

# The Friend

## September

### Rally Sunday - September 7

#### Worship

9:00 and 10:30 am

#### Children & Youth Programming Kickoff

9:20 - 10:00 am

#### Congregational Brunch

9:45 - 11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

#### Outdoor Activities

10:00 am—12:00 pm

### September

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## GROW & SERVE

### An Exciting Time for Our Congregation

Matt Flom, Pastor

*13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?*

*And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?*

*And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?*

*Romans 10:13-14*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

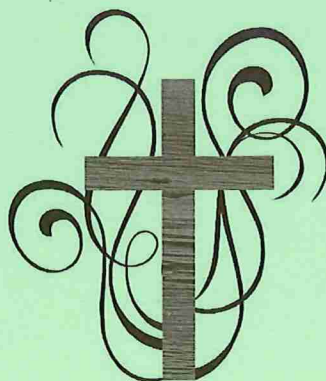
Grace, love, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Over the summer, I have been holding a series of vision meetings to talk about the process of calling an associate pastor. We talked about where the greater church and St. Philip's is now and our path going forward. We talked over three different courses of action for an associate pastor. The overwhelming consensus was to continue with our visitation pastor and call a ½-time associate.

At the August Board of Administration meeting, we voted to hold a congregation meeting on Sunday, September 14 right after the 9:00 am service (10:10 am). The BOA is presenting a motion to authorize a call committee to seek a ½-time associate pastor. At the meeting we will also vote to elect the call committee. It's an exciting time for our congregation.

Now you may be wondering, "what can I do to help this process along?" First off, we all need to pray for the call process, our congregation, the call committee, and the possible candidates. You can give your insights and ideas to the call committee. If you know of a good pastor that is looking for a call, you can forward their name to the call committee. We also need to make sure we have a sufficient budget. We will be asking for a modest increase in the budget for 2026. Finally, pray some more. Prayer is the power of the church. God will strengthen us, enlighten us, and guide us through this new season here at St. Philip's.

God's Peace,

Pr. Matt





### A New Title...Same Mission

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Faith Formation*

*Let the teaching of Christ and His words keep on living in you. These make your lives rich and full of wisdom. Keep on teaching and helping each other. Sing the Songs of David and the church songs and the songs of heaven with hearts full of thanks to God.*

*Colossians 3:16*

Over the years, I have been so blessed to serve as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries here at St. Philip's. This fall, my title has been updated to Director of Faith Formation, and I'd like to share what that means and some of the exciting changes that come with it.

Faith formation is the lifelong process of growing as followers of Jesus. It's about more than classes or programs...it's about building relationships, asking questions, sharing our gifts, and deepening our walk with God together. My role as Director of Faith Formation reflects the truth that ministry here is not limited to one age group; it's about creating opportunities for people at every stage of life to grow in their faith.

I will continue leading our children, youth, and family ministries, but my role is expanding to include young adult ministry as well as our 55 and under group. These areas will allow us to provide more ways for people to connect, serve, and grow in community. I'll also continue to manage our church's website, app, social media presence, and digital media creation, helping us share our story and keep our community connected both inside and outside our walls.

As we begin the upcoming program year, my heart is full of excitement and gratitude. We have wonderful opportunities ahead to learn together, serve our community, and experience God's love in new ways. I count it an incredible honor to be part of your lives...to celebrate, to walk alongside you in challenges, and to grow together in faith.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement. I look forward to all that God will do through us this year!

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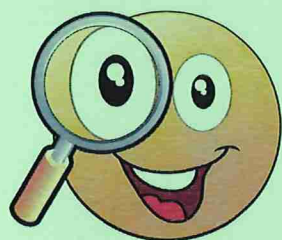
## End of Summer

Brian Munsterman, President

Where did the summer go? It feels like yesterday when summer was just beginning. It seems to have come quicker for me this year, but I am guessing that is mainly due to personal reasons. One thing that is consistent though is change, and this year there is a lot of change for me. We just dropped off my daughter at college. That is a huge change for us. And not only did we drop her off in college, but in a different country as well no less. Change is inevitable. But when one thing ends, another begins - a new norm. September brings the start of weather changes and soon the fall colors will appear. Now is a time to return to a more normal routine from our summer mindset. I look forward to the start of Fall and all that Fall has to offer, especially the colors of the changing season. I look forward to Rally Sunday, the return of the children, Sunday School, Confirmation, and seeing so many people back at Sunday worship.

I cannot say this enough - I want to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated items and/or time to make our August Annual Garage Sale so successful! This task takes a lot of time, talent, and donations to ensure success year after year, so be grateful for all your contributions. Without you, we wouldn't be able to do this.

## BOA Meeting Summary



- Dan shared his faith journey during devotions. Ask him to share!
- Talked about the garage sale and are thankful for all of the hard work that went in to making it a success.
- Voted to authorize a call committee for a 1/2-time pastor.  
Congregational meeting will be Sunday, September 14 at 10:10am in the Sanctuary.



### Rally Sunday!



Join us as we kick off our program year on Sunday, September 7. This is a fun-filled day for all ages! Children & Youth Discipleship class time is 9:20 - 10:20 am weekly. Children 2 1/2 through high school will leave for class from first service. For Rally Sunday only, parents will be asked to pick up after the first service at 10:00 am, and all ages are encouraged to head into Fellowship Hall for an egg bake brunch, which will be served from 9:45 – 11:00 am, and then outside for fun activities, including a bouncy house, face painting, and more! We hope to see you there!

### Growing Through Loss

This series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. These may include loss of a job, physical health, mental & emotional health, living arrangement, and joy & peace. 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 [[www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org)] for information. The series runs on Thursday evenings from September 18 through October 23, from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at: St. Philip's Lutheran Church - 6180 Hwy 65, Fridley, MN 55432 [763-571-1500].



### Growing Through Loss -Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few happy faces to welcome and register participants of the Growing Through Loss series each week at St. Philip's. Each session starts at 6:45 pm and runs September 18 through October 23. Ideally, we would love to have volunteers able to help at most sessions, but if you are unable to that's okay. Please sign up when you are able. Please contact Kathy Knutson with questions or to sign up.

## GROW & SERVE



From LaRae Kazmierkoski

The 28th annual garage sale is now a memory, and it was a great one! We raised almost \$44,000 with donations coming from our congregation members and the community. Once again, our volunteers did an amazing job, which was frequently recognized by the shoppers. Let me share a few stories to underscore the impact of this sale.

A gentleman came in and purchased 35 boxes of clothing on Saturday, our half-price day. He donates these items to Listening House of St Paul, an organization serving the homeless. He does this in memory of his wife, who passed away. This, in itself is great, but then a few of our volunteers loaded up their cars and delivered these purchases to his house.

A group from Central Lutheran Church purchased 10 boxes of clothing to help their organization, Restoration Services, which also works with people in need.

Another woman purchased 40 pairs of jeans for her work with the homeless.

So, we reach an amazing number of people with this sale. 'What a ministry we have through it! I am so proud of St Philip's and the people who support it and the sale.

Thanks to Pastor Matt for his strong and vocal support of this sale, and to the staff for all the help they provide. In joyful exhaustion, I say thank you to all who helped with this sale and remember next year's sale is August 12 - 15! Praise be to God!



From the P&G Committee

The Property and Grounds Committee would like to thank all of the individuals who volunteered their time at the back lot of the garage sale. The tasks over many weeks included setting up and taking down several tents, setting up racks and shelves, accepting and pricing sale items working in the heat, rain, and putting tarps on and off the sale items.

A special thank you, also, to those individuals that stayed for the Saturday post sale back lot break down and clean up.

As Pastor Matt stated on Wednesday in the presale prayer service - hundreds of people benefit from the sale including not only those who come to buy items but those who donate, and those who work before, during, and after the sale. Our entire community benefits from our Garage Sale Ministry. Thank you!



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



We continue our coordination for our fall trip with, the Construction Manager for Tennessee-Western Kentucky Disaster Recovery of the United Methodist Church (TWKUMC). We have set the dates for the trip...September 20 – 28, 2025.

At this time, we are planning to go to Dyersburg, TN, located about 75 miles north of Memphis. The area around Dyersburg experienced tornado and flood damage during the past two years. Many dwellings need repair.

As always, building skills are not required to be on the team. If you are not on the SPDR email list, please drop a note to [spdr@splcmn.org](mailto:spdr@splcmn.org) requesting to be added.

Next year, 2026, will be the 20th anniversary of the SPDR ministry. A historic time line is being developed and is starting to be displayed on the church office hallway. Stop by and take a look and continue to do so in the coming months for additional years.

## Choose Joy! An Afternoon of Gospel and Inspirational Music with Jevetta & Jearlyn Steele!

These well-known local luminaries are coming to St. Philip's on Saturday, September 27, at 4:00 pm. Along with their band, they'll bring a high-energy, soul-affirming treat of the highest caliber!

The sisters have recorded and performed extensively, both solo and with their family ensemble, The Steeles. They blend various genres, including gospel, soul, and R&B, often described as having a "Minnesota sound".

Jevetta is a national and international presence in musical theater and on film, as an actor, singer, and playwright. She has toured with the legends, including Prince, Mavis Staples, Kirk Whalum, and more. Likewise, Jearlyn toured with Prince, and has been active in musical theater. She was featured often on A Prairie Home Companion. Jearlyn was longtime host of the show "Steele Talkin'" on WCCO radio, as well as entertainment reporter on TPT's Almanac.

Get further acquainted with these dynamic entertainers at [<https://www.thesteelesmusic.com>].

Mark your calendars for this don't-miss event!

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Endowment Fund

*The St. Philip’s Endowment Fund*

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!*

Financials

St. Philip’s 2025	Actual July	Actual YTD
Income	\$49,314.76	\$436,954.35
Expense	(\$54,403.07)	(\$452,001.41)
TOTALS	(\$5,088.31)	(\$15,047.06)





# September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>Happy Labor Day!</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	2 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	3 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 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	4 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	5 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	6
7 <b>Rally Sunday!</b> 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship	8 10:00 am Parish Fellowship Mtg. 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries; Joy Circle	9 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:00 pm Heritage Group Mtg.; Benevolence Committee Mtg. 4:00 pm Endowment Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	10 8:30 am Men's Work Crew; WOW 10:00 am Women's Book Club; EA Mtg. 1:00 pm Walking Alone Together 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	11 8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	12 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	13
14 9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship	15 <b>Friend Articles Due</b> 10:00 am Glory Circle 6:30 pm Executive Mtg.	16 9:00 am Library Group 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	17 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 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	18 6:45 pm Growing Through Loss 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	19 10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf	20 <b>SPDR leaves for Dyersburg, TN</b>
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28 <b>SPDR returns from Dyersburg, TN</b>  9:00 am Worship 9:20 am Children & Youth Discipleship 10:30 am Worship	29	30 10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal				

# Friendly Takeaway

## Hello September

Some people think that beauty  
Equals a good look. But a  
Pretty face is just the surface.  
The real beauty lies inside  
Everyone. Kindness and smiles  
Melt hearts. And when you  
Believe in yourself and know you're  
Enough, the light you  
Radiate will touch everyone around.



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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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## PRAYER

## Life Events

Duane and Anita Prairie on 9/7/1957 for 68 years

Richard and Joyce Lekang on 9/29/1962 for 63 years

Chuck and Suzanne Lunde on 9/1/1962 for 63 years

Robert and Rebecca Becker on 9/13/1969 for 56 years

Clark and Kristine Poelzer on 9/1/1973 for 52 years

Kent and Julie Small on 9/7/1974 for 51 years

Ronald and Jennifer Prasek on 9/13/1975 for 50 years

Robert and Mary Shimanski on 9/6/1975 for 50 years

Allen and Jan Spitzer on 9/6/1975 for 50 years

Linda and Gene Gondorchin on 9/17/1977 for 48 years



**The friends and family of:**

Leora Carlson



Kenneth and Sheryl Oestreich on 9/24/1977 for 48 years

John and Kathy Swenson on 9/10/1977 for 48 years

Brian and Marna Dahlgren on 9/18/1982 for 43 years

Fred and Lynne Haggar on 9/3/1988 for 37 years

Robert and Cathy Barker on 9/29/1990 for 35 years

Jennifer and Kent Tjader on 9/19/1992 for 33 years

Julie and Michael Booth on 9/4/1999 for 26 years

Al and Kari Davies on 9/18/1999 for 26 years

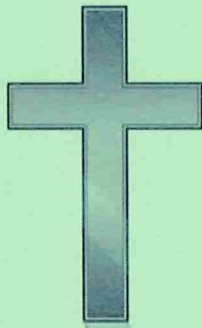
Timothy and Celeste Prairie on 9/16/2000 for 25 years

Dave and Rachael Ostrom on 9/8/2001 for 24 years



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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).