Look for more details in the announcements. We hope to see you here!

Save the Date - Congregational Brunch

Join us on Sunday, November 3 (All Saints Sunday) at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious brunch hosted by the Endowment Committee. Come and enjoy eggs, sausage, fruit, and more!



Financials

St. Philip's 2024	Actual August	Actual YTD
Income	\$49,850.32	\$475,465.44
Expense	(\$63,942.04)	(\$495,006.60)
TOTALS	(\$14,091.72)	(\$19,541.16)

Life Events



Arthur and Bonita DeMeyere on 10/8/1960 for 64 years

Richard and Bette Blair on 10/20/1962 for 62 years

Larry and Phyllis Ehlers on 10/28/1962 for 62 years

Gary and Linda Morris on 10/21/1967 for 57 years

Duane and Arlene Retzer on 10/23/1971 for 53 years

Lonnie and Marsha LeClair on 10/9/1976 for 48 years

George and Cheryl Mills on 10/8/1977 for 47 years

Mark and Tamara Zroka on 10/21/1978 for 46 years

Michael and Kristy Dettle on 10/25/1986 for 38 years

Jack and Michelle Angerhofer on 10/7/1989 for 35 years

Don and Jan Nelson on 10/14/1989 for 35 years

Gregory and Wendy Hundt on 10/7/1995 for 29 years

Jeffrey and Melissa Loven on 10/29/2005 for 19 years

Jeremiah and Kelsey Johnson on 10/6/2006 for 18 years

Sarah and Jade Mathre on 10/6/2020 for 4 years

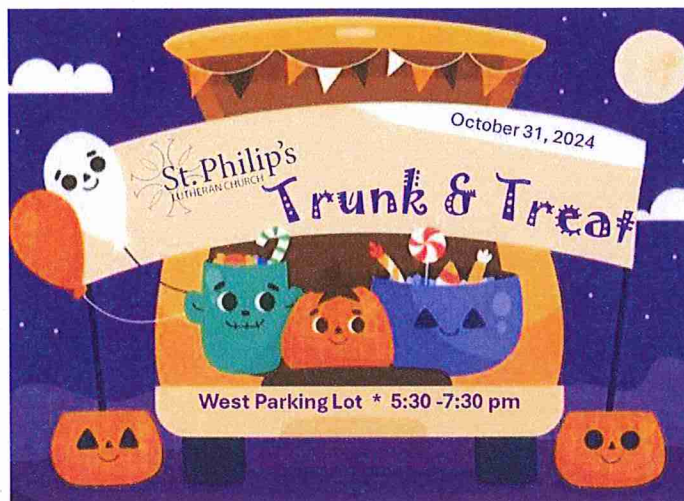


The friends and family of:

Gayle Mattison



Friendly Takeaway



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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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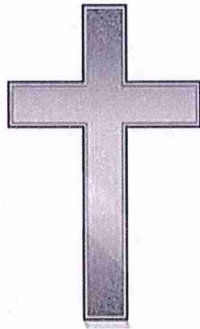
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST



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).