

April 27 – May 4, 2025

Scripture

Psalm 118:14-21 and Acts 5:27-32

9:00 am Hymns

ELW 361, 392, 661, 855

Join Us Sunday!

9:00 am – Traditional

10:30 am - Contemporary

Festival of Tables Thank Yous!

Parish Fellowship Committee

The Parish Fellowship Committee sends a big thank you to all who decorated, or attended the Festival of Tables fundraiser, or helped in any way, on April 12. It was a huge success! The 220 guests enjoyed the beautiful tables, delicious lunch, door prizes, and a guest speaker. A sizable donation will be made to the F&CS, and to the Community Supper. Guests donated 311 pounds of nonperishable food items and cash donations, also. Thank you especially to the St Philip's Endowment Fund, The St Philip's Garage Sale, and Thrivent for their grants. Save the date for next year's Festival of Tables: April 18, 2026.

Food & Clothing Shelf

The Parish Fellowship Committee put on another wonderful Festival of Tables event. As I mentioned in my remarks at the gathering, the donations raised through the event is an integral part of keeping the Food & Clothing Shelf able to continue its ministry. 311.10 pounds of food was donated, and donated proceeds will be given to the Food & Clothing Shelf as well as the Community Supper. We extend our deepest appreciation for their support. – *Bob Becker on behalf of Judy Greer, Karen Block and the entire team of Food & Clothing Shelf Volunteers*

Endowment Fund Grant Recipients

Scholarships:

• Alex Eliason	\$1000
• Logan Gondorchin	\$1000
• Owen Kozarek	\$1000
• Chaya Munsterman	\$1000

Heritage Group	\$1000
Benevolence Committee	\$2000
Global Health Ministries	\$1000
Parish Fellowship Committee	\$1000
Food & Clothing Shelf	\$8174
New Carpet Extractor for FH	\$4400

Total distribution of funds: \$21,574.00

2025 Spring Clean-Up

It's approaching that time - to get the church grounds in shape for the summer! Please save the date and join us on Saturday, May 17 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, as we get together to weed, rake, edge, etc.

Save the Date - Vacation Bible School!

We are excited for VBS this summer! We hope your child will join us the week of June 16 - 20, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, at St. Philip's! Children ages 2 1/2 years old – completion of grade 4 are invited to join us for a week of fun! Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! To register your child, please follow this link [www.myvbs.org/splcmn], or contact Connie at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

VBS is right around the corner, June 16-20. If you are interested in giving your time to help, there are many opportunities! Set up, guiding a crew or leading a station...there is something for everyone! All those with caring hearts and helping hands (completed grade 5 – adults of any age), please follow this link [www.myvbs.org/splcmn] or contact Connie Yerigan [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Senior Celebration - Save the Date!

Please join us on Sunday, May 4 as we celebrate this year's high school seniors: Alex Eliason, Owen Kozarek, and Chaya Munsterman. You will have an opportunity after each worship service to greet them, ask about their plans, and wish them well. Refreshments will be available!

Growing Through Loss Series

This 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. 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. Childcare will not be provided for safety reasons. Call [763-755-5335] or visit [<http://www.growingthroughloss.org/>] for information. The series runs Monday evenings through May 12, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church 8211 Red Oak Dr. Mounds View, MN 55112 - 763-784-5120.

Envelope Project

You are invited to visit with our youth who will be in the Narthex after worship on April 27! This summer, three of our youth and two chaperones will travel to Duluth, MN to do God's work, through service and learning. The Envelope Project fundraiser is an opportunity for the congregation to support our youth while learning more about them. Participants will be asked to donate the dollar amount listed on an envelope in exchange for a bio of one of our youth or chaperones, and a commitment to keep them in your prayers, now and while they are on their trip. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Board of Administration Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, April 28 in the Lounge or online through Google Meet. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

The May *Friend*

The *Friend* will be emailed to you at the beginning of the month. You can also find an electronic copy in our app, website, E-News, and paper copies in the office. Please let the office know if you would prefer a copy be mailed to you.

Prayers of the People:

For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life

Terry Meyer, Sparkle Emenike, Kari Helgen, Holly, David, Heather, Sue, Sandy, Linda Gondorchin, Elise Lowers, Banyas Family

For safety and guidance while serving in the military
Tyler, Rhianon, and Derek

For the family and friends of
Bill Jafvert, Pamela Harris