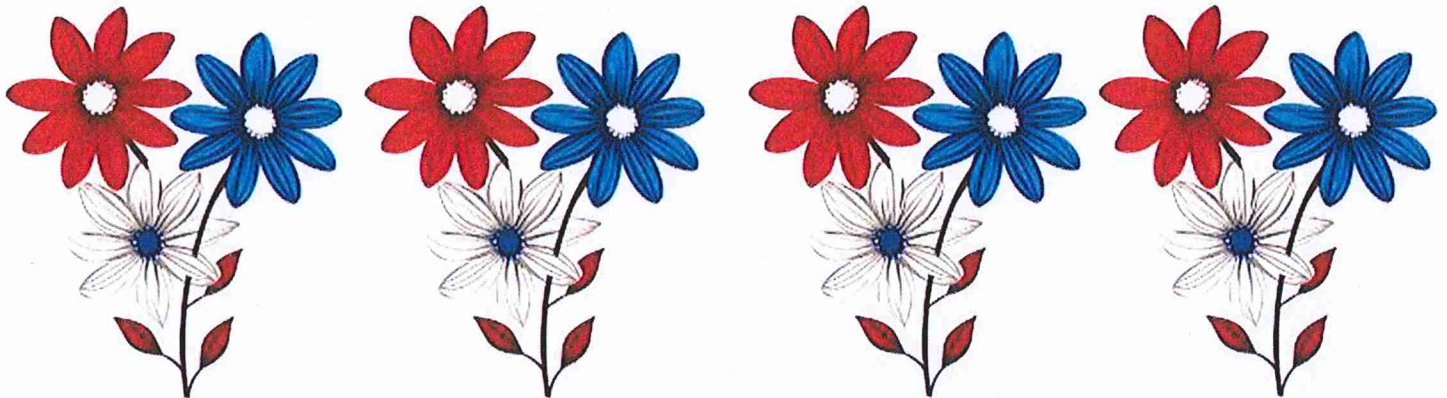


The Friend

All are welcome!

Sundays

9:00 and 10:30 am



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New Visitation Pastor

Darby Lawrence, Visitation Pastor

Greetings from your brand-new visitation pastor! My name is Darby Lawrence and here are a few things about me that might be of interest to you.

I was born and raised in Cedar Falls, Iowa and attended the lab school at the University of Northern Iowa from K-12. One thing that this allowed us lab school students to do was shoot pool and play ping-pong at the UNI Student Union simply by flashing our high school student ID. We were so cool!

Upon graduating I began my studies at St. Olaf College. This was in the fall of 1976. I finally graduated in the spring of 1988. I believe I hold the record for most classes failed while still graduating from this august institution. A dubious honor, to be sure, but I'll take what I can get.

From there I moved to Dubuque, Iowa to attend Wartburg Seminary, graduating and getting ordained in May 1992.

Because God has a strange sense of humor I ended up being assigned to the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. I served three different congregations over the next fifteen years before accepting a call to a parish southwest of Rochester, MN, finally making it back to God's Country. I ended up serving one more congregation before transitioning to serving as an intentional interim pastor for the last five years of my career, retiring in early 2023.

Around that time, I sold my house in Rochester and moved to St. Paul, which has felt more like home to me than anywhere else I've lived since I left my home town. I love it here!

I got married in 1985 and co-raised four children, now ranging in age from 43 to 30 years old. I also have four grandsons who are the absolute best.

My interests include cycling (I'm excited to ride Rice Creek trail north of St. Philip's!) and have ridden RAGBRAI half a dozen times. I also enjoy live music, most sports, cooking, bar trivia and enjoying the company of my kids and grandkids.

Oh, and there's Oliver, the Wonder Dog. He's a little guy and will turn 16 years old this summer. I'll be bringing him to church sometimes so you might have the good fortune to make his acquaintance.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Darby

See God at Work All Around Us

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

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

This summer, I've found myself constantly in awe of the ways God shows up—sometimes in big, bold moments, and sometimes in quiet, beautiful ones. Whether it's the shimmer of sunlight through the trees, the laughter of children learning about Jesus, or the miracle of grace that saves us all, God's presence is all around us.

We just wrapped up an incredible week of Vacation Bible School, where 28 amazing kids and 17 dedicated volunteers journeyed through the Alaskan wilderness together (in spirit, of course!). Along the way, we discovered one powerful truth again and again: we can always trust Jesus. It was a week full of joy, wonder, and connection—and I'm so thankful for each person who helped make it possible.

As I look ahead to the mission trip to Duluth at the end of July, my heart is full of anticipation. I'm excited not only about the service work we'll do, but also about the transformation I know will happen in the hearts of our youth. It's a beautiful thing to witness young people stepping into their faith and realizing that they don't have to travel across the world to make a difference—they can be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in Minnesota.

Through every program, trip, and gathering, I'm reminded of how blessed we are to be part of this loving, faithful church family. Thank you to each one of you for your prayers, support, encouragement, and presence. You are helping to shape the next generation of disciples, and I am so grateful to walk this journey with you.

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Many Things to Celebrate

Brian Munsterman, President

July is here! We are already halfway through this year. Why does it seem that time flies by so quickly?

Pride was celebrated in June. I love seeing St Philip's embracing our welcoming stance for all and showing this to the community. While there are many things that I think we can do to help continue promoting inclusivity, such as hanging a pride flag outside to show that we are always welcoming, I am proud of the efforts we have made. We feature the pride flag on our website and app, where people can view it, click on it, and read our welcome statement, which states how we celebrate the diversity of our human experience, one that includes all. One where St Philip's is a sanctuary of love, acceptance, and understanding where all can find support, belong, and find spiritual nourishment. I am super proud of the committee members who met and put this all together last year. When you get the chance, I encourage you to visit our website and see for yourself. How else can we show up, and what else can we do? Please let me know your thoughts on this. I would love to hear them!

St Philip's had a float in the Fridley 49er Days again this year! While it was a wet, rainy one, Aaron Gondorchin did a great job representing us by pulling our float for the community to see! Thank you!

This month, we celebrate Independence Day. A time to celebrate our freedom. A time where all are free to be who they are and be welcomed, and a time when we are free to welcome Christ into our lives. Let's celebrate our freedoms and continue to welcome all.

BOA Meeting Summary



- SPLC has hired Darby Lawrence as our new visitation pastor.
- We approved investing \$100,000 in a 13-month CD. This will be timed so that it comes due approximately 6 months after our other CD so we receive interest income every six months.
- We discussed and approved allocation of funds of a large anonymous gift. More information to come.



28th Annual Garage Sale

28 for the 28th Challenge. All your donations each year help make the annual garage sale a huge success. Let's do it again for 2025 – we challenge those who are able to donate 28 items to the 28th Annual Garage Sale. The more donated the more we can sell – and the more we can raise! So start sorting and saving your gently used items to donate. And tell your friends and family – we gladly accept donations from the community for the sale.



Donations for the garage sale can be dropped off:

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 1st Day to Drop Off Donations 9:00am to 7:00pm	2 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 4:00pm
3 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 12:00pm	4 Donation Drop-Off 9:00 am to 5:00pm	5 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	6 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	7 Donation Drop-Off 9:00 am to 5:00pm	8 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	9 Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 1:00pm
10 Last Day to Drop Off Donations 9:00am to 12:00pm	11	12	13 Garage Sale 5:00 to 8:00pm (\$3/admission)	14 Garage Sale 9:00am to 7:00pm	15 Garage Sale 9:00am to 7:00pm	16 Garage Sale Everything ½ Price! 9:00am to 12:00pm

What we CAN accept: gently used clothing & shoes (adult and children's), household goods, small appliances, craft and sewing supplies, jewelry, small chairs, lamps, end tables, collectibles, wall art and frames, decorative & holiday pieces, books, linens, tools/hardware items, lawn furniture, sporting goods, luggage, and toys.

What we CANNOT accept: men's sport coats and suits, bed frames and headboards, mattresses, bed pillows, TV's, car seats, playpens, cribs, VHS/cassette tapes, Christmas trees, computers, monitors, printers, encyclopedias, large exercise equipment, and chemicals.

Interested in volunteering for the Garage Sale?

Contact LaRae Kazmierkoski at (763) 571-4266 or email laraekaz@aol.com

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Trip & 20th Anniversary St. Philip's Disaster Relief



Plans are underway to send a SPDR team this fall to the Clarksville, TN area to assist in the rebuild of damage caused by floods and tornadoes over the past two years. This will be the seventh SPDR trip to this general Nashville area since COVID. We traveled three times to Waverly, TN, twice to Mayfield, KY, and twice to Clarksville, TN. We are currently attempting to establish firm trip dates, which will be in the mid-September to mid-October week range. More to follow.

Plans are also underway for the 20th Anniversary of the SPDR Ministry: 2006-2026. A 20-year timeline is being designed and constructed, two years at a time, in the church office hallway. The timeline is about 20% complete. Stop by and see what the SPDR ministry has accomplished in the past 20 years.

The Journey Continues

Meals on Wheels



Wow! Meals on Wheels drivers have had a busy May! Some of us were able to gather for lunch to visit and to have our photo taken for the new St. Philip's photo directory. We also delivered meals the week of Memorial Day. Special thanks to our amazing drivers: Sandy & Eldy Nelson, Kathy & Chuck Eichelberger, Phyllis & Larry Ehlers, Mary & Rob Shimanski, Jennifer & Ron, and Anna Prasek, Monica Anderson, Gidget & Edd, and Haley Brooks, Deb & Mike Carroll, and Dawn & Richard Young.

Thank You From Bob Becker

A huge thank you to everyone that covered for me during my bursitis, pacemaker, and infection issues, both with the Columbarium and Food & Clothing Shelf. Special thanks to Greg Block, who has been making countless trips to pick up food and who filled in ordering the food inventory. Also, thanks to Mike Youngberg who covered me for visitor sign in duties. Thanks to all of you that filled in and to everyone that included me in their prayers and well wishes.



News From Bille, Nigeria

Jotham Sumwashe, our contact in The Lutheran Church of Christ in Bille (LCCN Bille), sent news of our joint ministries and what's happening in Nigeria, with pictures. (Please check out the bulletin board near the Nursery.) Mr. Sumwashe mentions fighting among various terrorist factions and persecution of Christians in major Christian states like, Plateau, Benue, Taraba and Adamawa. (See map on bulletin board.)

The church. Nevertheless, LCCN Bille celebrated Easter "well" with the many groups in the congregation enjoying special activities they traditionally do on that occasion.

LCCN Bille is removing its roofing and replacing it with iron rafters and aluminum sheets. The work has reached an advanced state. They had a mini launching and realized three million naira. [Almost \$2,000 US]

Our joint ministries. Evangelist, Amos Antibas, at our joint outreach project was sick in bed for the whole month of May. His relations took him home for treatment. He has since recovered and is now back at his working place. We gave him assistance for treatment and also provided him with some bags of cement to floor their new church.

Fourteen students got scholarships to secondary school from our joint account. A classroom which was blown up by a rain storm has been repaired. All the money is from the funds sent to our outreach project account.

We appreciate you very much for the funds. May the Almighty God continue to bless you.

Thank you, Jothan Hatuka Sumwashe for LCCN Bille

Christmas in July

Benevolence holds a Christmas Shoppe the second Saturday in December, where parents in need are able to choose two gifts for each of their children for Christmas. Last year, we were able to see that 150 children had gifts under their tree. Our goal for this year is the same, and many of you have said that doing some shopping in July is helpful, rather than having it all come in December. So, from July 9 – 20, a tree with gift suggestions will be available in the Mission Corner. You may choose a tag with a gift suggestion, purchase the gift and return it to be used for our Shoppe. We will also have a tree up in November for those who like to do their Christmas shopping at that time. Thank you for your support, and happy shopping!



Parish Fellowship Brunch—Join Us!



Parish Fellowship will be serving a Congregational Brunch on Sunday, July 13, between services (9:30 -10:45 am). On the menu is egg bake and fruit. Everyone is invited to join us!

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Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Norlan Lee

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.

Financials

St. Philip's 2025	Actual May	Actual YTD
Income	\$48,961.44	\$313,241.81
Expense	(\$68,925.68)	(\$341,286.84)
TOTALS	(\$19,964.24)	(\$28,045.03)

Polka Worship & Bratwurst Night



Any polka lovers out there? This one is for you! On Wednesday, July 9, we will serve bratwurst and the fixings from 5:15 - 6:00 pm, followed by a polka worship service at 6:00 pm, with hymns set to familiar polka tunes! All hymn lyrics are original, written by Worship Band Leader Cheri Sykes. Sing along to your favorite polkas. The polka band includes members of the 10:30 worship band, featuring Sherry Carpenter on accordion, plus James Haugan, (Sanctuary Choir and Bells of Praise), on tuba! There may be other special guests. Die-hard polka dancers can stay after to cut a rug on further polkas. All of this will be in the newly revamped Fellowship Hall. Join us and bring all the polka fans among your wider acquaintances!

Life Events



Robert and Marlis Johnson on 7/18/1959 for 66 years
James and Miriam Hougen on 7/30/1961 for 64 years
Fred and Janice Kunze on 7/28/1962 for 63 years
Roger and Mary Gehrke on 7/10/1965 for 60 years
Gordon and Dorothy Kuluvar on 7/30/1967 for 58 years
John and Margaret Fricke on 7/21/1968 for 57 years
Ralph and Janet Thompto on 7/9/1968 for 57 years
Ronald and Charmaine Cadwell on 7/31/1971 for 54 years
Todd and Jody Bjerknes on 7/19/1975 for 50 years
Larry and Kathy Weegman on 7/18/1981 for 44 years
Murray and Miriam Jensen on 7/14/1984 for 41 years
Mike and Gina Paton on 7/1/2000 for 25 years
Ann and Mike Kozarek on 7/26/2003 for 22 years
Ryan and Ingrid Kleinjan on 7/23/2004 for 21 years
Dan and Katie Mae Pritchard on 7/2/2004 for 21 years
Julie and Bill Lueck on 7/24/2010 for 15 years
Matthew and Jennifer Brooks on 7/14/2012 for 13 years



6/22/2025

Mila Lillian Boeder



The friends and family of:

Myron Ochocki

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]
- 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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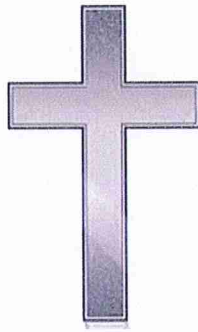
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God calls us to receive and share God's
love and grace with all people.

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).