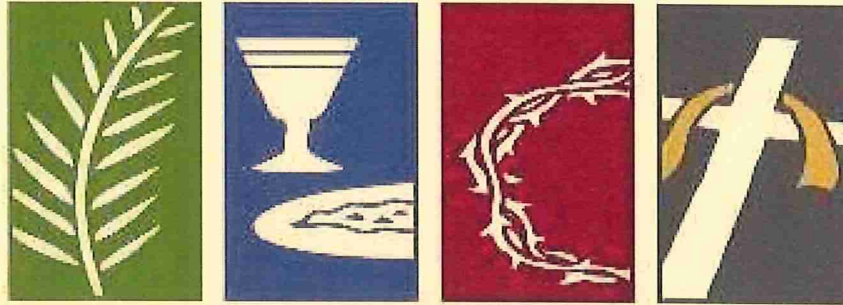




The Friend



Come Worship With Us!

Maundy Thursday - April 2

6:00 pm Worship

Good Friday - April 3

6:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday - April 5

9:00 and 10:30 am Worship

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Easter

Matt Flom, Pastor

8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28:8-10

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The most important day of the church year is right around the corner. Easter is almost upon us. Now many folks think that Christmas is the most important. But that's because it's more important to secular society and gets much more attention. Society recognizes Christmas for many reasons and only sometimes for the correct ones. The church year is different from the secular calendar and has seven seasons, each with its own color. We see these colors in the paraments that adorn the altar, pulpit, and lectern. We also see them worn by pastors in their stoles and chasubles. The seasons are: Advent (blue), Christmas (white), Epiphany (white/green), Lent (purple), Holy Week (red/black), Easter (white), Pentecost (red, green). Easter is the most important day of the church year because this is the day we remember that Christ rose from the dead. Christ's death on the cross atoned for our sins. In his resurrection, Christ was vindicated. His prophecies and teachings were proved true. He made a way for us to eternal life. Without the resurrection of Christ, there is no hope for life after death. It is the basis of our faith. Because of this the church year is regulated by Easter.

Many households have guests or travel on Easter and with special meals and family events, it can be a busy time. That said, it's also one of the best Sundays to invite a guest. If you have a friend, neighbor, or co-worker who has expressed some interest in church, invite them to Easter services at St. Philip's. Even better would be to offer them a ride. If Easter doesn't work, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday are all great services to bring a guest. I pray that you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter. May it be a time for you and yours to connect with God.

God's Peace,

Pr. Matt

Faith Across Generations

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Faith Formation*

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. Joel 1:3

Faith has always been passed from generation to generation through relationships. Children grow in faith not only through lessons and activities, but through the people who surround them — the adults who know their names, share their stories, and model what it means to trust God. When generations intentionally spend time together in the life of the church, something beautiful happens. Children gain encouragement and a sense of belonging, while adults discover renewed purpose and joy in sharing the faith that has shaped their lives.

Every member of a church plays a role in passing faith to the next generation, sometimes in ways as simple as learning a child's name, sharing a story of faith, or offering encouragement along the way.

At St. Philip's, we are blessed to be a community made up of many generations. Each person brings unique experiences, wisdom, and faith stories that can help strengthen and encourage others. When children and adults build relationships across generations, faith becomes something that is lived and shared together.

Our congregation is rich with wisdom, kindness, and faith stories waiting to be shared. When we create space for generations to connect — through conversation, shared service, and simply being present in one another's lives — we strengthen not only the faith of our children, but the entire church community.

In the months ahead, watch for opportunities to build relationships across generations and to share the faith stories that help shape the next generation.

Grateful to share this journey of faith with you,

Connie

Calling Singers!

Cheri Sykes, Worship Band Leader

The 10:30 am Worship Band is always seeking singers! Spread joy through music with us! Because you are singing into a microphone, you need a good "blending" voice that is in tune. However, you don't need to be a soloist. You may contribute occasionally, or more often. We'll work with your schedule. Join the party/rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm! Then we lead congregational songs every Sunday at 10:30 am. Check us out on YouTube/St. Philip's Lutheran Church - Fridley, MN/click on church logo. Please contact Cheri Sykes [651-335-0048 or cheris@splcmn.org].

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Spring Has Sprung

Brian Munsterman, President

Happy Easter! Easter Sunday is in a couple days and He will have risen! I hope everyone is having a great Lenten season. I am writing this as the snow is falling down... one of the wet heavy snow falls in March. Spring has already arrived, but it doesn't quite feel that way yet. I am dreaming of the warmer weather to come. Soon we will have new growth that we will see everywhere, and I can't wait. April showers bring May flowers. It is the rebirth and the newness of what is to come. I celebrate the continued growth of St Philip's and continue to thank all of you for your continued support. I hope you all can enjoy some time with your families and loved ones this Easter season.

BOA Meeting Summary



- Discussed the current financial situation.
- Update: The call committee has received a couple of names from the Synod and is interviewing a candidate this week.
- Learned about a fun event that will be happening in July - St. Philip's Summer Picnic Jam. More info soon.

Clothing Shelf Needs

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!

Save the Date - Spring Cleanup

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 16 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, as we get together to weed, rake, edge, etc.



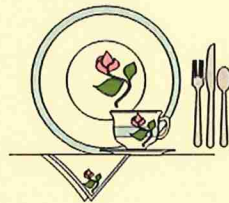
Meals on Wheels



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.

Festival of Tables

Parish Fellowship Committee



The 2026 Festival of Tables will be held on Saturday, April 18. Schedule for the day begins with registration check-in starting at 10:30 am. Fellowship Hall doors will open at 11:00 am, and lunch will be served at noon. This year's menu is chicken salad on croissant, fresh fruit, and marble cake with buttercream frosting.

At 1:00 pm we move into the Sanctuary for our entertainment; Doug Ohman author, historian, photographer, and storyteller. Learn more about Doug Ohman at [www.PioneerPhotography.com].

Proceeds from the event will benefit the St Philip's Food and Clothing Shelf and the Wednesday Night Community Suppers.

Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and/or children's clothing – especially for girls.

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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. Through countless events, community suppers, coffee hours, youth events, and the occasional mysterious sticky spot, it worked tirelessly to keep our church floors shining. This faithful machine fought bravely in the daily battle against dirt, crumbs, mud, spilled coffee, and glitter (so much glitter). In the end, its motor grew tired and its wheels could spin no more. The floor scrubber is survived by many grateful church members, volunteers, and

custodians who appreciated its dedication to cleanliness and its willingness to roll into action whenever needed. 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 costs \$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 for helping its memory live on every time we walk across a freshly scrubbed floor. Well done, good and faithful cleaner.

Bethel Bible Series

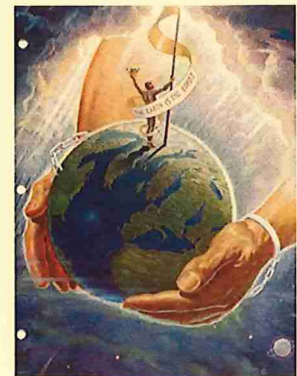
Heritage Group

In 1962 the St. Philip's Board approved enrollment of the congregation in the Bethel Bible Study Series. The series was developed by two pastors from Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin.

Thank you to Ron Seekamp for bringing this part of church history to our attention.

Heritage would like to hear from you:

- Did you participate in the Bethel Series?
- Did you participate as a student or teacher or both?
- Did you participate with your confirmation age son or daughter?
- What memories do you have of the course?
- Do you still have the binder with study guides and illustrations?
- Do you remember the "concepts"?
- What was your favorite unit?



We look forward to hearing from you! We would appreciate it if you could get back to us in the next couple of weeks, as we would like to write an article for the May edition of The Friend. Deadline for May Friend is April 20. This will be fun hearing your comments! Send your recollections and comments to the Heritage Group's email address [heritage-stp@outlook.com]. If you prefer phone or in person conversations, contact anyone in the Heritage Group. Watch this space for the results.

Milwaukee Trip

St. Philip's Disaster Relief



Six St. Philip's Disaster Relief (SPDR) team members were in Milwaukee, WI the last week of February. In August of 2025 several communities in the Milwaukee area were inundated with record rainfall. Some areas saw 14" of rain in a 24-hour period. This resulted in thousands of homes with flooded basements. Some homeowners also experienced water on the main floor of their homes.

A Long-Term Recovery Group is in place to help homeowners deal with damage caused by the flooding. The Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church Disaster Response is coordinating the rebuilding work to be done by volunteers. Recently, they were granted the use of a former campus ministry building at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. The building needed work to create offices, conference rooms, etc. to be used for the rebuilding efforts.

The SPDR team spent 3 ½ days removing trim boards and prepping the floor prior to installing vinyl planking in four small rooms. Additionally, carpet tiles were installed in a large room. Touchup painting was also done. All this work moves the recovery efforts forward by helping the coordinators of the recovery efforts, the case managers, and the construction manager have a place to work.

The trip also gave SPDR the opportunity to meet the recovery coordinators and to check out two churches that could host the team on the Spring Trip. That trip will be May 3-9. Registration for the trip will take place in early April. Watch for more information via email and in St. Philip's publications. If you are interested in this trip and are not on the SPDR email list, send a message to spdr@splcmn.org to get added. Remember, building skills are not required to be part of a SPDR team, just a willingness to help.

The Journey Continues

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Endowment Fund Grant Requests

It is time for the Endowment Fund Grant Requests! This year we have \$24,830 to distribute. Grant request forms will be available in the office beginning March 8. All requests must be received in the office no later than Wednesday, April 15. Any questions, please see Katie in the office or contact Dawn Young, Committee Chair at [612-270-0326].

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*.

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Paul Crawford

Roger Goman

Thank you for your support!

Financials

St. Philip's 2026	Actual February	Actual YTD
Income	\$51,186.65	\$101,545.42
Expense	(\$67,697.05)	(\$135,273.52)
TOTALS	(\$156,510.40)	(\$33,728.10)

Life Events



Leland and Marilyn Drossel on 4/23/1965 for 61 for years

David and Shirley Hogan on 4/3/1971 for 55 years

Steve and Lisa Clovning on 4/30/1977 for 49 years

Lee and Betty Hinnenkamp on 4/12/1978 for 48 years

Nancy and Martin Menzia on 4/22/1978 for 48 years

Steven and Kay Haglund on 4/25/1981 for 45 years

Cameron and Rhonda Ollila on 4/4/1992 for 34 years

Michael and Nancy Varichak on 4/3/1993 for 33 years

Brian and Jessica Munsterman on 4/8/2006 for 20 years

Bryan and Bridget Hovde on 4/5/2007 for 19 years

Lauren and Jennifer Goldenstein on 4/25/2015 for 11 years

Toan and Jennifer Tran on 4/2/2016 for 10 years



The friends and family of:

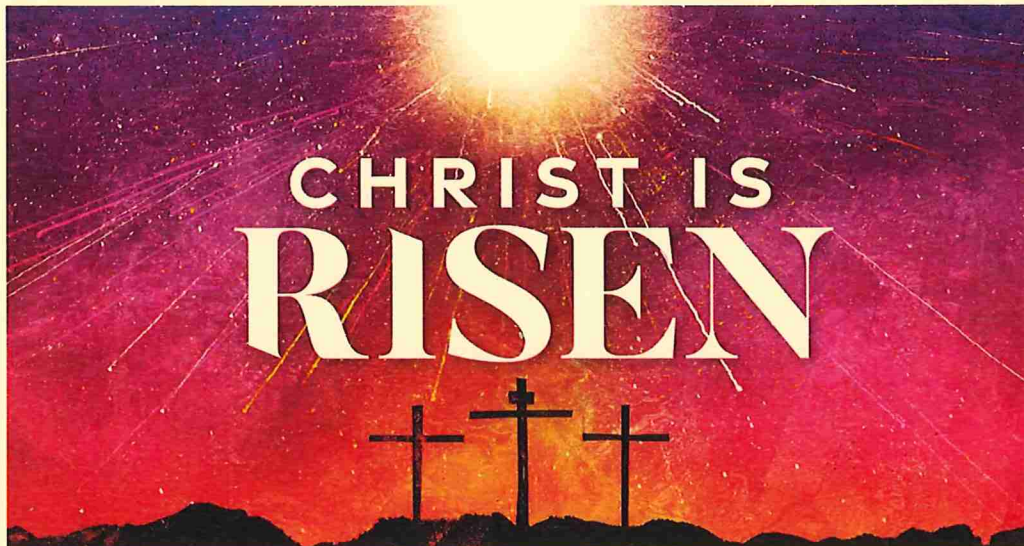
Bev Sperry
Grace Wilson



3/29/2026

Benjamin Gray Sponsel
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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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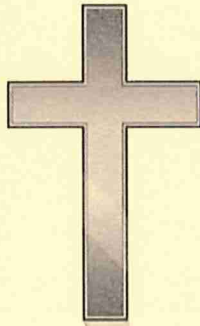
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<p>5</p> <p>Happy Easter!</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Easter Monday Office Closed</p> <p>1:00 pm Joy Circle</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Mtg.; Food & Clothing Shelf 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 6:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Work Crew; WOW 10:00 am EA Mtg.; Women's Book Club 1:00 pm Walking Alone Together 5:00 pm Food & Clothing Shelf 5:15 pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Book Discussion 7:30 pm AA Mtg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 am Food & Clothing Shelf</p>	11
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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).