

July 19 - 26, 2026

Scripture - Psalm 86:11-17 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

9:00 am Hymns – 399, 679, 325, 694

SPDR Bemidji Trip

A team of ten SPDR team members will travel to Bemidji, MN on Sunday afternoon, July 19, and will work three days on homes damaged by a derecho in June 2025. The storm had windspeeds of 120 mph and blew down an estimated 9 million trees and caused an estimated \$10 million in property damage. A year later, homes still need repair. The team plans to work in one home, mainly installing and finishing drywall and installing flooring and trim. The work at a second home will include exterior repairs to the soffit, fascia, gutters, and deck. Please pray for the team while they are in Bemidji and follow their activities on the SPDR Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsdisasterrelief>).

A Fond Farewell to Julie Lueck

After 4 years we say goodbye to our Organist, Julie Lueck. We thank her for her dedication and talent through Sundays, holidays, special events, funerals, and so much more. Julie's last Sunday with us is July 19. Please join us at the Gathering Corner after the 9:00 am service for cake, coffee, and fellowship. Though we are losing Julie as our organist, we are excited that she and Bill will continue to be members of St. Philip's and continue to be active with our community.

Welcome Peder Flaten – Our New Organist!

We are excited to welcome Peder Flaten to our team. Peder will be playing at the 9:00 am service beginning Sunday, July 26. Welcome, Peder!

This is Most Certainly Brew – New Location and Time!

Our monthly Bible study has a new location – Rail Werks in Columbia Heights, and an updated meeting time, 6:30 pm. We will meet on the third Tuesday of the Month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, but we welcome you to come early and enjoy BBQ and many other wonderful food and drink items available for purchase. We have a reserved room beginning at 6:00 pm. This month, we are continuing to look at The Bible Simplified. We have copies available in the office for a suggested donation of \$25. Whether you have joined us once, twice, or not yet please come! Bring a friend and join us at Rail Werks on Tuesday, July 21.

We are Ready to Make an Impact!

This year's Mission Trip crew is ready to travel to Omaha, NE. There they will partner with multiple service sites, such as Food Bank for the Heartland, Heart Ministry Center, Catholic Charities Outreach, Table Grace Ministries, Whispering Roots, and The Furniture Project. Watch our Facebook and Instagram page for photos. The crew asks that you please pray for them now and while they are away. They depart midway through the first service on Sunday, July 26th, and will return Friday, July 31st.

God's Word for Everyone

At St. Philip's, we believe God's Word is meant to be shared. If you don't have a Bible of your own—or know someone who could use one—we would be honored to place one in your hands. Whether you're reading the Bible for the first time, returning to it after many years, or looking for one to share with a friend or family member, we invite you to take one as our gift to you. Simply ask one of our ushers on Sunday morning, and they will be happy to help.

Mark Your Calendars – Join the Sanctuary Choir!

It's the start of a new church season and a great time to join the choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning on September 2, and sing most Sundays at the 9:00 am service. Come join us!

Christmas in July

We have just begun our summer heat, so of course we should discuss Christmas in July! Each year we give you a chance to purchase items to be used in our Christmas Shoppe, which is held the second Saturday in December. From Wednesday, July 8 – July 22, the trees, with tags offering gift suggestions will be in the Mission Corner. You may take one (or more) tags, purchase the items, and return them to the Mission Corner or office. We will have trees up in November too, should you want to do your Christmas shopping at that time.

Did You Know - Access Past Funeral Services

Did you know that recordings of many past funeral services are available on our website? We know that grief doesn't follow a timeline, and sometimes there is comfort in revisiting a service, hearing familiar words, or sharing a loved one's service with family and friends who were unable to attend.

To access funeral recordings, visit our website and click on the Life Events tab on the homepage. From the drop-down menu, select Funeral. Once on that page, scroll down to the section that says, "To view recordings of past Funeral Services, please click HERE."

We hope this resource provides comfort, connection, and a way to honor cherished memories.

Save the Date - 29th Annual SPLC Garage Sale!

Wednesday, August 12

from 5:00 - 8:00 pm (\$3/admission)

Thursday & Friday, August 13 & 14

from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 15 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

– It's Everything ½ Price Day!

Donations help make the garage sale a huge success!

If you are able, we encourage you to donate items to the 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. We also need paper grocery bags *with handles* donated.

Donation Drop off Dates: Friday, July 31 - Saturday, August 8. Hold onto your items until then, as no early donation drop-offs can be accepted.

Help Shape the Future of Our Children, Youth & Family Ministry at St. Philip's

We'd love your input! As we dream about the future of Faith Formation at St. Philip's, we're inviting everyone to complete a short vision survey. Your thoughts, ideas, and hopes will help guide future opportunities for children, youth, adults, and families as we continue to grow together in faith. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and will be available through Sunday, July 19. Thank you for taking the time to share your

voice! <https://forms.gle/BAqd8T8NHtKN52dy8>



Prayers of the People:

For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life

Alida Flom, Dr. Henry Brown

For safety and guidance while serving in the military

Tyler, Rhianon, Derek, Noah, Alex, Micheal, Todd

For the family and friends of

Cori Olsrud, Steve Smuder