

The Philippian

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Philip's Lutheran Church of Hastings, Minnesota

Come and Worship...Come and Serve...Come and Learn...Come as you are
...Philip said to him, "Come and see" John 1:46

June 2022

**GRADUATE
RECOGNITION
JUNE 5**

**GARAGE SALE
JUNE 11
8 AM - 3 PM**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP
JUNE 19 AT 9:30 AM**

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
JUNE 20-23
9 AM - 12 PM**

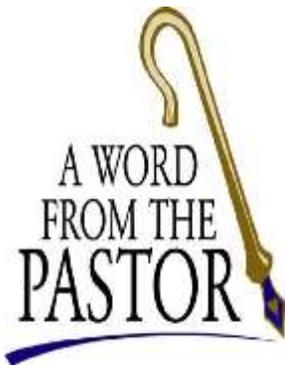
**CAMPFIRE CATECHISM
JUNE 26
6:30 PM**

**MARY FISCHER
SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE
JUNE 30**

**JUNE
EVENTS**

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “[I] will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” Luke 9:57-58

From the Gospel Lesson for June 26, 2022



We all would like to follow Jesus. We are, after all, Christians, aren't we? Part of being a Christian disciple is being committed to following our Savior, Jesus Christ. We can identify with the man who comes to Jesus in the above passage. Following Jesus seems just seems like the right thing to do.

However, like the man in this passage from Luke, we may not realize what it really means to follow wherever Jesus leads. In the verses that immediately follow the above passage, two others who would follow Jesus have excuses as to why they cannot immediately join in Jesus' journey. Their reasons are good reasons. They are reasons that we would certainly excuse.

However, that is not part of Jesus' way of doing things. Jesus never says that following him will be a cakewalk. Jesus never says that discipleship is easy or fun. Jesus never promises prestige or recognition in the eyes of the world. Ultimately, Jesus promises a cross.

This is because to share the love of God in the way that Jesus shares the love of God ultimately always results in animosity from the world. To love as Jesus loves is to love without limitations, without prerequisites, without consideration of how the world will view it. When we love as Jesus loves, we do not first think, "How will this make me look?" We do not first think, "Does this person deserve to be loved?"

Following Jesus means that our relationship with Jesus comes first. Following Jesus means that our relationship with Jesus shapes and affects every other relationship we have. It shapes and affects our relationships with our spouse, children, parents,

siblings, employer, employees, friends, neighbors, and even our enemies.

When we say that we want to follow Jesus wherever he goes, we need to know that Jesus goes places we would never choose to go ourselves. Jesus goes to reach out to those in our communities who are struggling and hurting. Jesus goes out to those who have never visited a church. Jesus goes to those who have made a TON of mistakes in their lives. Jesus goes to those who have no power or voice or influence in the world around them. Jesus goes to those struggling with depression, anxiety, or any number of mental illnesses, but who are afraid to share for fear of the stigma attached to their diseases.

As self-proclaimed disciples of Jesus, let us ever be aware of what it means to follow Jesus wherever he goes. And let us pray that the Holy Spirit will give us strength and conviction to walk the path of discipleship, sharing Christ's love with the whole world.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Geier

– AMONG OUR OWN –

Congratulations to...

Hank Lodewegen (son of Jacob and Stephanie Lodewegen) blessings on his baptism

All those celebrating their wedding anniversary in June. Listed below are couples reaching a special anniversary...

Gary and Alice McDougall on their 56th wedding anniversary on June 11

Jerry and Pat Klebs on their 57th wedding anniversary on June 12

Duane and Avis Hunstad on their 66th wedding anniversary on June 16

Bob and Margaret Cox on their 45th wedding anniversary on June 18

Steve and Susan Amundson on their 51st wedding anniversary on June 19

Dave and Robyn Tank on their 35th wedding anniversary on June 20

Jerry and Kitty DeGrote on their 40th wedding anniversary on June 21

Nick and Susan Kylen on their 55th wedding anniversary on June 24

Sympathies...

Family of Arden Sanstead as they mourn her death

Preschool Chatter

It's hard to believe another year of preschool has come to a close. May was a busy and exciting month for our students. Our themes for the month included zoo, bugs, camping, and summer plans. The highlight of this month was watching our class caterpillars change from caterpillars to chrysalis and eventually to butterflies! Such a fun project for the children to really see the life cycle of a butterfly. On May 26 and 27 we will hold our end of the year programs. Children will get to share some of their favorite preschool songs with their families, receive their portfolios and diplomas, and share in a little last day fellowship with friends.

We held our parent/teacher conferences in April/early May. We are thankful for the excellent turn out we had with parents attending this opportunity to discuss their child's progress. With all-day-every-day kindergarten, our preschool recognizes its responsibility to be sure our children entering kindergarten are as well prepared as possible to start their academic careers off successfully. Many of our students this year will be off to kindergarten! We are so excited for their next chapter but will also miss them. We also had a couple of families graduate for the last time after having three children in our program for a total of six years.

We as a preschool staff are so blessed to be able to work with so many young children in such a wonderful setting! We are grateful for the outstanding support we receive from the members of St. Philip's. With your support we are able to continue to offer an exceptional preschool experience for children in our community. For many of our children it is their first academic and religious experience they have had and we are proud to serve them well in both of these areas. Thank you for supporting this important ministry of St. Philip's!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer making new memories with your families!

Blessings,
Becky Kaphing and Lorelei Rein
 Preschool Co-Directors

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE REGULAR COFFEE GROUNDS for your

Sunday morning cup of coffee at church, please leave the containers at the welcome center. We have enough decaf at the moment.



GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE

April 2022

Actual	Budget	2021 Actual
<u>General and Miscellaneous Income YTD</u>		
\$173,350.38	\$170,710.82	\$174,515.08
<u>Capital Fund YTD</u>		
\$58,124.00	\$58,519.23	\$53,842.50
<u>Operational Expenses YTD</u>		
\$220,318.06	\$233,735.63	\$207,499.65
<u>Over / (Short)</u>		
\$11,156.32	(\$4,505.58)	\$20,857.93

Thank You!

Thank you to Our Church Family,

With love, we thank our St. Philip's family for its concern and outstanding care extended to Ruth. We have been blessed.

The Raul Jackson Family

Thank you to everyone for the celebration of my 20 years at St. Philip's. All the cards, gifts and kind words were much appreciated.

Lista Klocow

On behalf of the Wegener Family I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, gifts and support throughout Dale's illness and passing. Since the Lord first directed us to St. Philip's congregation Dale and I saw and appreciated the warmth and care shown to and by everyone. Your physical and emotional support for Dale during my illnesses was a great comfort and blessing to both of us continuously. A line from a hymn says "They will know we are Christians by our love". Thanks for your love and kindness.

Ron Wegener

Dear Pastor Geier,

My Very Own Bed was thrilled to hear from David and Geneva Weisser that your Do Days group and congregation made 20 fleece tied blankets for us! and, even better, they delivered them in person to us in Northeast Minneapolis. Please share our heartfelt gratitude to the entire church and the Do Days members, on behalf of the 515 kids who have already received a new bed and Dream kit (bedding, book and stuffed animal) this year alone.

My Very Own Bed

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 5	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]
June 12	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
June 19	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
June 26	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

MARY FISCHER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being taken for the 2022 Mary Fischer Scholarship. This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a female member of the congregation pursuing an undergraduate degree. This scholarship was funded in most part by the Fischer Family in honor of Mary Fischer. The scholarship is open to a St. Philip's female taking undergraduate courses in the 2022-23 at a 4-year institution.

If you are interested in applying you can find applications online at www.splchastings.org or pick up a copy on the welcome center at church. Please fill it out and return an electronic version via email to Lista Klocow in the office at listak@splchastings.org or return to her via mail or dropped off at the office in an envelope to maintain the confidentiality. All applications will be coded, and anonymity will be insured for the work of the Award Committee. The deadline is June 30.

NEW MEMBERS

come along in many sizes. Pastor Geier is shown carrying Hank Albert Lodewegen, who was baptized on May 1. Hank, the son of Jacob and Stephanie Lodewegen is now one of St. Philip's newest members. St. Philip's congregation rejoices in witnessing the baptisms of its children and pledges to support that child in its developmental years as a child of God and the congregation.



Come Join in a Time of Fellowship and Adult Spiritual Growth as We Study the Apostles' Creed!

Almost all of us know the Apostles' Creed. We use it to confess our faith every Sunday. But why? What makes it so special? Why should we study it?

The creed summarizes what the Bible teaches about God. In the creed, we confess who we believe this God is and what God does. Luther wrote that the creed "sets forth all we must expect and receive from God..." (Large Catechism, 431). In other words, the creed answers the question "What kind of God do we have?" Perhaps most importantly, the creed answers the "Why bother?" or "Who cares?" question. The creed tells us why it matters what kind of God we have and what God does for us. We will use Martin Luther's Small Catechism as a resource to help us study and gain a greater appreciation of the Apostles' Creed.

Bring a chair and come join us around the fire pit at St. Philip's the fourth Sundays of June, July, and August for a time of conversation and reflection on a part of our Christian and Lutheran heritage. There is no required memorization and if you can only make it to one, we'd love to see you!

June 26 at 6:30 pm
Article 1, God the Father

July 24 at 6:30 pm
Article 2, God the Son

August 28 at 6:30 pm
Article 3, God the Holy Spirit

Since you asked. . .

How come the pastor doesn't read the Gospel lesson or chant the kyrie anymore?

This question was brought up to a member of our Worship Ministry Team and was shared at our last meeting. The short answer is that I like to do whatever I can do to lift up and empower the laity to take leadership roles in our worship. For the record, I love to read Scripture and chant the liturgy and do all the things that are a part of leading worship.

However, whenever there is an opportunity to have a member of our congregation take a larger role in leading worship I lean towards making that happen. Before doing so, I ask myself three questions:

1. Can this person do this task better than me?
2. Can this person do this task as well as me?
3. Can this person do this task adequately so that it doesn't negatively impact our worship?

If I can answer "Yes" to any of these questions, I can't in good conscience deny someone the opportunity to use their gifts in worship. (For the record, I have rarely had to worry about asking question three since I have been able to answer in the affirmative before getting there.)

A second reason I like to use as many lay voices as possible is that there is a part of me that thinks you are listening to my voice throughout a majority of the service. I think hearing another voice adds variety and they might have a different inflection that strikes you differently than if I had chanted the kyrie or read the gospel.

If none of these reasons seem to make sense to you, you can go with an alternate theory that your pastor is just lazy and is getting other people to do his work for him. Regardless, I hope that your query has been satisfactorily addressed.

Thanks for asking!

Pastor Geier

JUNE 16 WELCA DAY TRIP – For all persons signed up for the WELCA day trip to Red Wing, please be at the church by 10:45 am to carpool.



ALTAR FLOWERS? If you would ever like to order or bring flowers to have on the altar on Sunday and beautify the sanctuary, please sign-up on the kiosk.



St. Philip's is providing an opportunity for our congregation and our neighbors to join in a Praise Worship service outdoors on June 19 at 9:30 am. We are privileged to have *The Double Down Daredevils* bluegrass band, with our own Mary Ellen Fox as a member, lead us in music. Personal invitations will be hung on the doors of our neighbors within a two-block radius of our church home. Bring your lawn chairs and join us in worship and fellowship with our church family and our neighbors. Complimentary ice cream treats will be served after the service. In case of rain worship will take place in the sanctuary.

The Worship and Music Ministry Team

"DRAWN TO THE RIVER"

*An upcoming event sponsored by St. Philip's,
please plan to come*

It doesn't get better than a summer evening at Levee Park, relaxing in front of Hastings' Rotary Pavilion and being entertained, inspired and totally immersed in something uniquely special.

On Tuesday, July 19, at 6 pm, "*Drawn to the River*" will offer professional artist, Paul Oman, who will visually create a 5' x 6' painting which will become an addition to Hastings' public art initiative.

Artist Paul Oman's bold strokes on a canvas to the rhythm of the Mississippi's soft waves lapping on Hastings' shoreline promises to provide unbelievable pleasure.

Selected music will surround the painter while he expresses a representation of cultural diversity at its best. A message from a resident of ArtSpace will briefly relate the artistic endeavors of her fellow residents.

Don't miss what's expected to be what Hastings' River Renaissance project intended for its city and its friends who visit Hastings.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

It's time to celebrate the graduating class of 2022 on Sunday, June 5!

In addition to our regular donut holes, we'll have full-sized donuts (don't worry, grads, you'll get first dibs!). Our graduates will also be participating in leading worship. Make sure you wish them well on their next exciting life chapter!

If you are a graduate or parent of a graduate, please RSVP with Sarah Bennett! And don't leave without your gift!



HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE OUTING

It was very disappointing to hear that the National Youth Gathering was canceled this year, but that doesn't mean we can't find our own service opportunities!

If you are in high school, you are invited to our High School Service Outing on July 23, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. In the morning we'll volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, then head over to Grand Slam in Burnsville for lunch, laser tag, arcade games, and more! The cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and a Grand Slam ticket. Parent chaperones/drivers are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-23 at 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! Join us on Adventure Island for a week of games, songs, and Bible stories! Registration is open for any child from age 3 (able to use the bathroom on their own) through just having finished 5th grade.



We need your help volunteering! There are plenty of roles that we still need filled for VBS to run smoothly this year. Even if you can only volunteer for part of the week, we would love to have you! And if you are in confirmation, volunteering at VBS counts toward next year's service hours.

To sign up to volunteer or register a child for VBS, fill out a form found at the VBS table in the narthex or click the links on MyVBS.org/SPLC.

HIGH SCHOOL KAYAKING

Speaking of high schoolers, we are having our second annual kayaking and ice cream day on August 13, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm.

We'll head over to the Cannon River for an afternoon of kayaking and stop for ice cream on our way back! This is technically a 2-hour kayak trip, but last year it took around 4 hours with the low water level. So, the 3:00 pm ending is just an estimate. We'll make sure to keep parents updated while we're there!

The cost is \$15 per person, which includes the kayak rental and ice cream. We will have water bottles and small snacks, but make sure you eat lunch beforehand. You'll also want to wear sunscreen and have a plan for what to do with your phone and/or watch. If you want to take it with you on the river, it would be wise to bring a waterproof case or bag. Parent chaperones/drivers are welcome!

To RSVP for any/all of the high school summer events (Graduation Sunday, service outing, and kayaking), please fill out the form at tinyurl.com/SPLCSummer22.

GAGA BALL AND FIELD GAME NIGHTS

July 6 and 20, August 3 and 17
6:00-7:00 pm

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of July and August for family fellowship and games! This is a casual time for us to get together and play, which is invaluable for church communities. There will also be snacks! See you then!



KEEPING CONNECTED

Hello from the Arndtsons! We are Merle and Eloise



Arndtson. We both grew up in Lamberton, Minnesota. Merle graduated in 1951 and I in 1956. Merle served two years in the Army, most of that time he was in Berlin Germany. We

met after his return on a double date. We were married September 22, 1957, on Merle's 22nd Birthday (this year will be our 65th Wedding Anniversary). We moved to Hastings in 1967 and found St. Philip's to be our home away from home. The church had a wonderful Sunday school program for our children and the people we met became lifelong friends. Pastor Boxrud was the current pastor and we loved listening to his sermons. Our seven children: Randy, Bruce, Cheryl, Kent, Scot, Wendy and Kari were all confirmed at St. Philip's. Merle



began helping with lawn care then was promoted to property chairman to help oversee the yard,

building, heating and parsonage. I helped in the kitchen with luncheons. Merle also played on the softball team for many years with St. Philip's. Merle had several jobs through the years. The one that brought him the most joy was building, owning and operating Arnie's Showboat Lanes and Lounge from 1979-1994. He then retired from 3M Chemolite in 1999. We began road trips every winter for us to work at National Bowling Tournaments all over the southern states. Merle inspected and worked with bowling balls while I worked in the gift shop. For a short time, we left Hastings and moved to Kettle River from 2001 to 2010. Upon our children's prompting and our love for this town, we moved back to Hastings. Merle's hobbies consisted of bowling, playing ball and playing cards. My hobbies include gardening, baking, taking pictures and crossword puzzles. Our family continues to grow with 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren (so far). Our biggest joy in life besides our family is meeting new people. So, whether we have known you for 50 years or haven't met yet, we say hello from us to you!!

Hi! My name is Lois Wroge and St. Philip's has been my church home since the mid 1970's. Inspired by Pastor Dan Seidelmann's messages, and especially with the encouragement from Sherry Akins (my roommate at the time), along with members' welcoming greetings and St. Philip's involvement within the community, I joined!



I grew up on my great-grandfather's farm near Norwood, Minnesota with my parents and two brothers. I was raised in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church (Emanuel Lutheran in Hamburg, Minnesota) and attended Emanuel Lutheran School through 8th grade. In 1966 I graduated from Norwood-Young America High School. I received my BA degree in elementary education and German from Hamline University and years later received my MA from St. Mary's University in Winona. After completing my BA degree, in 1970 I moved to Hastings, where I accepted a job at Pinecrest Elementary and in 2006 I ended my career and retired from McAuliffe Elementary. Although I began teaching sixth graders, most of my years were spent teaching fourth graders. I worked hard to have a positive impact on my students, both personally and academically. To see them excited and energized as we read great children's books, learned about invertebrates, solved math problems and developed new relationships, made teaching a truly enjoyable career.

After one year of retirement, I went to work in the clubhouse at Bellwood Oaks Golf Course. This spring (when it finally gets here), I will be starting my 15th year working there - making reservations, checking in and socializing with the golfers and doing whatever is necessary to keep the clubhouse working smoothly.

The St. Philip's community has provided me with many opportunities to serve . . . Altar Guild, Preschool board, church council and other activities. Playing in the chime choir and currently the bell choir have especially brought me joy and wonderful memories.

As many people know, I have a passion for sports. You will see me as a spectator watching the Vikings and a participator enjoying golf and tennis. Along with that, playing cards, doing some traveling, connecting with friends and tending to Max and Mia, my cats, are other things that keep me busy.

My St. Philip's membership has been and hopefully will continue to be a true blessing in my life.

Katy and Andrew Lindberg met through mutual friends on the 4th of July in 1999. We were married the next year in October of 2000. We like the fact that we were married in 2000, because it keeps the math easy! We have



two children, Alison (19) and Zachary (16). A 22-year old cat, Leo. A spunky 7-year old cat, Millie.

I, Katy, grew up in North Central rural Illinois in a small town called Malden. My first "claim to fame" was having a champion chicken at the county fair in 1986. It's probably no surprise that I was involved in a lot of high school activities which include; the speech team, basketball, drama club, band, choir, student council, and others. I attended Ripon College in Ripon Wisconsin where I graduated with a History Major in 1994. My first "big girl" job was at M&I bank in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. In 1995, I moved to the Twin cities. My first job in Minnesota was at National Car Rental's road side assistance.

In 1997, I turned 25 which was important because my insurance rates were supposed to come down, but they didn't. So, I called 1-800 insure me to get quotes from a new carrier. Little did I know this phone call would change my life. A Farmers agent, offered me great rates, taught me about renter's insurance and because of my history in call centers, he hired me to cold call for him. While I was calling, the District Manager heard me and offered me the opportunity to do it for myself with my own agency. It wasn't always easy, but here I am 25 years later as an Agency Owner.

Andrew graduated from Hastings High school in 1991. He attended Metro State and graduated with a Communications degree. Andy worked in the audio visual tech field for a few years and due to the decrease of in person meetings because of 9/11, he was laid off the day after our first ultrasound of Alison. We decided this would be an opportunity to work together and take turns staying home with our new child and running the office together. The Star Tribune even did a story about our arrangement.

Andrew went back to school to get a teaching degree from UW River Falls in 2010. He worked at the Hastings Middle School for a few years and is now a math teacher at Battle Creek in St. Paul.

We moved to Hastings in 2004 after selling our first home that was in North Minneapolis. I was really happy to get back to smaller town living.

One Sunday, I was on a walk with 1-year old Alison and saw that the St. Philip's church service was about to begin so I dropped off the stroller and sat in the back row with Alison. After the service was over, I was buckling Alison back into her stroller when Pastor Ed came literally running out of the church and said, "Hey! We didn't get to meet you!" I felt very touched that I was noticed and we joined right away.

The St. Philip's community has always impressed me with its support of one another, the acceptance of everyone and supreme organization skills. St. Philip's was a HUGE part of Alison and Zachary's upbringing. They both attended preschool and they were involved in Sunday school, camp, choir, bells, youth gatherings, confirmation, and of course the musicals. Ellen Diischer made a gigantic impact in their lives. Thank you for the experiences!

Greetings from the Retkas! Both Dan and I grew up in South St. Paul, Minnesota and met during our senior year of high school when neither of us had a date for prom! The love affair began and we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary later this year (I was a child bride, of course!).



God has so blessed us! We moved to Hastings in 1976 and became members of St. Philip's in 1977 when Bert and Margaret Goderstad affectionately sponsored us. We were overwhelmed with the loving kindness and generosity of St. Philipians. We immediately became involved in programs.

Our careers too have been very blessed. Dan worked for Honeywell and Lockheed Martin in contract management. I taught French in the Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan school district.

We have three children, Emily, Nick and Julie, who are all married and living in the state of Minnesota. They were each baptized and confirmed at St. Philip's. They were very involved in Sunday School, music programs and youth groups. St. Philipians have nurtured them in many ways! And, of course, our great delight is our little 5-year old grandson, Hugo, whom you can see in the picture!

Dan has been very involved in many ministries at St. Philip's. He served two terms as president of the congregation. He has also been an active member of the Communications, Marketing and Technology committee, Worship and Music and Adult Education. Dan was also involved in the re-writing of the St. Philip's constitution and congregational assessment. He was also instrumental in organizing musical fundraisers for the St. Philip's parking lot (Taste on the Tar) and for the video screen in the narthex above the welcome center. When our son, Nick was in high school, Dan organized a youth backpack trip to Wyoming with great success. Dan also organized and led the Alpha ministry for many years. This was with the support of many amazing St. Philippians! Music is Dan's passion and he has been a part of several musical groups. Unity and the praise band have been highlights for him! He also organized and directed the Jericho Brass band of which our Emily and Nick were members.

I was very involved in the Sunday School program, teaching our children's classes and others as well as helping direct Christmas programs. I served on the ELC board for 12 years, many of which were co-chaired with Bette Clement, and thus, serving on the church council many of those years. I also had the privilege of mentoring confirmation students. Prayer has been my passion and I had the joy of organizing the SPLC Prayer Team in 2001 under the direction of Pastor Ed Frederick. This team is very anointed and we are seeing more and more healings and miracles by the grace of God! Lynn Lucas helped design the Prayer Chapel where "More miracles are wrought by prayer than this world ever dreamed of." (Alfred Lord Tennyson) I, along with Pam Hoffman, helped lead 3rd Thursday Phil-Up, the dinner served monthly for those in need spiritually, physically, financially, emotionally or relationally. Many St. Philips' members worked unendingly on these dinners! I extend a huge "thank you" to each of you! Dan and I have also both worked in the church kitchen for other events. And, of course, we have worked on the marvelous garage sale under Glenda Schnirring's tutelage.

Dan and I have also worked on many Cursillo team weekend retreats since 1989, which have been very fulfilling. Deep friendships were cultivated there. We are both active participants in the Saturday morning men's and women's Bible study groups, which evolved from Cursillo, and I, in the Thursday morning group. Such joy!

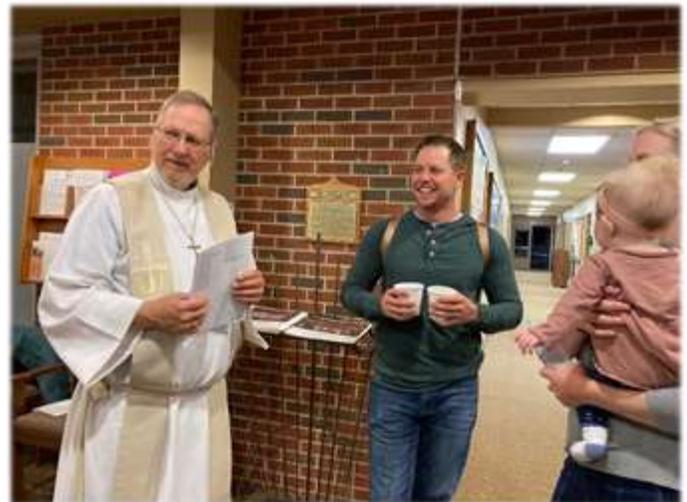
As a family, we attended Green Lake family camp each summer while our kids were growing up and beyond (for a total of 26 years!). This was a huge

highlight for our children and many of our dearest friendships were nurtured there. Pastor Ralph Olsen was the spiritual director for many of those years.

We have been very blessed by our St. Philip's family! To God be the Glory!

In Christ's love,
Dan and Sue

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG



Pastor Geier is seen visiting with a young couple and their daughter following a recent worship service. Not shown are Bill and Vicki Pavlish who joined in the conversation and discovered that they live in close proximity to each other. It's the task of all members to engage visitors in conversation. Wearing your name badges on Sunday's makes it easier for the visitor to remember who they've spoken to.

AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE

For two out of three months you are reading about necessary building repairs which have become necessary. Air conditioning in the Fellowship Room is very needed for large gatherings. The former units had failed. Two new mini splits were installed during Holy Week when the Preschool was out of session. They were purchased through Bathrick's Appliance of Hastings. Cost for the units plus installation was \$9,800. The former sanctuary will remain without AC replacements for 2022. Thank you for the stewardship of your resources which makes this possible.

ST. PHILIP'S EXPRESSES SPRING



The magnolia trees on St. Philip's corner and in the prayer garden were in full bloom in the early weeks of May. The prayer garden was recently power washed by Al Todnem plus he and Patty Todnem cleaned out all unwanted plant life. The daffodils added an extra spark of "thanks" for their effort.



SPLC GARAGE AND PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 11
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Donate – Volunteer – Shop

Tell your friends!

Treasures galore.



Celebrating Lista Klocow's 20 years with St. Philip's comes easy. So many members know Lista, and those with key volunteer roles know how many times she

has helped a committee get its work done successfully. Her skills are many, her spirit of cooperation is top notch, and her love for the St. Philip's congregation comes through in her daily work of correspondence, responding to phone inquiries, researching best options on a purchase, and supporting the needs of Pastor Geier, and other staff members who need her. It's at times like now that we need to express our thanks to her for the loyal and competent service she provides to all of us.



While Lista began her staff role at St. Philip's in a part time capacity at the time of Pastor Ed Frederick, she has been a full time office manager for a number of years.

Lista grew up in Mahnomon, Minnesota. After high school, she enrolled in a cosmetology school and received her license but never entered the field as a career.

Lista moved to the Twin Cities in 1979 and entered employment at Webb Publishing, working on the production of "Snow Goer" magazine and other recreational related periodicals. Moonlighting nights at Ground Round is where she met her husband Dean, who was a student at the U of M and also working at GR. After four months of dating they were engaged and married a year later in 1982. They continued to reside in St. Paul while Dean was a student. After six years with Webb, where she first met current SPLC member Cynthia Clanton, the recreational division of the publishing company was sold and Lista was laid off. She went on to work at Brown & Bigelow as an executive secretary.

In late 1980 Dean heard about some land that may be for sale in Hastings that had been the old Peterson

Apple Orchard and was able to buy it. At that time Lista and Dean thought about reviving the apple orchard into production. They planted a number of new trees but a natural condition of the soil was such that the trees would not mature properly so the orchard idea dissolved. It is now 1992, and they have moved to their new land and prepare to build a home on it, which they did, and still live in that home.

For a period of time, Lista worked at her mother's religious gift store in downtown Hastings where she sold her handcrafted candles and other gift items.

Lista and Dean have three adult children, Kelly, Emily, and Barret; four grandchildren, Evelyn, Vivian, Gwen and George; two cats, Sophie and Gus and four grandpuppies, Dash, Duke, Chip and June.

Lista shared that "at the time she took the position at St. Philip's, she took it as a job, but over the years it has become much more than that". In her administrative role, Lista sees herself as a part of St. Philip's church family.

ON MAY 8, THE CONGREGATION OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED Lista Klocow's 20 years of loyal, dedicated and competent support to St. Philip's office administration. A reception in Lista's honor was held following the worship service. Congregation president David Weisser, presented Lista with a beautiful plant.

Members enjoyed the fellowship of the day by enjoying cake and conversations with each other. Serving the cake was Mary Charlson and Patty Todnem (masked).



ST. PHILIP'S STAFF

Gregory Geier, Pastor

pastorgeier@splchastings.org

Noreen Swanson, Organist

swansonhastings@centurylink.net

Ellen Diischer, Coordinator of Worship Planning

ellend@splchastings.org

Sarah Bennett, Director of Children,

Youth and Family Ministries

sarahb@splchastings.org

Christine Rydel, Business Manager

christiner@splchastings.org

John Diischer, Sound Board Technician

johnd@splchastings.org

Lista Klocow, Office Manager

listak@splchastings.org

Becky Kaphing, Preschool Co-Director

preschool@splchastings.org

Lorelei Rein, Preschool Co-Director

preschool@splchastings.org

Rachel Moritz, Assistant Teacher

preschool@splchastings.org

Kari Vortherms, Assistant Teacher

preschool@splchastings.org

ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

1401 West 15th Street, Hastings, Minnesota

651-437-6541

www.splchastings.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday Worship Service:

In Person and Livestream Worship at 9:30 am

(Livestream link on www.splchastings.org,

YouTube and Facebook)

**affix label
here**

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #148
Hastings, MN 55033

St. Phillip's Lutheran Church
1401 West 15th Street
Hastings, MN 55033
**Return Service Requested
TIME DATED MATERIAL