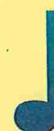


The Friend



Make a Joyful
Sound!



Music Sunday!



May 18



9:00 and 10:30 am



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Where God is Leading Us

Matt Flom, Pastor

24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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. Well folks, we are in another season of change. But that's ok because we've learned to do change pretty well. Pr. Eric is now at his new call and Pr. Sherri is helping us through our interim period. We will soon form a call committee and begin the process of calling a new associate pastor. I don't think we should rush into that, however. We are presented with an opportunity to spend a little while talking and visioning about who God is calling us to be and where God is leading us.

I would like to set up another round of all-member meetings in the congregation. My goal is to have seven medium to large sized group meetings at community rooms, tap rooms, homes, and of course at church. We need to be able to hear each other's thoughts and opinions and share ideas. I would also like to make these gatherings fun and worshipful work. I would like to try a hymn sing at a couple of them and, we need social time, of course. Some folks may want to talk about other issues as well, so if you would like to meet with me outside of a group setting, we can do that too.

I'm looking for a few suggestions for locations and anyone volunteering to gather and host a meeting. I can also come to group/team/committee meetings as well. We'll announce a schedule in May and it would be good to have folks call in and sign up so we can plan well for the meetings. See you soon!



A Season of Gratitude and Growth

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

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17

As we approach the end of our program year, my heart is full of bittersweet emotions. It's hard to believe how quickly the months have flown by! From Sunday School stories and Confirmation milestones to youth group adventures—we've journeyed through a year filled with learning, laughter, and deepening faith.

While it's always a little sad to see the program year come to a close, I'm also filled with excitement for what's ahead. Summer brings a new rhythm and fresh opportunities—like Vacation Bible School, summer service projects, camp opportunities, a Mission Trip adventure, and time for families to enjoy sacred moments together. These special summer events help us stay connected, grow in our faith, and welcome new faces into our church family.

Before we turn the page to summer, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our incredible teachers, youth leaders, and parent volunteers. Your time, energy, creativity, and faithfulness have made this program year a huge success. You've planted seeds of faith, built relationships, and helped our children and youth feel seen, loved, and known by God. I am so deeply grateful.

Let's carry the joy of this year with us as we step into the summer months—with hopeful hearts, sunscreen in hand, and plenty of ice cream along the way!



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Springtime Gratitude

Brian Munsterman, President

Spring is here! I am glad about that. I can also tell as there is always the checklist of many things I need to do around the house and yard. For me, May is such a wonderful time of year though. Things are starting to grow, the weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, and I know summer will be here soon. I continue to give thanks for all that our wonderful congregation does for this church and our community. It truly is amazing all that you do. In the beginning of this month, we welcome back our SPDR crew from Clarksville, TN. I am so impressed that they have been doing this kind of work for 20 years. The Food and Clothing Shelf continues to help so many families every week. The Wednesday Community Supper is still consistent, and the number of people served every week seems to continue to grow. This shows how much need there is within our community. Our congregation continues to ensure that we are reaching the needs of our church and community. Our congregation is really truly wonderful in all the gifts that we share. I give thanks for these gifts. This is a great time to give thanks to the Lord for all that He provides us every year.

BOA Meeting Summary



- ◆ We’ve had lots of new members recently and have a great welcome team.
- ◆ Discussed steps for call process for new Associate Pastor.
- ◆ Received bids for parking lot and anticipate project starting in June.
- ◆ We found a company for the Sanctuary lighting project and ordered lighting.

Financials

St. Philip’s 2025	Actual March	Actual YTD
Income	\$59,942.98	\$186,933.00
Expense	(\$67,434.92)	(\$203,983.78)
TOTALS	(\$7,491.94)	(\$17,050.78)

Interviews Heritage Group

In early 2015 Paul Daniels, from the ELCA Congregational Archives and History, contacted St. Philip's regarding gathering and preserving archival and historical information about our church.

By April of 2015, six St. Philip's members, including Arlene Hamernik, Grace Kurtz, Dick Lekang, Thelma Nash, Ron Seekamp, Marlin Sorum, along with Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem, and Office Manager, Jeannine Arcand began work on putting a group together.

One of the first projects undertaken by the newly formed group was to interview members and leaders of the early church to preserve their recollections of that time. Committee members were tasked with suggesting names of "pioneers" and "oldsters" in the congregation who would be candidates for interviews about St. Philip's and its history and growth.

Committee members contacted Linda Bjerke of Normandale Lutheran Church, Dean Johnson of Messiah Lutheran Church in Mountain Iron, MN, and Paul Daniels, ELCA archivist, for suggestions on selecting candidates, questions, and type of media used to record the conversations. Dean Johnson was most helpful in advising on how to approach this project.

By April 2016, the list of candidates had been narrowed to 12, questions and topics were finalized, and invitation letters were sent. The list of questions was included with the letter. Ten interviews were completed: Richard & Bette Blair, Pastor Norm & Clarice Eitrheim, Don & Anne Gilbertson, Earl Hatten, Dr. Kay Ingebrigtsen, Vern Johnson, Norlan Lee, Myron & Thelma Nash, Ron & Mary Seekamp, and Pastor Les Svendsen. Richard Lekang, Marlin Sorum, and Ron Seekamp conducted interviews. Cody Retzer, a student at Concordia College in St. Paul, helped with the recordings. Ralph Petersen provided the final editing. Arlene Hamernik was instrumental in coordinating and organizing everyone.

By January 2017, the interviews were completed and editing of video and audio was ongoing. In addition to video and audio from Cody, Ralph suggested, when possible, including items of visual interest relating to the interview. From the November 2017 meeting minutes, it appears that all interviews were completed, and Ralph Petersen created DVDs. The committee was more than pleased with the results.

DVDs of these oral history interviews are available in the Heritage Room. Anyone interested in viewing any of these DVDs is encouraged to contact a group member.

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Spring Trip St. Philip's Disaster Relief



A 24-member SPDR team is in Clarksville, TN assisting survivors of floods and tornados that have occurred over the past 16 months. Their trip began on Saturday, April 26 and they will return on Sunday, May 4. The team is staying at the Madison Street United Methodist Church and is working under the guidance of the Tennessee/Western Kentucky UMC Disaster Recovery. Follow their journey on the SPDR webpage [<https://splcmn.org/spdr>] or on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsdisasterrelief>].

Also, plans are underway for the 20th Anniversary of the SPDR Ministry... 2006-2026. As part of the event celebration, a 20-year time line is being created, one year at a time, on the outside wall of the Sanctuary in the office hallway. On the timeline will be all the trips taken and all special events of the ministry. Currently a brief early history and the first two years (2006 and 2007) are displayed. More yearly panels will be added in the months ahead. You are invited to stop by periodically to view important and intriguing history of the St. Philip's Disaster Relief Ministry.

New Church Photo Directory and Volunteers Needed!

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 May 20 - 22.

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]
- ♦ click the Photography Session Sign-Up button.
 - ♦ Enter *mn529* in the Church Code field
 - ♦ Enter *photos* in the Church Password field.

Online sign-up is not available on Saturday and Sunday. Instead, we have paper sign-ups at church on the weekends. Each household who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!.

We Need You – Volunteers for Church Directory Photo Sessions!

Are you a people-person? Maybe you're looking for a way to volunteer for a few hours of your time? We are searching for people to help at the welcome table during the Directory Photo Sessions. You will welcome people as they check in to get photographed, assist with info cards, and guide them on where to go. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up [here](#). If you have any questions, contact Connie .

Festival of Table 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*

Meals on Wheels



Delivering Meals on Wheels the week of April Fool's Day was a joy! No tricks were played on our friends getting the meals. Many thanks to our much-appreciated drivers: Sarah Lovgren, Steve Ess, Kathy & Chuck Eichelberger, Phyllis & Larry Ehlers, Jim Kugler, Deb & Mike Carroll, Monica Anderson, Greg Potasek, and Dawn & Richard Young.

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.

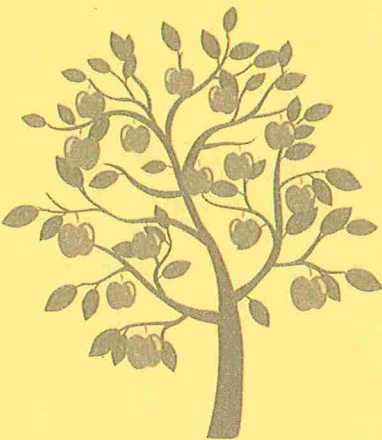


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Endowment Fund Grant Recipients
Endowment Committee

Scholarships:

Alex Eliason	\$1000
Logan Gondorchin	\$1000
Owen Kozarek	\$1000
Chaya Munsterman	\$1000
Heritage	\$1000
Benevolence	\$2000
Global Health Ministries	\$1000
Parish Fellowship	\$1000
Food & Clothing Shelf	\$8174
New Carpet Extractor for FH	\$4400
Total distribution of funds:	\$21,574.00



Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Don & Anne Gilbertson

Arlene Hamernik

Joyce Johnson

For more information on St. Philip's Endowment Fund visit our website at [www.splcmn.org].
Select the *Ministries* tab and click on *Endowment*.

Also, envelopes and pamphlets are in the office.

Thank you for your support!

Life Events



Gloria and Leslie Coleman on 5/9/1959 for 66 years

Clarence and Constance Asche on 5/30/1960 for 65 years

Tom and Marlene Schonebaum on 5/19/1962 for 63 years

Ken and Doris Moxness on 5/9/1970 for 55 years

Ed and Sharon Aune on 5/22/1971 for 54 years

Mike and Deb Carroll on 5/19/1979 for 46 years

Jon and Mary Johnson on 5/9/1981 for 44 years

Tom and Kara Ruwart on 5/15/1982 for 43 years

Jonathan and Neoma Haugan on 5/26/1984 for 41 years

Dan and Patty Porter on 5/19/1984 for 41 years

David and Christa Pullen on 5/3/2003 for 22 years

Ronda and Seth Bertsch on 5/31/2008 for 17 years

Chad and Gina Munsterman on 5/10/2008 for 17 years

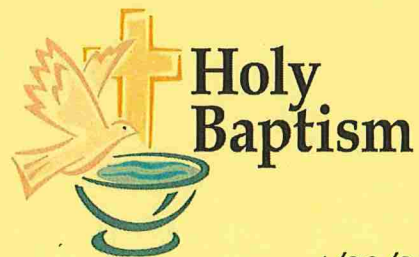
Bryant and Melissa Holmstrom on 5/22/2015 for 10 years



The friends and family of:

Pamela Harris

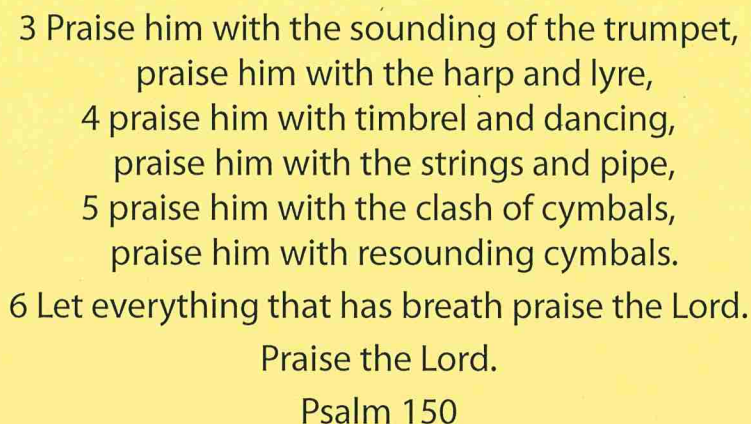
Bill Jafvert



4/20/2025

Kai Marcelino Herrera-Markwald

Friendly Takeaway



3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
4 praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
5 praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.
Psalm 150

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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]
- 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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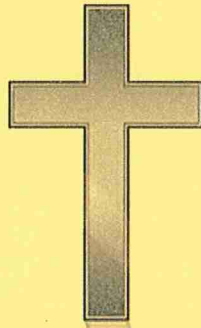
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				1 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	2 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	3
4 SPDR team returns 9:00 am Worship; Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship	5 1:00 pm Joy Circle	6 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:00 pm Heritage Group Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	7 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Mtg. 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	9 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	10
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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).