

March 29 – April 5, 2026

**We Hope You Will Join Us
for Holy Week!**

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 29

9:00 and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday – April 2

6:00 pm

Good Friday Cantata – April 3

6:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5

9:00 and 10:30 am

Baptism – Theodore Sponsel and Benjamin Sponsel

Congratulations to Courtney and Jacob Sponsel, parents of Theodore and Benjamin, who will be baptized at the 9:00 am worship service this Sunday. We would also like to congratulate Theodore and Benjamin's family, sponsors, and friends on this joyous occasion.

Youth Bake Sale!

Join us on March 29th for our Youth Bake Sale! You will get to choose from brownies (regular and Gluten Free) and cinnamon rolls! Ooey, gooey, and fresh baked. Is your mouth watering? What better way to support our youth than by purchasing yummy baked goods! They will be on sale Sunday, March 29, between worship services in the Mission Corner. These sell out fast, so get there early! The proceeds from this fundraiser will support the youth attending the summer mission trip.

Needs for the Clothing Shelf

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the clothing shelf this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our current needs include:

- Girl's clothes size 9-12 months, 18-24 months, 2T, 3T, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14
- Women's socks
- Men's underwear size S and M

Library Open House

Join us for the Library Open House between services on Sunday, April 12 in honor of National Library Month. We will have coffee and cookies, as well as free books to take home and check out. All are welcome. Conversations with library members are included. We hope to see you there!

Easter Flower Pickup

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter flowers! You may take them home after second service Easter Sunday, or pick them up on Tuesday. The office is closed on Easter Monday and the alarm for the Sanctuary will be set.

Donations for Alexandra House

"The mission of Alexandra House is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change through education, support, and advocacy."

We are collecting specific items that are in high need at Alexandra House: 16-20 oz. bottles of hair conditioner, bottles of liquid hand soap, and paper towels. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the office.

Our Faithful Floor Scrubber

Our beloved floor scrubber has gone to the Great Custodial Closet in the Sky. After many years of faithful service, our trusty scrubber has scrubbed its final floor. A replacement has already been called into service, but we invite the congregation to help us continue the mission of holy cleanliness by contributing toward the cost of a new machine which is \$13,300. Beginning Holy Week, in lieu of flowers, pick a donation tile from the poster board and return it with your gift to the Mission Corner card box. Thank you!

Save the Date - Vacation Bible School!

We are excited for VBS this summer! We hope your child will join us the week of June 15 - 19, 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! The theme for Summer 2026 is "Who is My Neighbor?" Watch for registration to open soon! If you are interested in giving your time to help, there are many opportunities! Contact our Director of Faith Formation, Connie Yerigan [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

A Look Back on 2025

As we pause to look back on 2025, we are reminded of the beautiful moments that shaped our year — worship, laughter, service, growth, and community. Each photo tells a small part of our shared story. Please enjoy this look back at the memories we will hold dear and thank you for being part of the journey [<https://vimeo.com/1164043325?fl=pl&fe=sh>].

The April *Friend*

The *Friend* will be emailed to you by 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

Mike Brockway, Neal Anderson, Baby Issac and Sarah Mathre

For safety and guidance while serving in the military

Tyler, Rhianon, Derek, Noah, Alex

For the family and friends of