

August 30 – September 6, 2026

Scripture - Psalm 26:1-8 and Matthew 16:21-28

9:00 am Hymns - 864, 815, 480, 543

Baptism – Azalea Rose Thompson

Congratulations to Penny and Chris Thompson, parents of Azalea, who will be baptized at the 10:30 am worship service this Sunday. We would also like to congratulate Azalea's family, sponsors, and friends on this joyous occasion.

Thank You - Garage Sale

The 29th annual garage sale is now a fond memory for those who worked tirelessly to help make it a success. This year, we set a record by making over \$51,000, which will be used for both church needs as well as many charitable groups. We definitely need more help and will have to determine how we will continue this event. We are excited to have so much money to distribute and to know all our hard work certainly paid off!

Garage Sale Funds - Grant Requests

Requests for funding will be accepted through September 15. Forms are in the church office and on our website [<https://splcmn.org/2026-garage-sale/>]. Please return all completed forms to the office. If you are requesting funds for church property, you must present a proposal to Property and Grounds for approval.

Children, Youth & Family 2026-27 Program Registration

This fall, we invite your family to be part of Rooted—our children's and youth faith formation ministry. Registration is now open! We look forward to gathering together, building lasting friendships, growing in faith, and helping children and youth become deeply rooted in God's love. To register, check out our website, app, E-News, or contact our Director of Faith Formation, Connie at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Office Closed – Labor Day

In observance of the holiday, the office will be closed Monday, September 7.

Adult Discipleship

Wednesday Night Adult Discipleship returns September 9, at 6:45 pm under the faith formation umbrella, Rooted. Our adult group is going forward with our focus on spiritual disciplines. Drop in with any faith questions, challenges, or wins. Then practice discipleship disciplines like prayer and witnessing. We hope to see you there.

Volunteers Needed for Children & Youth Programming!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help with our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning children and youth programming! If you have a welcoming heart and enjoy encouraging children as they grow in their faith, we'd love you to join our team. Interested in serving? Contact Connie Yerigan at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Thank You - Backpack Fundraiser

Thank you to those who donated to our backpack fund. With the donated money, we will purchase as many backpacks as we can to give to the Fridley schools.

Calling Singers!

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 song every Sunday at 10:30 am. Check us out at [<https://splcmn.org/worship-band-videos/>]. Please contact Cheri Sykes [651-335-0048 or cheris@splcmn.org].

Bells of Praise

The Bells of Praise is a dedicated volunteer group who participate in both worship services monthly, using music to praise God. They also participate in special musical events, including the Christmas concert and Music Sunday. St. Philip's has 5 octaves of handbells and 3 octaves of hand chimes. A variety of techniques are incorporated into our ringing. The Bells of Praise welcomes additional ringers any time during the season. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Please join us! For further information, please contact Dawn Hansen at [763-780-0360 or dawng48@hotmail.com].

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!

Noise Canceling Headphones for Children

We now offer noise canceling headphones for children if the Sanctuary gets too loud. They will be located on the small usher table at the back of the Sanctuary beside the hearing assist packs. Feel free to use as needed and return it when finished.

Rally Sunday!

Join us as we kick off our program year Sunday, September 13. This is a fun-filled day for all ages! Children & Youth Discipleship class time that day will be 9:15 - 10:00 am. Children aged 2 1/2 through high school will leave from first service, and head to the Fellowship Hall for a morning of fun activities and learning. Parents will be asked to pick up their children after the first service at 10:00 am, and all ages are encouraged to stay for brunch, and then stick around for fun activities, including a bouncy house, face painting, and more! We hope to see you there!

Join Us for Brunch on Rally Sunday!

Everyone is invited to brunch on Sunday, September 13 from 9:45 – 10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

SPDR Fall Trip

SPDR is returning to Milwaukee, WI to help those impacted by severe flooding just over a year ago. The dates of the trip are Sunday, September 27 - Saturday, October 3. The work will most likely include hanging and finishing drywall, painting, installing flooring and trim, light electrical work, and more. Skills for these tasks are not required, just a willingness to help. Registration for the trip starts September 1 and ends September 8. Registration will be via email. If you are interested in the trip and currently don't receive the SPDR emails, send a message to [spdr@splcmn.org] to request the registration information. If you have any, questions, contact Renee Johnson at [612-202-1959 or spdr@splcmn.org]. The journey continues...

Tuesdays Together – Returning September 8

Tuesdays Together will be on hiatus for the remainder of August. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 8 in the Lounge at 1:00 pm when we begin talking about the letters of St. John and St. Peter. We hope you will join us.

Prayers of the People:

For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life

Cindy LaBelle Koolmo, Greg Beaulieu

For safety and guidance while serving in the military

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

For the family and friends of

Jaqui Brey, Genevieve Slavik, Ed Simko