

# The Friend

2025 Chili Lunch & Annual Meeting

February 2 @ 11:15 am & 12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,

Somebody loves you,  
Here's a clue...

Read  
John 3:16

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# GROW & WORSHIP

## Outreach

Matt Flom, Pastor

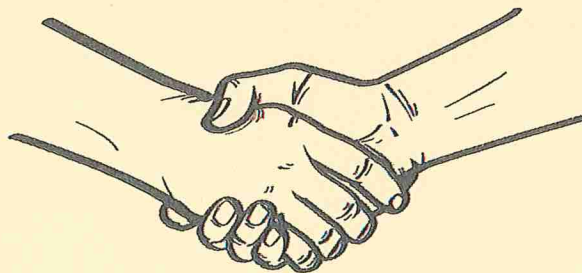
*20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

*2 Corinthians 5:20*

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. Outreach is an important part of what we do as the Christian church. It does, however, mean different things to different Christians. For many folks, outreach means service ministries to the community. For others, it means evangelism ministries. I've served at a congregation where the outreach committee was responsible for both community service and evangelism. That congregation felt that the two worked hand in hand. I like that idea. We need to tell people about the saving grace of Christ Jesus and one of the ways to do that is through service. As we continue to serve God by serving others, people will inquire as to why we are doing it. Our answers should be to tell and lead people to Jesus.

In the new year we need to continue our service ministries to the community and get more members involved. As more people come to be part of St. Philip's, we need to connect with them and help them become a part of the congregation. How do we do this? If you don't know someone at church, introduce yourself. When you meet new people, invite them to the groups and activities you take part in. As you get to know new people, connect them with folks who share their interests and gifts. It is a natural flow of outreach, connection, and then to membership. There is no magic formula to get people connected. What is important is to get to know people and make them feel welcome and part of the community. St. Philip's has so many wonderful opportunities to share; we can serve others by helping them get connected.



## God's Toolbox

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

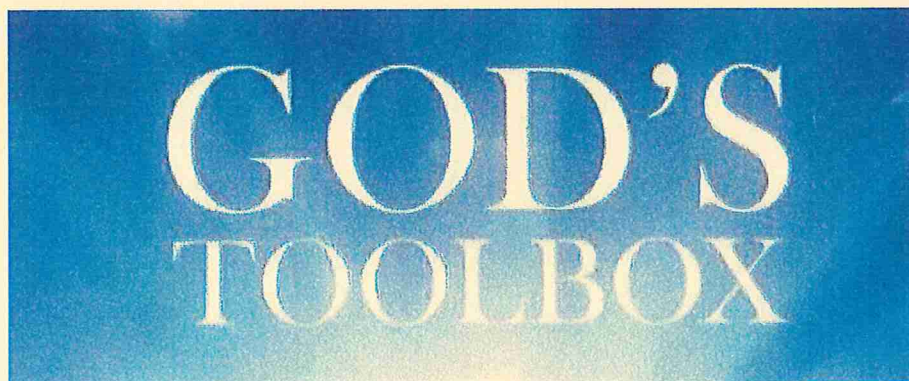
*Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, 5 and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

I recently had the opportunity to do my children's sermon on this Bible verse. As I do for each of my sermons, I like to use visual aids...this day I brought actual tools and explained that I have a toolbox full of tools at home. Showing each one and asking the kids what they might use them for, I asked why we need so many tools. The kids agreed that it was because each of these tools has a different purpose. No one tool can do everything. After connecting those dots, it was time to relate it to church. How do you relate tools to church? Well...the Church is like God's toolbox.

God has given the people in His Church different gifts and talents. We are His tools! We are blessed at St. Philip's to have many folks with various gifts and talents. Those with musical talent help lead others in worship. Like Miss Julie, Mr. Curt, and Miss Cheri. Some have the talent of teaching so that they can help others to learn more about Him, like Pastor Matt, Pastor Eric, and all our Sunday School teachers. No one person in the church can do everything, and I reminded the children that it doesn't matter what their talent is and it doesn't matter if you are big or small. What does matter is that when God has a job for you to do, you need to be right there in His toolbox, ready and willing for Him to use you.

There is so much good being done in and around St. Philip's. Look around you. So many are ready and willing for God to use them to do his work in this community...are you a member of God's toolbox?



# GROW & SERVE

## Love & Gratitude

Brian Munsterman, President

February is the month of love – and that little cupid guy. I am grateful for the love and support that you all provide for St Philip's. We had another successful year! This could not have been done without you. We are financially sound and are continuing to meet the needs of the church. There are many people that continue to give and serve in so many capacities, and I am grateful for all that you do for our community. Thank you to the Board of Administration for all your invaluable service again this past year. To those whose terms are up and not returning to the Board, thank you for your service and leadership. We couldn't have completed the work without you. To those who will be joining, thank you for volunteering your time! I look forward to working with you. To all the committee members, thank you for volunteering and your service. It means so much to so many. You are why we are successful. I look forward to our upcoming year. I hope to see all of you at our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 2.

## BOA Meeting Summary



- Approved putting \$100,000 into a 7-month CD to earn interest income
- Approved closing the office Thursday, July 3 and Monday, December 29 so Katie and Jenni can have their holiday days off
- Thanked Terry and Dianne for their service on the Board

## Financials

St. Philip's 2024	Actual December	Actual YTD
Income	\$110,448.78	\$753,687.25
Expense	(\$69,089.86)	(\$740,836.02)
TOTALS	\$41,358.92	\$12,851.23

## Endowment Fund

### The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

*Don Buettner*

*Mary Seekamp*

*Marlin Sorum*

*Paul Wilson*

## Food & Clothing Shelf

Thanks to everyone that sent in year-end donations to the Food & Clothing Shelf. A financial crisis was averted and we ended up in better shape at the end of the year than when we started at the beginning of the year. We thank God for your partnership in feeding and clothing neighbors in need. As we start the new year we hope to continue serving the increasing numbers of families in need. We could not do this without your partnership.

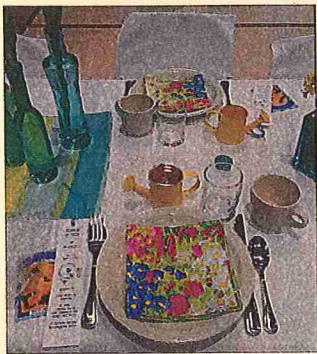
Until all are fed . . . and clothed



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## Festival of Tables 2025

Save the Date! The 2025 Festival of Tables will be held on April 12, 2025. This fun and beautiful fundraiser will benefit the St. Philip's Food & Clothing Shelf and the Wednesday Night Community Suppers. Tickets will go on sale in late March for \$20.00. The entertainment will include a storyteller whose topic is Laura Ingalls Wilder. Information was sent out to previous decorators and hosts late in January. We have a few extra tables that will be decorated but need hosts. We can also use new hosts and decorators. If you have never attended the Festival of Tables, hosting is an easy and fun introduction to this event. If anyone would like more information about decorating or hosting a table, please contact Julie Small [kjsmall74@msn.com].



## Updates & Trip Info

### St. Philip's Disaster Relief



The SPDR Ministry would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that contributed financially to SPDR in 2024. Your generosity enables our teams to physically help survivors of natural disasters. Your contributions also enable us to send financial assistance to areas in need following a natural disaster event. Thank you for your continued support.

The people living in the Los Angeles, CA area are undergoing experiencing challenging times. Wildfires are threatening homes and lives. The SPDR Ministry is doing what they can to help. In mid-January, our ministry made financial donations to the LA Westside Food Bank, the Salvation Army Pasadena, the Orphan Grain Train, the Convoy of Hope, and Lutheran Disaster Response for a total of \$3000. Thrivent will match this money on a 1-to-2 ratio for an additional \$1500 bringing total to \$4,500 for aid to the fire survivors.

2025 Spring Trip - SPDR will be sending a team, for the second time, to Clarksville, TN from April 26 - May 2, 2025, to assist in the rebuild following the December 11, 2023, tornado. The SPDR coordinators are currently working with the United Methodist Church Disaster partners to prepare for our week in Clarksville. Watch for more trip and registration information in late March.

## Life Events



Richard and Dawn Young on 2/14/1965 for 60 years

Mike Youngberg and Renee Falkum-Youngberg on 2/20/1986 for 39 years

David and Yvette Christensen on 2/16/1991 for 34 years

Christine and Ronald Boettcher on 2/25/1995 for 30 years

Aaron and Staci Gondorchin on 2/2/2002 for 23 years



*The friends and family of:*

*Anne Gilbertson*

*Don Gilbertson*

*Norlan Lee*

*Betty Schweppe*



*Michael Bradley Benson*

# 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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## Companion Congregation:

Bille Lutheran in Nigeria

Ministers: All members of the Parish

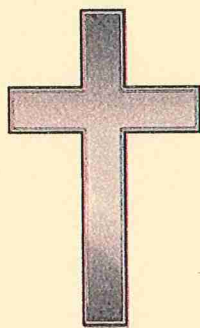
# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 12:00 pm 55 and Under Work Crew
2 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship 11:15 am Chili Lunch 12:00 pm Annual Meeting	3 1:00 pm Joy Circle - Cancelled	4 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:00 pm Conference Assembly 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	5 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 Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	7 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	8
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16 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 9:45 am Youth Cinnamon Roll Sale 10:30 am Worship	17 Friend Articles Due 9:30 am Glory Circle 6:30 pm Executive Mtg	18 9:00 am Library Mtg. 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:00 pm This is Most Certainly Brew 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	19 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 6:30 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	20 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	21 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	22
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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).