

# The Friend

## ***March Worship Schedule***

### ***Sundays***

9:00 and 10:30 am

### ***Ash Wednesday***

March 5

12:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

### ***Lenten Wednesdays***

March 12, 19, 26  
12:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

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# GROW & SERVE

## Our Next Calling

Eric Nelson, Pastor

*"Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."*

*Here I Am, Lord ELW 574*

On February 16, Trinity Lutheran Church of Lindstrom, Minnesota voted to call me as their next Senior Pastor. Much time before this was spent in prayer and discernment, but gradually I became aware that God was preparing me for this ministry in a new setting.

Our household has a tradition of watching a movie every Friday night and one of the favorites in rotation is Frozen II. I won't spoil the whole movie if you haven't seen it, but early in the plot development Elsa hears a calling to something she can't quite identify. She sings the song "Into the Unknown" as she considers this idea. She is comfortable in her current setting. She doesn't want to leave all the people she loves and the safety of home... and yet, she knows she somehow needs to follow this calling even though she's unaware of what the journey might bring.

I am both wonderfully excited to serve in my new calling and it is tough to say farewell to a church that my family and I love and call home.

But our callings continue. In each calling in life, we know that we do not enter alone. God walks with us and guides us. I give thanks for the many people boldly stepping into ministries at St. Philip's. We go into each calling wisely when we enter with humility and prayer like the words of this wonderful hymn.

"I will go, Lord, if you lead me."

In the next season, God will be there once again guiding us. Transitions certainly come with some adjustments but are also times of growth and renewal. As God guides, the church will continue to engage in meaningful ministry that impacts many.

Thank you for the church that you are. Thank you for having me share in ministry with you. Thank you for the way you share Christ's love in word and deed. God's blessings to you today and in all your tomorrows.

With gratitude,

Pastor Eric Nelson

## GROW & WORSHIP

### We Rejoice

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

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4*

Grace and Peace to you this spring season. As we are about to journey through this Lenten season, it is my prayer that you take time, in prayer and actions, to think of all that the Lord has done for us...and may you rejoice knowing that you are a beloved child of God.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for the upcoming Lenten Season. First Communion classes, Lenten Mentor activities, the children & youth performing a song in worship on Palm Sunday, just to name a few things. We are also actively planning for summer fun too! A Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School, and Summer Camp opportunities. We rejoice with all that we have to be grateful for around St. Philip's and in our community.

First up, is the kickoff to Lent with Ash Wednesday, and then the following week we will begin our Lenten Mentor weekly activities. If you are feeling called to be a mentor to one of our amazing youth this year, please reach out to me and I would be happy to connect you together! The kids are always excited to share music with the congregation, and on Palm Sunday, after they make an adorable entrance, waving palms as they enter the Sanctuary, they will share a song they learned with you. Towards the end of the month, we will have our first - First Communion class. To date we already have six kiddos signed up, and there is plenty of room for more to join us! Please visit our website or app for more info, or feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Looking forward to summer, we've got plenty of fun things planned. I welcome you to volunteer a bit of your time this year and spend it with our youngest members. There is no greater joy than seeing the world through the eyes of a child...and no greater way to give back than by lending a helping hand and a loving heart to the children and youth of our church.

It is my prayer that you experience many opportunities to give back to others with a generous heart, and that you can take time to see where God is in your life. May we all rejoice as we remember that we are children of God.



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## Looking Ahead

Brian Munsterman, President

How can it be March already? There are so many things going on, time just flies by. While I like the sight of fresh snow, I am ready for it to be gone soon after it falls. I really look forward to Spring this time of year – time to get back to outside activities. This means that we can look forward to warmer weather, trees budding, and flowers starting to sprout and bloom – new beginnings and new growth. I am excited to see continued growth of St Philip's as well. During Lent, we are reminded how much Jesus gave up for us. I look during this time of what I can do to give back. I am blessed to be able to continue to give my time, talents and financial offerings to St. Philip's and our community. I hope you will join me in giving to continue the growth. Blessings to all through this Lenten season.

## BOA Meeting Summary



- We welcomed Dan Eittreim and Mike Youngberg to the Board.
- We approved an exception to the policy regarding selling in the Mission Corner to allow the girl scouts to sell cookies in February & March 2025.
- We accepted Pr Eric's resignation and wished him well in his new congregation.
- We approved extending the offer to Pr Sherri Otto for the position of Interim Pastor.
- We decided on staging for the Fellowship Hall and approved "option 4". More details in the BFTF section of Pastor Matt's report to the Board in the February minutes.

## Updated Kitchen-Use Policy

In the interest of minimizing waste and ensuring a clean environment for all users, an updated kitchen-use policy has been created and is in the kitchen. Please familiarize yourself with the policy the next time you are there. Thank you for your support and cooperation!



## Financials

### St. Philip's 2025

### Actual January

### Actual YTD

Income

\$61,907.74

\$61,907.74

Expense

(\$64,907.08)

(\$64,907.08)

TOTALS

(\$2,999.34)

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## SERVE & PRAYER

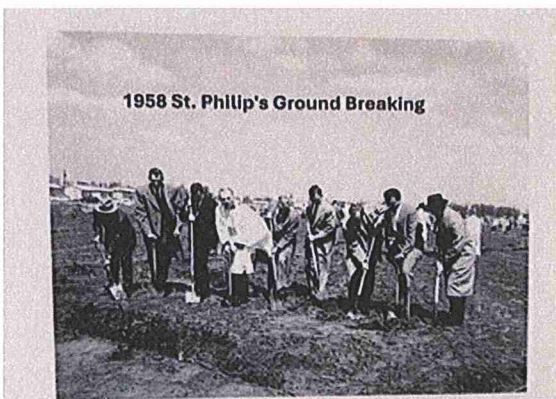
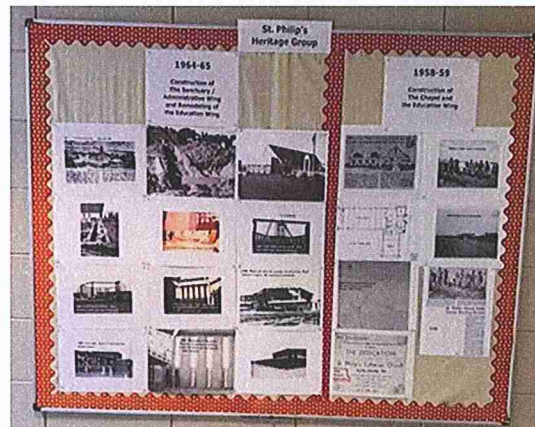
### Something New With Heritage! Heritage Group

The Heritage Group collects, sorts, and archives volumes of St. Philip's history. Once archived, all this information is stored away on computer hard drives and boxes. Over the past many months, the Heritage Group grew more concerned that no one ever had the opportunity to view this information, much less knows of its existence. Out of the discussion, the idea of a bulletin board arose.

A few of the group cringed at the idea because it just seemed like more work, who was going to maintain it and was it a benefit. But as the idea moved along, it is now a reality!

Please stop by to look at the new Heritage Group bulletin board across from the library and lounge. The first board focuses on two building projects... one from 1958-59, the building of the chapel and education wing and one from 1965-65, the construction of the sanctuary and administrative wing. We've included a couple of the pictures on the board in this article, but please take a look yourself.

Moving forward, the Heritage Group plans to share many more articles and pictures we have found as we go through our 'stuff'. We hope to share some pictures, dates, more articles, old bulletins and Friends.... Sky is the Limit! This may be a good place to hang pictures we are trying to identify... with your help! We see a lot of potential for this bulletin board.





# GROW & SERVE

## Updates & Trip Info

### St. Philip's Disaster Relief



The SPDR Ministry, through various groups and agencies, donated \$3,000 to those impacted by the Los Angeles area fires in January. A \$1 for \$2 match from Thrivent added \$1,500, making the total donation \$4,500.

The SPDR spring trip will take place from Saturday, April 26, to Sunday, May 4. The team will return to Clarksville, TN, to help the survivors of the devastating tornadoes that occurred in December 2023. Planning and coordination are underway with our Tennessee partners.

The team will be staying at the Madison Street United Methodist Church, where we stayed on our previous trip to Clarksville. Tentative plans are to do rebuild work through Tennessee/Western Kentucky UMC Disaster Recovery and possibly build new homes through the Appalachia Service Project.

Registration and additional trip information will be available in late March. All are welcome on the trip. No building skills are required.

## New Church Photo Directory!

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album. Pictures will be taken April 24 – 26. Other dates will be available in May.

Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table in the Mission Corner. Or if you would like to sign up online,

- ♦ go to [[www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)]
- ♦ click the Photography Session Sign-Up button.
  - ♦ Enter mn529 in the Church Code field
  - ♦ Enter photos in the Church Password field.

Online signup may not be available on Saturday and Sunday so we can have paper sign-ups at church on the weekends.

Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

## Easter Flowers for Sale

Beautiful Easter flowers are available for purchase in the church office! The plants will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday! You may take home your plant after the 10:30 am service. Flowers will also be for sale in the Mission Corner in between services on Sunday, March 30 and April 6.



## Endowment Fund

### *The St. Philip's Endowment Fund*

*Gifts were received in memory and honor of*

*Don Buettner*

*Mary Seekamp*

Grant monies available for distribution in 2025 is \$ 21,574.00.

Grant request forms will be available in the office and requests can be submitted  
beginning Sunday, March 9.

All requests must be received in the office no later than Tuesday, April 15.

## GROW & SERVE

### 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 the Narthex in between services, beginning Sunday, March 16. They watch for the videos to be shown on Sunday, March 9 and 16. 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].

### Meals on Wheels



Love in the form of a friendly greeting and delicious, and nutritious food was shared with our neighbors in February. Our selfless volunteer drivers were Rob and Mary Shimanski, Jim Kugler, Eldy and Sandy Nelson, Ron and Jennifer Prasek, Chuck and Kathy Eichelberger, Edd and Gidget Brooks, Larry and Phyllis Ehlers, Mike and Deb Carroll, Steve Ess, Richard and Dawn Young. Thank you for helping to keep cost down by volunteering. We deliver again March 31 - April 4 and May 26 - 30. More volunteers are always needed. Call Dawn Young for more information at [612-270-0326].

### Benson Family Singers Concert

St. Philip's is proud to debut our Concert Series on Saturday, March 29 at 4:00 pm, presenting the Benson Family Singers! This family group has a unique ministry consisting of barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music. They specialize in tight, a cappella harmonies and play a variety of instruments, including guitar, banjo, bass, violin, and mandolin. A freewill offering will be collected, tickets are not required. Help us by spreading the word and bringing a friend! To find more information on the Benson Family Singers, visit [www.bensonfamilymusic.com]. Don't miss this family-friendly concert, guaranteed to leave you smiling!

Our new St. Philip's Concert Series is offering the power of music to create a beacon of joy, inspiration, and community to the greater area. For more information, contact Cheri Sykes at [CheriS@splcmn.org].



## Life Events



Howard and Shirley Mosman on 3/26/1955 for 70 years

Anne and Darrel Kudebeh on 3/17/1961 for 64 years

Wesley and Jeanine Grandstrand on 3/31/1973 for 52 years

Daniel and Heidi Eittreim on 3/2/1985 for 40 years

Rita Schwieters and Brian Leyendecker on 3/15/2020 for 5 years



*The friends and family of:*

*Jerry Havon*



2/16/2025

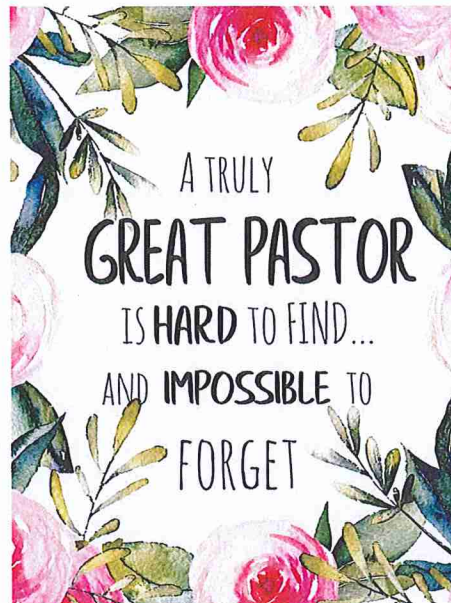
*Alaina Marie Tallman*



*Pastor Eric, Kaitlynn,  
Owen, Declan, and Finn*

Parish Fellowship will be hosting a reception on Sunday, March 9 after the first service has ended and will continue until everyone has had a chance to wish the Nelson family best wishes on their new adventure. Coffee and treats will be served.

## Friendly Takeaway



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**Companion Congregation:**

**Bille Lutheran in Nigeria**

**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

### 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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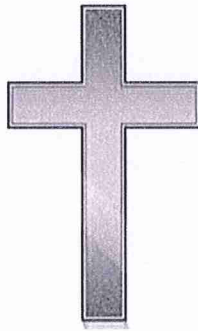
# March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 am Troop 167 Pancake Breakfast 12:00 pm 55 and Under Work Crew 1:00 pm Sacred Ground
2 Mom's Haven of Hope Fundraiser 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship	3 1:00 pm Joy Circle - Cancelled	4 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal—Cancelled	5 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 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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**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).