

The Friend

Sunday Worship Schedule:

November 3, 10, 17, and 24

9:00 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

Thanksgiving Eve Schedule:

Wednesday, November 27

5:15 pm - Curbside Thanksgiving
Community Supper

6:00 pm - Worship

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Ability to Show Up

Eric Nelson, Pastor

“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”

What a lot will happen this month! In the world, we have US elections in the midst of heightened polarization, countries in conflict and war with each other, persecution, and far more. In the church, we have our fall stewardship focus, a worship service focused on gratitude the evening before Thanksgiving and the start of Advent already at the end of the month.

Sometimes the chaos of the world, or even family gatherings can be overwhelming for folks. It can be hard to know where to start. Sometimes all we need to start with is the ‘ability to show up.’

This was a joke at first shared with my brother and our friends. We joked about the minimal ability to complete a task by simply saying we had the ability to show up. I might not be able to score the winning basket. I might not be able to fix the sink. But, I have the ability to show up!

While it began as a joke, I think we actually were downplaying something that truly is a gift of sorts. Often we hold back from showing up. It can be easier and more comfortable to stay home. It can be easier not to engage in a new task or put oneself in a place where challenges are present.

But there is something deeply important about gathering together. Whether we gather in church for worship, around a table at Thanksgiving, or out in front of the house with our neighbors there is something meaningful about gathering and encouraging one another.

As Paul writes to the early Christian church in Thessalonica, he gives guidance and advice for how they can be church together. But in closing he especially highlights unity. He says, “Encourage one another and build up each other.” This unity and mutual encouragement doesn’t wash away our own convictions and it doesn’t demand that we disregard the differences there might be between ourselves and others, but it calls us to live as Christians who still live to encourage gospel hope, love, and community.

So, no matter the state of the world and community, keep bringing your bold encouragement for your neighbors, friends, and family in the love of Christ. When it is mentally and emotionally difficult to cope, be kind to yourself and keep seeking out your church community where we can gather, worship God, and encourage one another.

Our God shows up to be with us and calls us to do the same.

Encourage one another and harness the ability to show up.

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Give Thanks

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

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Happy Fall y'all! There is so much to be thankful for this season...and I have said this before; today and always I will give thanks to the Lord for the call to work here at St. Philip's. The kiddos, their families, and our entire congregation bless my life in so many ways. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to partner with you all in ministry here.

So many exciting things are going on and coming up for the Children, Youth & Family Ministry program. We recently rejoiced as Bibles were placed in the hands of 19 children and youth! On Sunday mornings our youngest disciples enjoy learning and growing in their faith, and have begun practicing for the annual Christmas pageant! I am thankful for this busy time of year.

It may be Fall...but we are looking forward to Summer 2025 for the Mission Trip! Youth currently in 6th through 12th grade are headed to Duluth, MN this summer. Duluth is well-known for outdoor adventures and natural beauty; however, it also has the highest share of extreme poverty in Minnesota. Please stay tuned for information on our various fundraising opportunities. One of which is the Holiday Market! That's right...it's back! December 8th, 2024, our youth will host the annual Holiday Market. If you would like to donate baked goods or other holiday items, more info will come soon!

Also on December 8th, our children and youth will be putting on the annual Christmas Pageant...LIVE! That's right...join us at the 9:00 am worship service to hear the Christmas story told, in the form of an old-time game show! You read that right...the game show, "In One Word" is sure to fill your brain with fun trivia facts, your belly with laughs and your heart with love.

See? So much to be thankful for! I pray y'all have plenty to be thankful for this season, and always.

Blessings to you.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Brian Munsterman, President

I can't believe November is already here. When I think about November, it is always the month that reminds me to be thankful. I am thankful for the friends and family in my life, a roof over my head, my talents that I can use to help others, and a job which allows me to be able to pay for what is needed along with a few of the other luxuries in life. I am also thankful to be able to belong and be part of something greater here at St Philip's. There are many wonderful things that our congregation does to help those who are in our community and those that are less fortunate, and I am very thankful for that. Please remember those as we go into the upcoming holiday season. As our stewardship campaign begins, please pray, and consider our blessings and what we could be doing and giving for our own church. I hope and pray that everyone has a happy Thanksgiving!

BOA Meeting Summary



- Discussed the budget changes for 2025.
- Discussed outreach mailing/marketing cards for Christmas. BOA approved \$6,000 to spend on this mailing.
- Talked about tabling in coffee corner Sunday 10/27. Response was positive and people had good ideas for the vision board. We'd like to have groups do a table on a regular basis going forward and will come up with a sign-up soon.

Thank You from Pastor Margie

Thank you to St. Phillip's for the card that staff brought me last week. I appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers and remembering me. I'm doing well even though the healing is slow. I keep all of you in my prayers every day. May God bless you! Pastor Margie

~Written the end of September

Meals on Wheels

October 14-18 we were privileged to be able to bring a delicious fall meal to many deserving neighbors. They are always so grateful and some even thank us for volunteering. We deliver for 1 week every 8 weeks. It only takes a little more than an hour each time you deliver. Please contact Dawn at [612-270-0326] if you would be willing to help or want to know more about this ministry.

A sunshiny greeting and smile and good food were delivered by these amazing people: Steve Ess, Ron and Jennifer Prasek, Mike and Mary Shimanski, Chuck and Kathy Eichelberger, Dave and Shirley Hogan, Sarah Lovegren, Larry and Phyllis Ehlers, Mike and Deb Carroll, Richard and Dawn Young. Thank you!



Coats for Kids

The Benevolence Committee donated coats and snowpants to Hayes Elementary School, North Park Elementary School, and Fridley Middle and High Schools. There is a great need for warm coats, and we were delighted to be able to give around 30 coats and a couple dozen snowpants!



Thanksgiving & Christmas Shoppe

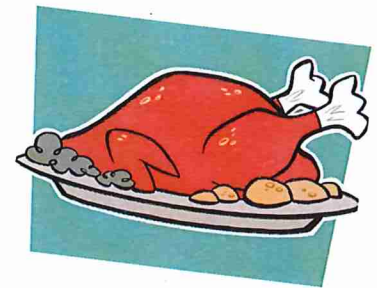


During November and December, we donate both gift cards for Thanksgiving and sponsor a Christmas Shoppe for parents that need help providing gifts for their children. This year, there will be one Christmas tree displayed in the Mission Corner. Tags will list gift ideas for Christmas and gift cards for Thanksgiving; please choose tags for the event of your choice. We hope to help 65 families with Thanksgiving and 200 children at Christmas. The tree will be put up on Wednesday, October 30, giving plenty of time to donate items.

Community Supper - Thanksgiving Meal

Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Wednesday, November 27 at 5:15 pm via curbside delivery. Food donations of the following are welcomed and appreciated:

- * Boxes of instant mashed potatoes
- * Jars of turkey gravy
- * If anyone would like to donate a turkey breast, we would greatly appreciate and humbly accept, as we need many!



Food & Clothing Shelf Update

On Wednesday, October 16 the Food & Clothing Shelf had a record 33 families visit. We distributed 835 pounds of food and 139 pounds of clothing.

A member from the Spanish church that rents space from St. Philip's was volunteering as an interpreter.

Katie Buettner was working in the clothing room. We thank her for the extra effort she gives to this church.

Three volunteers worked sorting and tagging clothing and four other volunteers worked to help everyone find the items they needed.

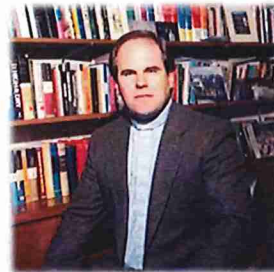
We provide both English and Spanish Bibles to several. We are always pleased when we can spread the WORD.

As we all left for our homes, we felt blessed and humbled knowing that St. Philip's touches lives in so many ways.

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Name That Pastor - How Many Can You Match?

Heritage Group



1. Allan Schoonover
2. Charles Lane
3. Chris Hagen
4. Connie Kleingartner
5. Donald Jacobson
6. Eric Nelson
7. Janice Hartsook
8. Joel Wight-Hoogheem
9. John Hierlinger
10. Joseph Lambert
11. Leslie Svendsen
12. Mandus Egge
13. Mark Flaten
14. Matthew Flom
15. Mollie Dvorak
16. Norm Eitheim
17. Paul Lindstrom
18. Ryan Brodin
19. Steve Tangen
20. Warren Schultz

Trip, Donation, and Project St. Philip's Disaster Relief



A SPDR team of 20 individuals returned in late September from Clarksville, TN following a week of work helping the survivors of the December 2023 tornado rebuild their homes. A crew helped an individual rebuild his trailer home by installing siding, windows, and new flooring. A second crew helped a single mother of three by painting the entire home, installing second level flooring, and performing the finishing touches to get the family back in their home, which took place a week following the team's departure.

Hurricane Helene struck the southeast United States while the SPDR team was in Tennessee. Luckily, the team only experienced heavy rain the final two days of work. Farther east, Hurricane Helene killed 231 individuals and destroyed thousands of homes and businesses. This week the SPDR Ministry donated \$2,000 to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to help the survivors of Helene. Thrivent matched our donation with a \$1,000 donation for a total of \$3,000.

A SPDR Ministry Team tentatively plans to return to Clarksville next spring to continue our work in the area. In a few weeks we will begin coordination with our partners, the United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR for trip preparation. The trip is tentatively scheduled for April 26 - May 4. Please mark your calendars and give serious thought to joining the team for trip number 86.

Personal Care Kits Assembled by SPDR

A recent announcement by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) stating that they were expanding their LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry to reach neighbors in need in the United States inspired SPDR to make Personal Care Kits for those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The kits include a towel, soap, toothbrush, comb, and nail clippers. Using funds from a Thrivent Action Team and SPDR, the items were purchased and then nine SPDR team members/supporters assembled 105 kits in about 90 minutes. The kits were then dropped off at the LWR warehouse in South St. Paul to be transported to the South to help families there recover.

As always, thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

The Journey Continues

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Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing to Future Generations!

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Gayle Mattison

Patrick Miller

Betty Nordling

Thank you for your support!

Congregational Brunch—Join us!

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 September	Actual YTD
Income	\$77,041.70	\$552,507.14
Expense	(\$63,757.67)	(\$558,764.27)
TOTALS	\$13,284.03	(\$6,257.13)

Life Events



Vincent and Janet Lanners on 11/22/1958 for 66 years
Paul and Grace Wilson on 11/28/1959 for 65 years
Ronald and Karla Ackerman on 11/26/1966 for 58 years
Gerald and Virginia Olson on 11/30/1968 for 56 years
Charles and Janet Scovill on 11/29/1969 for 55 years
Roger and Ellen Musolf on 11/25/1978 for 46 years

Patricia and Mike Mandyck on 11/5/1983 for 41 years
Gilbert and Mary Haugan on 11/15/1996 for 28 years
Brian and Misty Gilbertson on 11/20/1999 for 25 years
Dana and Sonja Menard on 11/4/2006 for 18 years
Jacob and Courtney Sponsel on 11/7/2009 for 16 years
Jorge and Kellie Bernal on 11/6/2010 for 14 years



The friends and family of:
Gladys Pecore



Adelyn Virgilia Guillen
10/27/24



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]
- 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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Ministers: All members of the Parish

November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	2
3 Daylight Savings Ends All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 9:45 am Congregational Brunch 10:30 am Worship	4 1:00 pm Joy Circle	5 Election Day 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	6 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells of Praise 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	8 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	9
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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).