

# July 5 - 12, 2026

## Scripture - Psalm 145:8-14 and Matthew 11:16-30

### **Office and Food & Clothing Shelf Closed**

The office will be closed on Monday, July 6, in celebration of the Fourth of July.

The Food & Clothing Shelf will be closed on Friday, July 3.

### **A Fond Farewell to Pastor Darby Lawrence**

We say thank you and farewell to Pastor Darby. We thank you for your ministry as visitation pastor and wish you luck in your future opportunities.

### **Spoke Folk Tour**

St. Philip's will be hosting Spoke Folk, a Christian mission trip and discipleship program for youth and young adults, on July 13 and 14. They are excited to share a brief program with our congregation, which will include singing, testimonies, a skit, and puppet show. Join us on Monday, July 13 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

### **St Philip's Summer Picnic Jam**

Join us on Wednesday, July 15 from 5:15–7:30 pm for a fun-filled evening of food, music, and fellowship in the West parking lot at St. Philip's. This free outdoor event kicks off with dinner at 5:15 pm, followed by live music from the Ballroom Surfers at 5:30 pm, bringing all your favorite hits from the 50's and 60's—so put on your dancing shoes and get ready to move! We'll also have a prize giveaway at 7:00 pm (must be present to win). Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends, neighbors, family members, and anyone looking for a great summer evening of food, fun, music, and community. We can't wait to see you there!

### **Fridley '49ers Parade – July 16**

St. Philip's will again this year be represented in the Fridley '49ers Parade on Thursday, July 16, 6:30 pm. Come cheer our float's joyful message, with the Worship Band performing our best upbeat tunes along the parade route. We were rained out last year, so we'll be singing twice as loud this year. For more information:

[<https://www.fridleymn.gov/Community-Recreation/Events/Fridley-49er-Days>].

### **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 located 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. Thank you!

### **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.

## **Vacation Bible School Photo Gallery**

What an incredible week we shared at Vacation Bible School! From games and crafts to music, learning, and new friendships, it was a joy to see God's love at work each day. We invite you to relive the memories by viewing our VBS photo gallery [here](#). Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, families, and children who made this week so special!

## **Walking Alone Together – Wednesday, July 8**

This is a community at St. Philip's for both women and men who have lost their spouse, whether recently, long ago, or anytime in between. It is an opportunity for conversation, support, and fellowship. The group meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 1:00 pm in Room 1. If you have questions, please contact Connie Yerigan [[ConnieY@splcmn.org](mailto:ConnieY@splcmn.org)].

## **Membership Class**

Do you have interest in becoming a member of St. Philip's or would you like more information? Please join us in a conversation on Sunday, July 26 or October 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact Rita Schwieters [[ritas@splcmn.org](mailto:ritas@splcmn.org)].

## **Did You Know - Meet Our Team**

Did you know there's an updated Our Team page on the St. Philip's website? Each member of our staff has shared a short biography, giving you a glimpse of who we are, what we do, and what we enjoy outside of church. It's a fun way to put a few more stories behind the faces you see each week and get to know the people who serve alongside you in ministry. We invite you to stop by the Our Team page and learn a little more about the staff who are honored to serve the St. Philip's community.

## **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.

## **Financial Giving Options**

St. Philip's offers a couple of ways to electronically give! The first option can be accessed by downloading the church app onto your phone by going to your App store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android phones/devices) and search for St. Philip's Church, Fridley. Look for the icon with the St. Philip's logo. The second option is to text SPLCMNGIVE to [833-750-3154] and click on the link it sends back to you.

And lastly, you may give electronically through our website [[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org)]. You can also bring your offering on Sunday morning or mail it to the office. If you have any questions regarding PushPay or financial giving, please contact a member of our staff. Thank you!

### **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