

October 25 – November 1, 2026

Scripture - Psalm 46 and John 8:31-36

9:00 am Hymns – 504, 634, 490, 710

Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

Radiant Spirit – Bells of Praise

Sandra Eithun wrote this piece on May 24, 2025, and dedicated it to Andrew McCauley-Wallace in honor of his 30 years of service as the Music and Worship Arts Director at the Dunn's Corner Community Church Presbyterian in Westerly, Rhode Island. Sandra Eithun is a graduate of Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI, and is currently a part of the faculty of Holy Family Conservatory. Join us this Sunday, October 25, when the Bells of Praise play this piece at both services.

Reformation Sunday – October 25

"Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call church".

Confirmation Sunday – October 25

Please join us on Sunday, October 25 during the 9:00 am service, as we gather to celebrate this year's Confirmand, Blake Munsterman as he stands before us to affirm the promises his family made during his baptism.

Board of Administration Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held this Monday, October 26 in the Lounge or online through Google Meet. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. If you would like to join by Google Meet, please contact Pastor Matt for the call-in number and instructions [MattF@splcmn.org or 763-231-0557].

Trunk & Treat – October 31

It's here – our annual St. Philip's Trunk & Treat event! The event will be held in the west parking lot on Saturday, October 31 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm! You are invited to join in the fun by signing up to decorate the trunk of your car and the tailgate of your truck in Halloween fashion! Kids and their families will walk the large oval of decorated vehicles, as they safely trick or treat the night away! We would love to have you join us by decorating your "trunk" or donating a bag or two of individually wrapped candy for the event. All children and families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Daylight Saving Time Ends – November 1

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on *Saturday, October 31!* This is also a good time to check/change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

All Saints Sunday - November 1

We commemorate Christians who have lived before us and have testified to their Christian faith. We also remember those who have pledged their faith through Holy Baptism.

Endowment Brunch – November 1

The Endowment Committee will serve a hot breakfast sandwich (gluten-free option available) and fruit meal between services on All Saints Sunday, November 1. Join us to learn about how the most recent grant money (\$24,830.61) was used.

Help Us Celebrate a Year at St. Philip's!

We're putting together a special year-in-review video and photo slideshow to share at our Annual Meeting! We'd love to highlight the wonderful moments, ministries, and memories from this past year. If you have photos or information you'd like included, please send them to Connie [ConnieY@splcmn.org] by January 10, 2027. Help us celebrate all the ways God has been at work in our church community!

Donations for Alexandra House

"The mission of Alexandra House is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change through education, support, and advocacy." We continue to collect high-need items for Alexandra House: 16-20 oz. bottles of hair conditioner, bottles of liquid hand soap, lotion, and paper towels. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the office. Thank you!

Save the Date – Annual Christmas Pageant!

Did you know the Christmas story began long before the manger in Bethlehem? Join us on Sunday, December 6, during our 9:00 am worship service as our Children, Youth & Family Ministry presents, "From the Roots of Jesse to the Manger"! Together, we'll journey through generations of God's promises, discovering how the story of Christmas is rooted in God's love and faithfulness...and how that story continues through us today! Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this special celebration of faith, hope, and God's love woven through generations!

Save the Date – 2027 Festival of Tables

Next year's Festival of Tables will be held on April 17, 2027. Our entertainment will feature Dan Chouinard, a well-known pianist/performer in the Twins cities area. More details are coming soon. Mark your calendars! Also, consider decorating a table for this beautiful event. If you have questions, contact Julie Small [kjsmall74@msn.com].

The Festival of Tables is a fundraiser for the St. Philip's Food & Clothing Shelf and the Wednesday Night Community Suppers.

The November *Friend*

The *Friend* will be emailed to you by the beginning of the month. You can also find an electronic copy in our app, website, E-News, and paper copies in the office. Please let the office know if you would prefer a copy be mailed to you. After nine years and the discontinuation of Publisher, the Friend is being created on a much more sophisticated graphic arts program. Please extend Jenni some grace as she figures out how to create the newsletter you've come to expect.

Prayers of the People:

For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life

Dale, Bray Family

For safety and guidance while serving in the military

Tyler, Rhiannon, Derek, Noah, Alex, Micheal, Todd