

The Friend

**Grab a Friend and
Join Us for Worship!**

All are Welcome!



Grow in Grace
— 2 Peter 3:18. —

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9:00 am - Traditional
10:30 am - Contemporary

August 2026

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Garage Sale

Matt Flom, Pastor

10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have had some wonderful outreach events this year. In June we had the Polka Service. We worshiped God, had a good meal, and danced. In July, we had the Summer Picnic Jam. Despite the smoke and heat, we had a good meal, danced, and enjoyed the music. At both events we had a lot of guests who got to have a good impression of St. Philip's. After the Picnic Jam, a local dad of two small kids wrote me a gracious email thanking me for the congregation's hospitality. He said that if they weren't already active in their church, they would be coming to St. Philip's in a heartbeat.

In August we have our Garage Sale. It's our biggest community event and thousands of people are coming. It's also an event we can use for outreach and evangelism. Your friends, family, neighbors who you want to invite to church might be more open to coming with you to the garage sale before coming to a worship service with you. It's a fun and emotionally safe way to get to know the congregation a little better. Another way to invite folks is to ask a friend to come with you to volunteer. Everyone wants to be helpful and do good things. At the Garage Sale there is a task for everyone to do. It doesn't have to be for a day; it can be for an hour or two. You can tell them what you've signed up for and then ask if they would like to come along. You can offer to drive them, because that is a good way to make sure people come. When they come, be sure to introduce them to other members; that way when they come to worship, they'll know several folks and feel more at home.

The Garage Sale serves so many people in so many ways. People can unclutter or unburden their homes. Folks who need stuff can get good stuff at a reasonable price. Several good charities are supported. So many folks come to our church and have a good time. Our members get to serve God by serving the community. Remember to pray for good weather and a good sale.

God's Peace,

Pr. Matt

Rooted in Christ. Growing Together.

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Faith Formation*

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6–7

As summer begins to wind down, there is so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to!

Our youth recently returned from an incredible week serving in Omaha, and my heart is overflowing with gratitude. I couldn't be more proud of this amazing group. They poured their hearts into every project, every conversation, and every opportunity to serve. Whether they were working alongside organizations, encouraging one another, or simply sharing smiles with the people they met, they truly were God's hands and feet in the world.

Mission trips are about so much more than the work we accomplish. They are about relationships, growth, faith, and learning what it means to love our neighbors as Christ first loved us. I watched these young people step outside of their comfort zones, support one another, and serve with joyful hearts. Thank you to everyone who prayed for us, supported us, and helped make this experience possible.

Now, as we turn the page toward fall, I am so excited to begin a new chapter in our faith formation ministry: Rooted.

Rooted is more than a name...it reflects who we hope to become together. Just as a tree grows stronger through deep roots, we want every child, youth, and family to become deeply rooted in God's love, His Word, and the life of our church community.

Beginning this fall, all of our children and youth faith formation opportunities...both on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings...will be part of Rooted. No matter which day works best for your family, your children will experience meaningful relationships, engaging Bible learning, hands-on activities, worship, and opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus.

My hope is that Rooted will help families connect more deeply with one another, strengthen friendships across ages, and create a place where everyone knows they belong. We are building a ministry that isn't simply about attending a class...it's about growing together in Faith and living it out each day.

Registration is now open, and I invite you to join us as we begin this exciting new season together. I truly believe God has wonderful things in store, and I can't wait to see where he leads us.

Who are You Yoked to?

Rita Schwieters, Director of Membership & Connections

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

August is here. The month where we pack in as much summer as we can before we begin the slow march to winter. As I'm thinking about the program year, I'm thinking about our congregation. I always hear people say, with a sad voice, "We're an older congregation." And while I understand why that might sadden some people, it also gives us some opportunity. In a recent sermon Pr. Matt talked about this passage from Matthew; of course, as disciples of Christ, we are always yoked to Him. Our way feels easier when we are pulling according to His plan, because He carries us through it. Because His Spirit is empowering us. When we go our own way, we are still yoked to Christ, and He doesn't abandon us, He pulls with us. But our way is harder, less joyful, less fulfilling because our plans are imperfect. Christ is our perfect pulling partner, but he wants us to partner with each other as well. And we are a congregation full of strong oxen. Many in this congregation are lifelong Christians, you've been doing church and life together for decades. You have a rhythm and an understanding of what it takes to make church successful and how to show up for each other. Many of our visitors and guests are not lifelong Christians. We can no longer take it for granted that our guests have heard the good news, that they grew up in a Christian household, or that they understand what goes into being a disciple. These visitors, guests, and new members need you, our lifelong disciples and elders. I have learned a lot about the joy and pain my elders put into this congregation and their ministries. And I think, when you yoke to younger disciples, you will gain a new found sense of the joy and the love of God. We see our own stories of God's faithfulness to us, paralleled in their stories and it's a beautiful thing. So, are you pulling alone, or are you yoked to a stronger or weaker ox? If you feel like you're pulling alone and you feel like everything is a struggle, let's get you connected with a mentor or a group. If you feel like you're doing just fine on your faith journey and you don't need any help, consider connecting with someone newer. When we work together in intergenerational groups and in love, we will renew our congregation beautifully.

End of Summer

Brian Munsterman, President

Where is this summer going? It seems like yesterday I was getting excited that summer was almost here. Things sure have been busy, and the weather has been hot! Before you know it, summer will be over. The kids that went on the Mission Trip just returned. Please ask them about their experience. I am sure they would love to share that experience with you. It is time to do some house clearing and donate to our annual garage sale! This is such a busy event, but one that everyone in our community looks forward to! Please help where you can, either with donation of items, or volunteering your time. Everything you can do is appreciated and is needed to continue to make this such a success. August brings us the State Fair, and the kids will be heading back to school soon. Summer vacations will be coming to an end, and life will get back to our normal routines. Next month is Rally Sunday and the return of Sunday School and Confirmation. Enjoy these last days of summer activities!

BOA Meeting Summary



- We approved implementing a new software that will replace our current system. It will allow for greater efficiency for staff and integrate several current systems including membership, finances, website, and app. Implementation time frame hasn't been determined yet.
- We intentionally kept the meeting short so that we, joined by Spence Minear and Kaitlyn Davies, could spend a little over an hour setting up tables, racks, etc. for the garage sale.

Christmas in July - Thank You!

Thank you to all who purchased items for our Christmas Shoppe. This gives us a good start in collecting items to be given to children in December. Some have asked if there will be an opportunity to purchase gifts in November, and yes, we will have the trees up and gift suggestions available after Thanksgiving.



Backpack Fundraiser



August is the time we collect backpacks for Fridley middle and high school students. We are aware of the high cost of most good backpacks, so we are inviting you to donate money towards the purchase of them. The money we collect will go to the purchase of as many backpacks as possible. If you have already purchased a backpack or would like to purchase your own to be donated, please drop it off in the church office before August 17.

Financials

St. Philip's 2026	Actual June	Actual YTD
Income	\$47,923.46	\$346,827.74
Expense	(\$62,387.41)	(\$373,798.88)
Total	(\$14,463.95)	(\$26,971.14)

29th Annual Garage Sale



The time has arrived - donations for the garage sale can be dropped off:

August 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					1st Day to Drop Off Donations 9:00am to 7:00pm	Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 4:00pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 12:00pm	Donation Drop-Off 9:00 am to 5:00pm	Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	Donation Drop-Off 9:00 am to 5:00pm	Donation Drop-Off 9:00am to 5:00pm	Last Day to Drop Off Donations 9:00am to 1:00pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Garage Sale 5:00 to 8:00pm (\$3/admission)	Garage Sale 9:00am to 7:00pm	Garage Sale 9:00am to 7:00pm	Garage Sale Everything ½ Price! 9:00am to 12:00pm

What we CAN accept: gently used clothing & shoes (adult and children's), household goods, small appliances, craft and sewing supplies, jewelry, small chairs, lamps, end tables, collectibles, wall art and frames, decorative & holiday pieces, books, linens, tools/hardware items, lawn furniture, sporting goods, luggage, and toys.

What we CANNOT accept: men's sport coats and suits, bed frames and headboards, mattresses, bed pillows, TV's, car seats, playpens, cribs, VHS/cassette tapes, Christmas trees, computers, monitors, printers, encyclopedias, large exercise equipment, chemicals, and fluorescent and CFL bulbs (new or used).

NO Large Furniture accepted – if one person can't lift it, we can't take it. Thank you for understanding!

Garage Sale Volunteers Needed

It's almost time for our annual grandest garage sale in all Christendom! There is so much to be done in such a short time, and we can use all the help we can get! The commitment does not need to be a long one. Just an hour or two will help immensely.

Here are some of the tasks needing help:

- Volunteer for an hour or two helping sort and deliver items to assigned rooms. Or volunteer in any of our rooms, helping price items for the sale.
- Come from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and prepare lunch and clean up after lunch. Food is in the refrigerator along with instructions for each of the days that lunches are provided.
- Spend an hour or two (or more if you wish!) on Wednesday, August 12, emptying the trailer and setting up the outside for the sale, which begins at 5:00 pm that evening. We start any time after 8:00 am to make sure everything is set up.

Please consider helping this year. Contact LaRae Kazmierkoski [laraekaz@aol.com] or the office.

Additional Needs:

Donate a box of individual bags of chips, cases of soda, cookies, bars, fruit, sandwich buns, or anything that would help feed our volunteers.

Donate paper grocery bags with handles - we need hundreds.

Please drop off food and grocery bag donations in the office July 29- August 9.

Bemidji & Fall Trips

St. Philip's Disaster Relief



A 10-member SPDR team recently returned from a rebuild trip to Bemidji, MN. They spent three days rebuilding homes that were damaged during the derecho over a year ago that hit Bemidji with 120 mph winds, destroying an estimated 9 million trees and damaging many homes.

The team worked in two homes while in Bemidji. Interior work was done in one home that sustained water damage after the storm due to a damaged roof. The work there included removing and replacing ceiling drywall; taping and mudding the new drywall; removing and replacing flooring; removing and replacing two large windows, and installing baseboard and quarter round. A second home had exterior damaged caused by a fallen tree. Soffit, fascia, 30' of gutters, and broken deck boards were repaired or replaced at that home.

SPDR is grateful to the United Way of Bemidji Area for their coordination of the work and supplies while the team was in Bemidji and to Kohl's Resort that provided three cabins for the team lodging. Thank you to the Bemidji team members: Diane Campeau, Joe Capra, Mike Carroll, Don Foss, Wes Grandstrand, Jerry Jensen, Renee Johnson, Dick Lekang, Spence Minear, and Al Spitzer. Also, thank you to all the SPDR team members, family, friends, partners, and the St. Philip's staff for the continued prayers and financial support.

Next up for SPDR is the fall trip. Locations and dates are being considered. If you'd like to be part of this trip and currently don't receive SPDR emails, send a message to spdr@splcmn.org to get on the mailing list. The journey continues...

Landscape Updates



We continue to do our best to make our grounds look nice. We hired some younger folk to update the landscaping on our campus. The island cobblestones have been removed and replaced with a concrete walkway and apron to make easy access to the building.

A Japanese Lilac was planted in memory of Mike Anderson.



Along the front of the building (Sanctuary entrance) some dead bushes have been removed. Also, at the entrances to the big parking lot along W. Moore Lake Dr., we had the old rocks removed, weed barrier laid, and new rocks and boulders added.

Other areas of improvement include the Gaga ball pit being relocated to the back of the building between the garage and kitchen. Also, two trees have been removed by the bus stop bench, and the ditch along Highway 65 will be mowed by the city. In the spring the island plants that have been overgrown and root bound can be separated and moved to the front of the building to replace some of the less desirable bushes that have been removed. Please take a walk around the campus and see all that has been done.

Grounds Beautification - Thank You!

How is it that we have beautiful grounds at St. Philip's and we don't pay anybody to do it? It's the tremendous volunteers that spend time to make sure that our church is a welcoming place to worship.

Richard "Mow Man" Young

Every week Richard mounts his trusty Toro steed and spends four hours cutting the grass on the entire property.

Greg "Edge Master" Rosholt

If there is grass or weeds that dare to cross over the curb, Greg is there to make sure they are stopped in their tracks. A clean curb is a happy curb.

"Weed Angels" Jan Scovill, Sue Rosholt, Mary Raney

If you can't mow it or edge it, we count on the "Weed Angels" to pull out these nasty little weeds from where they don't belong. No weed is safe on their watch.

A big thank you to these people who add greatly to this ministry at St. Philip's.

Life Events

Endowment Fund

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

For more information on St. Philip's Endowment Fund visit our website at [www.splcmn.org].

Gifts were received in memory and honor of

Eva Coverston

Bev Sperry



Charles and Kathleen Eichelberger on 8/10/1963 for 63 years

Spencer and Gay Minear on 8/27/1966 for 60 years

Sandy and Eldon Nelson on 8/12/1967 for 59 years

Edward and Gidget Brooks on 8/31/1968 for 58 years

Daryl and Carol Gabrielson on 8/11/1973 for 53 years

Larry and MarJean Stromberg on 8/3/1974 for 52 years

Cynthia and Richard Grove on 8/27/1977 for 49 years

Judy and Michael Greer on 8/28/1982 for 44 years

Howard Thompson and Elaine Knutson on 8/1/1998 for 28 years

Janelle and Rick Loye on 8/28/1999 for 27 years

Joshua and Kris Glood on 8/17/2002 for 24 years

Michael and Anna Shimanski on 8/23/2008 for 18 years

Anna and Joe Heinrich on 8/6/2016 for 10 years

Tom and Jordan Mesenbourg on 8/6/2018 for 8 years

Olukunle and Mallyssa Alugo on 8/2/2025 for 1 year



The friends and family of:

Cori Olsrud

Steven Smuder



7/26/2026

Lee Foss

Friendly Takeaway



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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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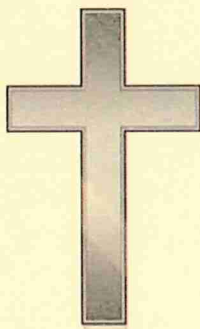
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST



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).