November 22 - 29, 2026

Thanksgiving Eve and Advent

Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 25
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Advent: Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16
12:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
~ You are invited to bring a bag lunch to the 12:00 pm service ~

Blue Christmas: Wednesday, December 23
12:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

"Marching to Zion" - arranged by Jason W. Krug
Today's hymn, #625: "Come, We that Love the Lord" was written by Isaac Watts in 1707. This hymn has been published in 1,968 hymnals. Isaac Watts was the son of a schoolmaster. In 1702, he became a pastor. In 1712, he was invited to visit Sir Thomas Abney, at his residence in London. He made this his home for the remainder of his life.
Robert Lowry was an American preacher who became a popular writer of gospel music in the mid-to-late 19th century. He wrote the music for the text of Isaac Watts' "Come, We That Love the Lord". Jason W. Krug arranged this hymn for handbells in 2025, and our Bells of Praise will be playing this Sunday, November 22 at the 9:00 and 10:30 am services.

Christmas Shoppe
Our Christmas Shoppe is early this year, December 5, and we need your help. Please take a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the Mission Corner and return the donated gifts by December 2. We know how expensive things are, and everyone is feeling the effects of higher prices, but if you can help, we appreciate it!

Flowers
The flowers on the altar were given by family in celebration of Ron and Karla Ackerman's 60th wedding anniversary.

Cinnamon Roll Sale!
They're back… ooey, gooey, fresh-baked cinnamon rolls! What better way to support our youth than by purchasing a delicious treat? Cinnamon rolls will be on sale this Sunday, November 22, in between worship services in the Gathering Corner for $5 each. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support the youth attending the summer mission trip. These rolls sell out quickly each year, so be sure to come early! Sweet rolls for a sweet cause — thank you for supporting our youth!

Here's Looking at You…
To volunteer some of your time in the office! We are looking for an individual to sit at the volunteer desk for a couple of hours in the morning, two Thursdays a month. We need you to stuff announcements, prepare mailing, answer phones, greet guests, and an occasional project. If you are interested, please contact Jenni [JenniA@splcmn.org] to figure out a schedule that works best.

The December *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.

Thanksgiving Community Supper
As has been our custom for the past few years, we will be having a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our Community Supper on Wednesday, November 25. Many of you have already donated food items for this dinner, however we are still in need of turkey gravy, cans of corn, cans of pumpkin, and of course, turkey. This year, to make food prep easier, we are using Jennie-O turkey roasts in a bag. They are smaller so we will need many more, but they are so much easier and preparation will be a one-day event instead of two. If you would like to donate one, you may put it into the freezer in the back room of the kitchen or donate money.

Notes from the Food Shelf:
As we approach the end of 2026 please consider year end gifts of gratitude. If you have expendable finances - first and foremost, contribute to St. Philip's General Budget to allow St. Philip's to sustain its excellent work. Secondly, please consider a gift to the food shelf to help us sustain our dwindling finances of this important ministry as we look forward to our work in 2027. With gratitude, The St. Philip's Food & Clothing team

Youth Holiday Market
Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 6 when our youth host their annual Holiday Market in the Mission Corner. They will be making items to sell and welcome donations too! Baked goods and any other handmade holiday gift ideas you may wish to donate are appreciated. Items should be dropped off by Wednesday, December 2. Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Connie with questions [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Office and Food & Clothing Shelf Closed
In observation of the Thanksgiving holiday, the office will be closed on Thursday, November 26. The Food & Clothing Shelf will be closed on Friday, November 27 (the office is already closed on Fridays).

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!

Christmas Concert
Join us for a beautiful musical illustration of Christmas on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm. Come and listen to the sounds of the Sanctuary Choir, Bells of Praise, Worship Band, Organ, and more! Afterward, enjoy refreshments in the Gathering Corner, provided by the Parish Fellowship Committee. It is sure to be a great evening filled with joy and merriment of the season!

Board of Administration Meeting
The next Board meeting will be held Monday, November 23 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].

Prayers of the People:
For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life
Brent Swenson, Joseph Moore, Lloyd Schleicher, Dave and Cheryl Simmons, Carol Gabrielson, Gary Markestad, Christina

For safety and guidance while serving in the military
Tyler, Rhiannon, Derek, Noah, Alex, Micheal, Todd, Finn, Serenity