

# 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

May 2023

## May Events

Sunday, May 7

Last Day of Sunday School Celebration

Saturday, May 13

Pleasant Park Clean Up

Sunday, May 14

Last Day of Adult Forum

Wednesday, May 17

Last Day of Confirmation Celebration

Thursday, May 25 & Friday, May 26

Preschool End of Year Program

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost



Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

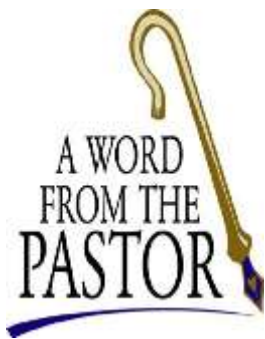
*John 14:6 from the 5th Sunday of Easter*

"Many roads go up the mountain, but they all get to the top."

"All religions are essentially the same."

"One religion is as good as another."

"It doesn't really matter what you believe as long as you're sincere."



Weird statements, right? The funny thing is that often the very same people hold very strong beliefs regarding the best sports teams, or college or truck or tractor brands. These same people select their *one* doctor very carefully.

These commonly heard views summarize what is known as "universalism," the myth that ultimately all people will be saved regardless of what they believe or what religion they follow. Let me be clear that I am not advocating that we become abrasive or intolerant espousers of "Turn or Burn" evangelism. There are many teachings in many religions that are completely consistent with Christianity. Indeed, it is possible for us to learn from our neighbors of different faiths.

However, we do believe that there is something unique in Jesus Christ that sets believers apart from the rest of the world. John 3:16 proclaims that God "so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." That is the gospel in a nutshell! It is through Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection that we are saved, and only through Jesus that we are saved.

"But what about . . ." Yes, there are always those "what about" scenarios and questions regarding salvation. The bottom line is that YOUR salvation and MY salvation and the salvation of EVERYONE is in God's hands. We cannot control who God saves or how God chooses to save them. We should never act as if we are somehow better or more favored in God's eyes than anyone else. That is part of what Scripture exhorts us as we "walk humbly with our God."

Having said that, we act as forgiven people who willingly share the love that has been so graciously

shared with us. We are called to live our lives believing in the one who said to his disciples and to us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If believing in Jesus doesn't make our lives look different from the rest of the world, maybe we need to ask what it is that we really believe? I hope that it makes a difference to you.

*Your Servant in Christ,*

*Pastor Geier*

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## – AMONG OUR OWN –

*Congratulations to...*

**Maggie Hartley Robertson** (daughter of Sam and Sheila Robertson) blessings on her baptism

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

**Scott and Debbie Donahoe** on their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 28

**Joe and Karen McNamara** on their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 29

**Jesse and Velita Frandrup** on their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 31

*Sympathies to...*

**Rob Zietlow and family** as they mourn the death of his father Bob Zietlow

**Linda Ask and family** as they mourn the death of her mother

**Elaine Wilbur and family** as they mourn the death of her first born son John Fladeland

**Beth Fahlstrom and family** as they mourn the death of her brother Jim Kluvor

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## GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE

March 2023

Actual	Budget	2022 Actual
<u>General and Miscellaneous Income YTD</u>		
\$123,787.63	\$142,087.56	\$136,149.66
<u>Capital Fund YTD</u>		
\$42,119.00	\$47,499.99	\$47,067.50
<u>Operational Expenses YTD</u>		
\$150,026.04	\$177,448.53	\$167,580.25
<u>Over / (Short)</u>		
\$15,880.59	\$12,139.02	\$15,636.91

## Preschool Chatter

Wow does time fly by! It is so hard to believe we are entering our last month of school already. In the month of April our children were very busy learning about Easter, bees, reptiles/amphibians, and farm life. We are so excited that during the month of April we were able to bring back two events we have not had since 2019. The first one was our preschool family night. This was a great night of fellowship that included pizza, a bounce house, turtle crafts and a visit from the RAD Zoo. The second was an all-school field trip! All of our students and many parents loaded up on the big school bus (most kids' favorite part☺) and headed off to Dodge Nature Center for a morning of fun learning about farm life. It was so great to have these two opportunities for our students and families again. These were made possible in part by our generous donation from the Sharing Tree last fall!

During the month of April, we also had parent teacher conferences. This is an important time in the spring particularly to talk with families about their child's progress. It is amazing to see how much these children progress and grow in eight months. Many of our students will be heading off to kindergarten this fall and it is a great opportunity for teachers to let parents know what to expect during the next exciting transition for their children.

As we start to finish off this school year we are also already looking forward to the next one. Enrollment for fall is underway. Current numbers for next year are a little higher than where they were at this point last year. Even so, we continue to see the number of children in the area declining. It remains a concern for our little program to have enough students enrolling to cover operating expenses. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, please share our information. If you own a business where we could hang a flyer up or you are willing to place a sign in your yard to help us get the word out, please let us know. We are also looking to maybe post some families' personal experiences on our Facebook page. If you or your child attended St. Philip's Preschool and would like to share a fun story about what you enjoyed about the program, please feel free to share it directly on our preschool page/tag us in your story or email it to us and we'd be happy to post it. As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

*Becky Kaphing and Lorelei Rein*  
Preschool Co-Directors

## THANK YOU

Special thanks to all of the musicians who contributed their time and talents throughout the Lenten season in leading worship:

Holden Instrumentalists: Dave Tank and Kurt Zabel  
Cantors and Sunday Song Leaders: Lori Best, Maria Gathje, Jared Hanson, Ryan Hummel, Raul Jackson, Darlene Olson, Becky Raimann, Julia Ronning, David Weisser

Choral Ensemble, organized by Becky Raimann  
JoyPhil Ringers, directed by LuAnn Roiger  
Unity Members: Deborah Dreher, Gary Evenson, Vonnie Olson, Glenda Schnirring, Noreen Swanson, Al Todnem

Substitute Pianist/Organist: Gary Afdahl

We are continually grateful and thankful for the faithful leadership of Noreen Swanson, who week after week, service after service, leads the congregation's song from the organ and piano.

St. Philip's is blessed to enjoy rich musical worship through the sharing of talents by so many musically gifted people. Thank you!

*Worship and Music Ministry*

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## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 7	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
May 14	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
May 21	Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
May 28	Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

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## PLEASANT DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Pleasant Drive will be closed to through traffic from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to County Road 46 beginning in early May and will remain closed until approximately October 2023. Access to St. Philip's parking lot will only be off of 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

**JOIN US FOR MORE OF “THE WIRED WORD”** where each Sunday through May 14 we will use something from recent national or international news to explore the topic from a faith perspective. Check the Sunday bulletin that comes to you by email each Friday for that week’s topic. We had lively and useful discussions with this format last fall and expect the same for this final series of our program year. Looking forward to seeing you in the Learning Room after the Sunday service for these interesting discussions.

## **WELCA SUMMER OUTING** **Thursday, June 22**

We will be touring the new Dakota County Historical Society – Lawshe Memorial at 10:00 am. We will have a tour guide for about an hour leading us through the Historical Society. The tour is free, but they will accept donations.

Next, we will be going to Copperfield’s Restaurant in Mendota Heights where we will be offered a menu of choices for our lunch. Of course, you will be responsible for your own check and tip.

We will carpool from church to South St. Paul and Mendota Heights. Please consider volunteering to drive by circling the number in front of your name when you sign up on the kiosk. Also, riders should compensate their driver for gas. Drivers, please find parking near the north side of the building. This will be our entry point to the museum.

We will leave church no later than 9:15 am. So please be on time. Please sign up on the kiosk by May 31. We need a count for the restaurant. This date is absolute. No changes after this date.

## **GARAGE & PLANT SALE**

June 10 is St. Philip’s annual Garage and Plant Sale which we have enjoyed doing for the community for nearly twenty years. St. Philip’s is known far and wide for the one-day sale of beautifully laid out merchandise at prices fair to any buyer. Be prepared to help with its preparation which will start Sunday June 4, when we begin staging the church’s interior. We will need 50 to 75 people to put their hands and hearts into the sale’s success. Deborah Dreher is the Sale Coordinator. Her organizational skills promise that all tasks will be well structured for the best of results. See enclosed flyer for more information.

## **MARY FISCHER SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are now being taken for the 2023 Mary Fischer Scholarship. This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a female member of the congregation taking undergraduate courses at a four-year institution in 2023-24. This scholarship was funded in most part by the Fischer Family in honor of Mary Fischer.

If you are interested in applying you can find applications online at [www.splchastings.org](http://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](mailto:listak@splchastings.org) or return to her via mail or drop 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.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS GOES TO FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN!**

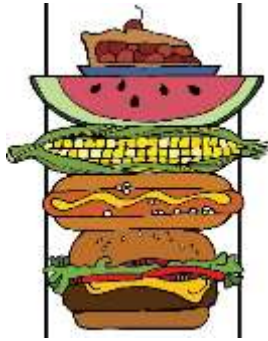


On Wednesday, April 19, our seventh, eighth, and ninth grade disciples put their faith into action and worked together with some other groups to assemble over 22,000 meals that will be shipped to feed our hungry neighbors in Guyana. While we were there we also learned how FMSC is working with partners to feed refugees from the war in Ukraine as well as many other places around the world. Special thanks to Kristian Ronning, Carlos Villavicencio, and Rachel Perseke for driving and providing adult leadership!

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

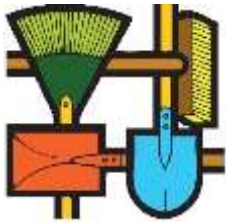
## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Food Sorting and Sign Up Genius Tips** - Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped with food sorting at Hastings Family Service. Each Monday HFS receives food rescue produce, baked goods and meat from Cub and Coborn's to pass on to others in the community. The sign-up for future Mondays will come out around the 25th of each month. You will receive an email from the church about Sign Up Genius. You should ignore the pop-ups and there is no need for a password or credit card information. If you are having trouble signing up, contact Cindy or Ron Toppin at 651-353-7143 and they can sign you up.



When you come to HFS, enter through the Donation Door of HFS located on Second Street across from the post office; press the doorbell on the left, if the door is locked.

**Park clean up coming soon!** St. Philip's has a new community service opportunity that everyone can do! It's park clean up! We have been assigned Pleasant Park just down the street, further south from St. Philip's. The City will provide gloves, bags and garbage pickers.



Come one, come all! We will meet near the sidewalk at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 13.

We will be sending out a **sign up genius** to be sure we have enough people (and enough donut holes to send you on your way to pick up trash!) But call the church office at 651-437-6541 if you need to sign up via phone.

If it rains, we will reschedule to the following Saturday, same time, same place.

If you have questions, contact Cindy Toppin at [ctoppin409@gmail.com](mailto:ctoppin409@gmail.com)

## CHURCH LIBRARY TRANSITIONING TO BOOK EXCHANGE

Recently, church leadership has been re-evaluating the idea of maintaining a church library. Church libraries are a long-standing tradition. But in today's world, where new and used books and public libraries are so readily available, and reference materials are easily accessible online, the library has become an underused and neglected resource. Most of the materials are quite dated, and many seemed never to have been used. The materials occupy a lot of prime space that may be put to better use.

The St. Philip's community continues to value books, reading, and the sharing of information. With this in mind, we are re-instating the "Book Exchange" mobile displays in the narthex. The more current and relevant materials from the library will be placed there.

The display units are based on the Little Free Library concept. Anyone may take a book to enjoy. Anyone may leave a book or resource they think will benefit others. Items may be returned, or may be passed on elsewhere. We hope to see a steady turnover of new and interesting items, suitable for our church community.

This is a work in progress. Volunteers are going through the existing materials. Preschool staff will select children's items that fit into their program. Some reference books may be retained, at staff discretion. Most of the remainder will be offered at the garage sale in June.

We invite you to use and enjoy the book displays, and keep them in mind when you have good books to share.

*Sally Anderson*

## LADIES NIGHT OUT THIS SUMMER! Let's Go Bowling!

Dust off your bowling ball, line up some friends or relatives as we get ready for a night of food, fellowship and frames! Aren't interested in bowling? No problem! Just come for a fun night out as we'll have food and drinks for all. Watch newsletters and bulletins for more information in the coming weeks. Our tentative date is the evening of June 28.



## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

April 16 was a wonderful day at St. Philip's with eighteen individuals from seven households choosing to become members. Each household had a St. Philip's sponsor who will maintain contact with the new member and be prepared to answer questions along the way. Biographies and photos of three of the seven households can be found in this newsletter with the remaining four biographies coming in the June newsletter.

Please introduce yourself to these new people as you see them on a Sunday. Typically, there will be a gold ribbon on their name tag. It's with great joy that we welcome each and every new member.



*Sponsors John and Katie Nye with new members Savannah and James Koenig and baby Autumn*



*Sponsors Les and Linda Ask are shown with new member Larry Hofstad, pictured with a friend*

## LET'S MEET SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Both of the Koenigs** are Minnesota born and raised with Savannah's home being Wabasha and James' home in Rochester.



Savannah accomplished her higher education at Century College where she earned an Associate of Science Degree in Law Enforcement. James received his Associate of Science Degree in Law Enforcement from Rochester Community College. James advanced his education at the Minnesota State Patrol Academy and became a State Trooper, a career he has held for 25 years. James' area of service is largely in Washington County.

Savannah has worked primarily in the medical field as a phlebotomist, at both the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. At present, Savannah is taking time off to care for their new baby girl, Autumn.

As a family the Koenigs enjoy making lasting memories by going on vacations to Florida along with other warm destinations, and Door County, Wisconsin. They also enjoy watching their teen kids play team sports such as baseball, softball and wrestling for Dylan, and trap shooting for Allie. Riding dirt bikes and enjoying time outside as in a nice bonfire in the evenings is also included in what the Koenigs like to do. Presently, family baby, Autumn, is filling their home with joy.



As the Koenigs searched for a church home, they had found St. Philip's and decided to "try it out". Pastor Geier's warm welcome and interest in their coming to worship plus his continual acknowledgment of them as the weeks followed encouraged their continual attendance. The warm reception from the congregation also played a big part in their decision to become members. St. Philip's is thrilled to welcome the Koenigs and will remain focused on helping them feel a part of a church family that cares and nurtures its fellow members.

Their sponsors are John and Katie Nye.

**Larry Hofstad** was born and raised in Pine Island, Minnesota. Having finished high school, he went on to Moorhead State College, graduating with a degree in Accounting.



Larry returned to his part of the state, taking a position as the first controller at Wilson Trucking in Rochester, Minnesota. After a number of years, Larry purchased the trucking company he had worked for and in 2001, moved it to Newport, Minnesota. He sold the expanded trucking company in 2016, and lived in Woodbury for a time, where he attended King of Kings Lutheran Church. Larry now lives within the Hastings zip code along Point Douglas Drive South. Knowing he'd like to become acquainted with more people Larry set out find activities and join organizations. He began playing Pickle Ball which is where he met St. Philip's member Wes Ask. He is also a member of Snap Fitness where the suggestion of trying St. Philip's as a church idea was shared. Larry's other hobby he enjoys is boating. As a member of a Boating Club, Larry can choose his favorite body of water and kind of boat he'd like to take out. He says he enjoys the St. Croix out of Stillwater as one of his favorite spots.

As for family, Larry had a daughter who passed away three years ago due to a cancer condition. Serving as a sponsor for Larry is his Pickle Ball partner Wes Ask and Wes' wife Linda.

St. Philip's is very pleased that Larry discovered St. Philip's and became a member of its congregation. Welcome, Larry Hofstad.

**Dawn Owen** grew up in southern Minnesota namely the Winnebago/Blue Earth area. Through her early years she lived in Blue Earth, followed by Winnebago where she finished high school. Dawn's higher education was at Mankato State, majoring in Law Enforcement. She currently works part time as a police officer in Danube, Minnesota (Renville County)



and for the Minnesota State Fair Police Department. Other law enforcement positions have been as a school resource officer, a Correctional Counselor II (supervisor) at a juvenile detention center plus working for the Minnesota BCA in fingerprinting.

Dawn also has the role of an HR assistant II for Telesolv Consulting in Bloomington which contracts with Customs and Border Protection. Dawn reviews Federal applications on people seeking security clearance on pending positions with the Federal government. Dawn's career has been that of a background investigator for many Federal agencies and the military. Issues of public trust and national security were paramount in the execution of her role with Telesolv. Dawn describes her work as being at the beginning steps for new applicants seeking positions with the Federal government.

Dawn's leisure time is spent being with her family which is made up of three daughters and four granddaughters. She spends considerable time taking care of them, or just being with them. She also enjoys shopping, movies, and eating out. While at home she enjoys cooking and baking especially for large events. Dawn's youngest and oldest daughters are both deputies. One works for Dakota County (a Sergeant) and one works for Ramsey County. The middle daughter is a project manager for Prime Therapeutics. Dawn's granddaughters are from 1 1/2 to 12 years old. She also has two awesome sons-in-law.

Dawn began her visits to St. Philip's when her granddaughter Macey was baptized, whose parents are Matt and Brittany Carstensen, son of Al and Gail Carstensen. Al had told Dawn that if she wanted to join the church he'd be her sponsor which he was on April 16. It took a while for Dawn to accept Al's offer but she eventually did and is amazed how welcoming and friendly everyone has been. Welcome to St. Philip's, Dawn. You will enrich our congregation with your many gifts and skills.

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## UNITED IN SONG A HANDBELL EXTRAVAGANZA

May 6 at 3:00 pm  
at St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Featuring:  
Bells of the Bluffs    Bells of the Lakes  
Rochester Area Handbells    Twin Cities Bronze

# HOLY WEEK

## Palm Sunday

A long procession of children of all ages participated in an organized walk through the sanctuary on Palm Sunday. Pastor Geier joyously talked about the event before the procession began.



## Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, we were able to celebrate with Greta and Violet Sieben, David and Owen Tireman, Hazel Meyer, Kenzie and Drew Stevens, Madison Stewart, Connor Klos, and Hudson Hedeem as they received Holy Communion for the first time. They and their parents participated in two introductory orientation sessions the two Saturdays prior to help them prepare for the big day. All ten first communion students created their own banner in honor of their First Communion.

At that same Maundy Thursday service Hudson Hedeem, Andrew Stevens, Madison Stewart, Haven Wormley, Sofia Villavicencio, Tor Ronning and Micah Villavicencio recited the Holy Baptism section of Luther's Small Catechism from memory as our confession of faith. They had been practicing throughout Lent as we studied this special gift from God.

The participation of these young members greatly enriched our worship service. Be sure to congratulate them as they continue on their faith journeys!



## Good Friday

As the story of the Crucifixion was read from Scripture acolytes would extinguish two candles flanking the special cross draped in black.



## Easter Morning

Two worship services were conducted on Easter Sunday with a total of 353 attending. Many visitors and extended family members could be found in the congregation that morning.

It was also a beautiful morning of fellowship celebrating Easter with our church family. Families enjoyed chalk, bubbles, hula hoops, and of course the egg hunt.

Thank you to everyone who donated candy, stuffed hundreds of eggs, and help put them out in the grass. All of you made this fun morning possible for the youth of our church!



## KEEPING CONNECTED

From Jim and Denise Jacobs...Jim grew up on a farm



in Rochester where his 91-year old mother still lives. He and his siblings attended a one room school house thru 6th grade. Jim went to St. Paul College for

cabinetmaking. He has worked his entire career in the custom woodworking trade. Retiring after 30 years with Shaw/Stewart.

I grew up mostly on the Iron Range. I earned my LPN and moved to Rochester. There I worked at St. Mary's hospital for 4 years. We met during this time and married at Grace Lutheran Church in Chisholm, Minnesota.

In 1979 we moved to Hastings. For 31 years I worked evenings and nights at the Regina Hospital. I then joined Jim in his commute to St. Paul and worked for 10 years at an OB/GYN clinic with Health Partners, retiring in 2020.

We were blessed with three children and St. Philip's was a big part of our lives, including baptisms, preschool, Sunday school, VBS, musicals, Marketplace, mission trips, camp and confirmations.

Laurie lived in Florida where she got her RN and met her partner Max Gauthier. Max is a land surveyor from Green Bay. They traveled for work until moving back to Minnesota in 2016. They settled in St. Paul just months before having their twins Jacob and Avery.

Todd settled in Hastings and stays busy with his job at Regina, helping out family and friends and making his old house into a home.

Kelly graduated from UWRF and works with the Ramsey County Courts. She met Nish Mamtara when he was also working in St. Paul. Nish was born and raised in India until coming to the U.S. to complete his Masters at NYU. Kelly and Nish were married at St. Philip's in 2017. They traveled to India in 2018 and had a traditional Hindu wedding with family. Jim joined them on this trip of a lifetime. Kelly and Nish have a son, Rome James, who is almost 4.

Since retiring, Jim is busy in his home shop. Some of his work can be seen at St. Philip's. He built the stained glass cabinet in the narthex and he worked on the altar and lectern for the new sanctuary. He is a member of the Minnesota Woodturners.

I enjoy being home and spending my time with family and friends, especially the grandchildren. I dabble in painting, baking and gardening.

We are beyond grateful to St. Philip's members for 44 years of love, prayers and support thru sickness and in health.

We pray for many more years to pay it forward.

Blessings,  
*Jim and Denise Jacobs*

We are the Zietlow Family....Rob grew up living on a

military base in Colorado. He also lived in California, Utah, Michigan, Germany and then he moved to Minnesota where he stayed. Rob has family from his



Mom's side in Jackson, Minnesota, which, ironically, is fairly close to my family roots.

Rosemarie was born in Springfield, Minnesota in the southwestern part of Minnesota, where both my parents' families are located. I grew up mostly in Crookston, Minnesota. We moved there when I was 3 years old. (Small world that Gerri Lundby lived there, too.) My family moved to Cottage Grove in 1990. Rob and I met there in March of 1991. A few years later we both moved away to Alexandria, Minnesota for schooling. It was here that we decided that we wanted nothing more than to be together so we married in the summer of 1993. We started our family four years later with our firstborn, Reid. Three years later, we added Riley to our family and five years after that we had Roland to complete our little family.

We started our family in Cottage Grove but we wanted to plant our roots in a community and school system in which our boys could start kindergarten and graduate in the same town, something that Rob and I didn't have as we were growing up.

Before moving to Hastings, we started looking for a church in Hastings. We attended a few services at different churches until we came to St. Philip's. We continued to attend church at SPLC even though we lived in Cottage Grove. We moved to Hastings in 2002 and then we joined SPLC as members. The warm welcome and friendly atmosphere was a great feeling for us - to feel that we belonged to our own church and community.

I will share a church story that is near and dear to my heart. When coming to church with three boys, it wasn't always easy to keep everyone quiet and contained for the service. One St. Philip's member was always so understanding and helpful! One Sunday morning, Roland, our youngest, was a baby who was still in an infant carrier, wasn't very happy that morning. I took him out of the service to console him. Raul Jackson was there and he was so very kind to us and he soothed our crying baby. From that day forward, our little Roland took a liking to Raul and, to this day he will seek him out at church to say hi and give him a hug. That bond was formed so many years ago.

Over the years, our oldest two boys have graduated and moved on with starting their careers. Reid is in Agriculture with farming and livestock as his passions. He bought a home in Comfrey, Minnesota about four years ago. Reid is engaged to Alli with a wedding set for 2024. They met in college and are the perfect match as she, too, is in the Agricultural business.

Riley joined the National Guard after graduation. He is coming upon his 6<sup>th</sup> year with the National Guard. He enjoys working with heavy equipment and currently he is working in the HVAC/Plumbing business. He also enjoys time off to spend time with his High School sweetheart, Taylor. They are like two peas in a pod!

Our baby, Roland, is a junior in high school. He goes to St. Thomas Academy for high school. This was a decision that he made before 9<sup>th</sup> grade and we supported his decision. Roland is doing great, with one more year of high school, he is starting to explore colleges and other opportunities for his future.

As we age and watch our boys spread their wings and grow, we are reminded of all the blessings and

friendships over the years. When we look back, we are so very thankful that we chose Hastings and St. Philip's to raise our family. We are looking forward to the next stage in life with our boys - Roland off to college in a year - Reid and Riley moving on to marriage - and life goes on!

*Rob, Rosemarie, Roland, Reid and Riley Zietlow*

## THIRD GRADER GREETERS



Taking on a Worship Leader role, Third Graders, Harrison, Molly, Preston, and Connor, along with leader Bernita Weber, warmly welcomed worshipers on a cool April Sunday morning.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Vacation Bible School prep is in full swing and we are so excited! VBS will run 9-12 July 17-20 and is open to ages 3 (must be potty trained) through finishing 5th grade. Our theme this



year is Food Truck Party. This theme has so many fun things planned to teach our young friends about Jesus. Registration forms can be found either on the welcome center or on the church website.

Also, are you a teen or adult that loves Jesus and wants to share that love with children in our community? Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Whether it's a day or all four we'd love to have you! Adults/teens can volunteer for anything from decorating, sign in tables, group leaders, station leaders, and more! Plus, don't let the word leader scare you off. We always work in pairs/groups of leaders. No one is ever alone on a project. Please see Becky Kaphing for more information or email [beckyk@splchastings.org](mailto:beckyk@splchastings.org)

## Family of Faith Fun Night!

We had over 50 people of all ages join us for a super fun night of fellowship. We enjoyed rock painting, bounce houses, games, and pizza. Thank you to all who attended! Also, a special shout out to Bruce Arndtson for getting us the rocks.





## THE JOLLY HUNTSMEN INDUCTED INTO MINNESOTA MUSIC HALL OF FAME

Pictured below is fellow member, Dan Retka, whose musical skill was often staged as a musician of many instruments with the Retka family's Old Tyme band known as The Jolly Huntsmen. In the recent 34th Annual Induction Ceremony, held in New Ulm, Dan and his brother's band was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. The band has performed German and Alpine music since 1961, and is considered one of the best polka bands in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Texas. The band was formed by the Retka family including brothers Tom, Dan and David who were present to receive the award.

"The Jolly Huntsmen" helped St. Philip's many times at events like "Taste on the Tar", the 50th Anniversary of St. Philip's, and at a fundraiser at Clifton Hollows for its narthex smart screen, plus several Pie in the Park events at the Historic LeDuc.

St. Philip's extends its congratulations to The Jolly Huntsmen for this special honor.



## TWO NEW PROJECTORS FOR SANCTUARY SCREENS

It was a pleasant surprise to have the two new projectors for the sanctuary installed by Palm Sunday. The cost for this unexpected purchase totaled \$40k of which nearly half has been already addressed by



generous special giving. An enormous thank you to all who have been able to respond. The worship service is back to full operation with both screens in full use. See above the two professionals who did the installation.

2023 May

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Faith Formation Ministry 6:30 PM CMT 6:00 PM Youth/Phil Ringers 7:00 PM Joy/Phil Ringers	4:00 PM Unity 6:00 PM Fellowship Ministry 6:00 PM Worship & Music Ministry	11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 6:00 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM Children's Choir 6:45 PM Confirmation	11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM Do Days 6:30 PM Bells of the Bluff Rehearsal		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 3:00 PM Handbell Extravaganza
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
6:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Education Hour (Last Sunday School) 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Preschool Ministry 6:00 PM Youth/Phil Ringers 6:30 PM Finance Ministry 7:00 PM Joy/Phil Ringers	4:00 PM Unity 6:00 PM Prayer Team 6:30 PM Stewardship Ministry	6:00 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM Children's Choir 6:45 PM Confirmation	6:30 AM WELCA Meeting / Circle Bible Study 11:45 AM Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee	Synod Assembly 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study 8:30 AM Pleasant Park Clean Up	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MOTHER'S DAY 6:30 AM Worship / Koenig Baptism 10:30 AM Education Hour (Adult Forum Only, Last One)	Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Council 6:00 PM Youth/Phil Ringers 7:00 PM Joy/Phil Ringers	4:00 PM Unity	6:00 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM Children's Choir 6:45 PM Confirmation (last)	1:00 PM Do Days		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM 600 Card Club
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
6:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Spiritual Growth 6:00 PM Youth/Phil Ringers 7:00 PM AAUW 7:00 PM Joy/Phil Ringers	11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 4:00 PM Unity	11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	T-TH Last Day of Preschool 11:15 AM Preschool Program 11:45 AM Meals on Wheels	M-W-F Last Day of preschool 11:15 AM Preschool Program	8:00 AM Women's Bible Study
28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
PENTECOST 6:30 AM Worship	MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed 6:00 PM Youth/Phil Ringers 7:00 PM Joy/Phil Ringers	1:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Unity				
4	5	Notes				

Worship Leaders				
		May 2023		
		May 7	May 14	May 21
		9:30	9:30	9:30
Worship Coordinator		Bob & Susan Cruse	Jay & Becky Raimann	Judy Hansen Darla Kimmes
Greeter		Dan Strehlow	Karen Elliott	Merle & Eloise Arndtson
Usher		Tim & Emily Preston	Mary Rock Sadie Reiners	Dan Thomas Ron Toppin
Lector			Darlene Olson	Jennie Thomas
Communion Bread		Pastor Geier Becky Raimann	Pastor Geier Marjorie Peterson	Pastor Geier Lisa Bergert
Communion Wine		McKenzie Langenfeld Judy Werner	Connie Ball Darlene Olson	Bruce & Brenda Arndtson
Offering Counters		Judy Hansen Denny Kohn	Pam Hoffman Mary Rock	Deb Frandrup Deborah Dreher
Prayer Team		Jennie Thomas	Judy Werner	Barb Jorenby
Music Leader/Cantor		Choral Ensemble	Becky Raimann	Jan Kochendorfer
Organist/Musicians		Noreen Swanson Choral Ensemble	Noreen Swanson JoyPhil Ringers Children's Choir	Noreen Swanson Unity
			Mother's Day	Memorial Day Weekend
Please check in with the worship coordinators on the Sunday you have a duty. They will answer any questions and let you know if there are any special circumstances that day.				
If you are unable to fulfill your assigned spot, please contact others on the schedule and attempt to find your own substitute.				
Please let Lista in the church office know of any changes to this schedule (651-437-6541)				

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**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](http://www.splchastings.org),  
YouTube and Facebook)

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