

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 2023

June Events

Graduate Sunday
Sunday, June 4

Garage & Plant Sale
Saturday, June 10

High School Youth Campfire
and Games Night
Wednesday, June 14

Outdoor Worship
Sunday, June 18

WELCA Summer Outing
Thursday, June 22

Ladies Bowling Night
Wednesday, June 28

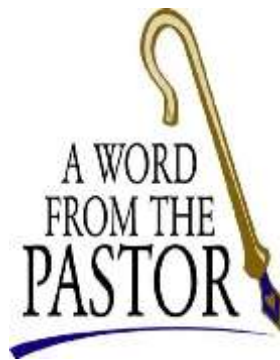


"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

*Matthew 10:37-39
from the Gospel for June 25*

These are hard words from Jesus. In our Gospel passage for June 25 we hear more troubling phrases such as:

- "Whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven."
- "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."



And let us not gloss over that famous saying of Christ,

- "I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household."

OUCH! In almost 30 years of ordained ministry I don't think I have ever had a confirmation student pick one of these as their confirmation verse. And it is no wonder! These are not quotes we like to share when talking about our Savior.

What ever happened to the warm fuzzy Jesus? Did he wake up on the wrong side of the rock or what? How does all of this fit in with all of the other stuff we know about Jesus?

The truth of the matter is that too often we focus so much on the "warm fuzzy" sayings of our Lord and that we completely ignore the many challenging exhortations. If we are to have a living relationship with Jesus, we cannot pick and choose. The bottom line is that our relationship with God must always come first! That means before spouse, or parent, or child. If God is first, then all the other relationships we have are blessed and kept in perspective.

It is about taking Jesus' call to discipleship seriously. It is about looking at this hurting world through the

eyes of Christ and being willing to do something about it, even if it means that we are inconvenienced or ridiculed for following him. It is ultimately about always putting God first.

There are many ways we put God first in our lives. One way is by treating our neighbors the way we would treat Jesus, every day. Reading God's Word and talking (and listening) to God through prayer helps us to keep our faith at the forefront of our daily lives. We also gather together to worship God and hear God's Word and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

This last faith practice always seems to get put on the back burner (or tossed in the back of the closet) during summer. This grieves me when families think that it is okay to witness to their children that "Worship is okay so long as it fits into our schedule." Is that really the message we want to send? After almost 30 years of teaching confirmation, I guarantee you that is the message being heard.

My friends if you are travelling over a weekend or have allowed another commitment to occupy your normal Sabbath time, continue to make worship a priority. If you are unable to worship in person, take advantage of our online worship offerings, but find a way to stay connected. And think twice, (or three times) about what you willingly allow take precedence over worshipping with your family of faith. We are weaker when you are not here.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Geier

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 4	Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
June 11	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18	Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [10:9-23]
June 25	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

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 April showers bring May flowers, Noah's Ark, butterflies, and summer plans. The highlights of this month included plantings, watering and watching our sunflowers as well as grass seed grow and watching our class caterpillars change from caterpillars to chrysalis and eventually to butterflies! Such a fun projects to really see and participate in some fun spring life cycle projects. On May 25 and May 26 we will hold our end of the year programs. The children will be able to share some of their favorite preschool songs/story with their families, receive their portfolios and diplomas, and share in a little last day fellowship with friends. We would like to thank everyone who donated ice cream containers. We will use them in our end of the year program as props to go with a class favorite story "Groovy Joe Ice Cream and Dinosaurs"



As a program and a community as a whole we have been through so many changes over the last few years of the pandemic. This school year has slowly started to return to some normalcy after a long few years. We would really like to thank all the members of St. Philip's church for their prayers, donations, and kind words of support. 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 the 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

– AMONG OUR OWN –

Congratulations to...

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

Autumn James Koenig (daughter of James and Savanna Koenig) blessings on her baptism

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

Tony and Kelly Nichols on their 5th wedding anniversary on June 2

Gary and Alice McDougall on their 57th wedding anniversary on June 11

Jerry and Pat Klebs on their 58th wedding anniversary on June 12

Chad and Natalie Carda on their 25th wedding anniversary on June 13

Duane and Avis Hunstad on their 67th wedding anniversary on June 16

Steve and Susan Amundson on their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 19

Wayne and Gladys Campbell on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23

Nick and Susan Kylen on their 56th wedding anniversary on June 24

GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE

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	2023	2022
April 2023 YTD Giving		
	\$214,277.31	\$231,735.38
April 2023 YTD Expenses		
	\$189,508.89	\$220,318.06
Net		
	\$ 24,768.42	\$ 11,417.32

THANK YOU

AND . . . Pause. Because of the tremendous response of the congregation, we have enough jars to last into the fall canning season, so we are asking you to refrain from bringing more jars for us. We appreciate the support, which allows us to bring even more goods to the bake sale.

David and Geneva Weisser

COMMUNITY SERVICE IN ACTION

Pleasant Park Clean Up

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped with the park clean up on May 13. The rain held off and everyone had a good time. Special thanks to Max Flaten who actually got into the pond to get the trash! Thanks for helping!

Cheryl Bullington	Ana Norell
Tom Bullington	LuAnn Roiger
Bob Cruse	Ronning kids
Susan Cruse	Marjorie Peterson
Max Flaten	Cindy Toppin
Andrew Lindberg	Ron Toppin
Katy Lindberg	Josh Torbenson
Meyer family	Villavicencio family



Food Sorting

Food rescue sorting at Hastings Family Service has been going well for five months now. Thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time to the effort. HFS is most appreciative. The food goes out the same day to the market and to community sites, and unused food is composted. The sign-up comes out via your email about the 25th each month. New volunteers are always welcome! Volunteers for the past months include:

Cheryl Bullington	Vicki Pavlish
Tom Bullington	Marjorie Peterson
Mary Charlson	Emily Preston
Margaret Cox	Mary Rock
Susan Cruse	Glenda Schnirring
Jan Edstrom	Tiffany Stewart
Gary Evenson	Barb Taffe
David Frye	Jennie Thomas
Pam Hoffman	Al Todnem
Duane Hunstad	Patty Todnem
Denise Jacobs	Cindy Toppin
Jim Jacobs	Ron Toppin
Barb Jorenby	David Weisser
Sue Karnick	Geneva Weisser
Diane Keller	Judy Werner
Darla Kimmes	Steve Wolverton
Judy Liffbrig	Lois Wroge
Jan Misegades	

If I missed a name, be sure to let Lista in the office, know so we can add you to the next thank you!



Food sorting is fun! Pictured are Jan Misegades Darla Kimmes, Vicky Pavlish, and Denise Jacobs. Jim Jacobs was also present, but not in this picture. Thanks to all.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

It's time to celebrate the graduating class of 2022 on Sunday, June 4! 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 return your Graduate Info form, that was mailed to you, to Pastor Geier.

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 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 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CAMPFIRE AND GAMES NIGHT!

June 14

What better way to kick off the summer than some Gaga Ball, Tetherball, and other games along with a campfire and S'mores?

Our high school youth will be gathering from 7:00-8:30 pm on Wednesday, June 14 for a time of fun, fellowship and celebration! We will also be looking for more ideas to establish and strengthen our high school ministry. Come join the fun!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Happy summer everyone! As we enter summer our Vacation Bible School prep is in full swing. VBS leader Becky Kaphing, with a team of awesome volunteers, have been working hard on picking out and preparing crafts, games, Bible stories and snacks to go with our Food Truck Party VBS. It is going to be an awesome four days of learning and fellowship July 17-20 with our own DJ cupcake leading the way. So if you haven't signed your children up for this awesome adventure now is the time. Remember VBS is open to anyone so if your child would like to bring a friend that would be great.



As far as adult and teen volunteers we are off to a good start but are still looking to get some more people to help in different areas. Especially small group helpers. Becky has been doing this for many years with her daughter Makayla and it really is an amazing community outreach to be a part of that they look forward to every year. Registration forms for participants and volunteers can be found on the welcome center or the website at www.splchastings.org.

Please reach out to Becky with any questions at beckyk@splchastings.org. Hope to see you at the Food Truck Party!

PHILADAZZLE 2023 - December 3

Although we're just beginning summer, it's time to think about Philadazzle! Last year we tried something new to usher in Advent with Philadazzle, an evening of good Food, Fellowship and Music. What would you like to see this year? A buffet? Dinner? (Caterers fill up months in advance so we need to plan ahead.) We'd love to have you on a steering committee or just to shoot us ideas. Please watch for a sign up on the kiosk. Questions? Contact Camille Nelson.

ST. PHILIP'S CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Kelsey Wormley had prepared the children's choir so well for their Mother's Day selections during worship. Their message enriched the day's worship experience immensely.



On Sunday, April 30 the Cherub Choir members, Gordon and Carolyn, sang with a memorable display of confidence.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

On Sunday May 7 Sunday school students and their families enjoyed an end of the year party. The party included crafts, snacks, tattoos, bounce houses, and some very fun games of giant checkers. As a faith formation team we would like to thank all our Sunday school and confirmation teachers for their dedication to the children of St. Philip's this past school year!



GARAGE & PLANT SALE IS HERE!

Saturday, June 10, 8 am - 3 pm

The handbill for the sale is in this newsletter. Look it over for when to bring merchandise and what the sale can't handle. We'll have thousands of items for the sale's opening.



This event is so much more than a sale, it's a community event which is visited by hundreds of people from the region. We'll need 55 members helping on sale day and most importantly

cleaning it all up and recovering the church for Sunday morning. Any amount of time you can give is sorely needed. Please extend yourselves, it's essential. Deborah Dreher is the General Chair of the Garage & Plant Sale. Any unique questions can be directed to her at deborahdreh@aol.com.

WORSHIP COORDINATOR NEED

Do you like to serve behind the scenes? Then maybe being a worship coordinator is just for you! Our team would be happy to give you some on-the-job-training. Worship coordinators arrive about 30 minutes before the service begins and stay until about 30 minutes after the service. Duties include: unlock the doors if needed, see that the sanctuary is ready, make coffee, see that all worship leaders are present and recruit as needed, count attendance, secure offering for counters, clean up coffee and donut holes at end, secure building before leaving if needed, and assist with any unforeseen events that may occur. If you would like to know more about this service, please see Becky or Jay Raimann.

GARAGE SALE REJECTS NEEDED

As you gather linens for the church garage sale, please also think of our quilting ministry. Blankets that don't quite meet the grade with a stain, or bad binding, or minor tear or moth hole - set them aside for Do Days! They make great fillers for Lutheran World Relief quilts! Likewise, give the garage sale your full sets of nice sheets, but any unpaired top sheets of any size or king or queen fitted sheets without stains or thin spots, leave them for us BEFORE or AFTER the garage sale week on the counter under the office windows in the Room of Requirement. We use them for quilt backs.

WELCA SUMMER OUTING

Thursday, June 22

At this year's outing 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 on June 22 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.

LADIES BOWLING NIGHT OUT!

Come for a night of bowling and fellowship with friends and relatives. Join us as we attempt some strikes or spares—or at least roll the ball and hope it stays on the alley!



When: Wednesday, June 28 at 4:45-6:30 pm

Where: Park Grove Bowl
1020 Hastings Avenue
St. Paul Park, Minnesota

Who: You and anyone you'd like to come along!

Cost: \$15 includes 1 ½ hours of unlimited bowling, shoes, fees

Food and Drink: Order off the menu anytime (extra \$\$ on your own)

Transportation: On your own or carpool with friends

Sign Up: Sign up on the kiosk. Include check or cash in envelope provided. Place envelope in lockbox outside office door.

Deadline: June 13

Questions: Ask Mary Rock or Camille Nelson, Fellowship Ministry

OUTDOOR WORSHIP



St. Philip's is providing an opportunity for our congregation and our community to join in a Praise Worship service outdoors on June 18 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. Bring your lawn chairs and join us in worship and fellowship. 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

LSS ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR YOUTH

Six St. Philip's women attended the Annual Benefit for Youth as guests of Lutheran Social Service of MN. A beautiful event was planned for supporters of youth who are rescued and supported through LSS street and housing programs. Messages from LSS' leaders and a panel of LSS staff members, who work directly with youth in crisis, provided the program. Giving was done electronically. The theme of the morning was Building Brighter Futures Begins with You, which describes the LSS programs that equip the youth with new skills to make it from crisis to stability. Pictured are Darla Kimmes, Barb Jorenby, Camille Nelson, Deborah Dreher, Patty Todnem and Glenda Schnirring.



SINCE YOU ASKED . . .

What exactly does "Amen" mean? Why do we say it at the end of prayers or after receiving Holy Communion?

Amen literally means, "this is true." In the Greek New Testament, amen is often translated as "truly" such as when Jesus is recorded saying, "Truly, truly I say to you . . ."

In Martin Luther's Small Catechism in the section on the Lord's Prayer, Luther writes, "Amen means, 'Yes, it shall be so.' We say Amen because we are certain that such petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by him. For he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us."

It is most appropriate to say, "Amen" after receiving Holy Communion because it is a way of confessing that you believe these words are true. When you receive the consecrated bread become body and hear, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you," and you say, "Amen," you are saying, "Yes, this is the body of Christ broken for me. And when you say "Amen" after hearing, "The blood of Christ shed for you" you are proclaiming, "Yes this is the Christ's blood shed for the forgiveness of my sins. I believe this."

In some traditions, congregation members shout, "Amen!" while the pastor is preaching his or her sermon. They are in effect saying, "What you are preaching is true!"

In any case, whether we interpret Amen to mean, "this is true" or "yes, it shall be so," the emphasis is the same. We are affirming God's authority and power.

THANKS FOR ASKING!

ANSWERED PRAYERS

In the arms of her mother on Mother's Day was Amelia, pre-mature infant daughter of Derrick and Sammi Warneke. Now at nine pounds, Amelia is now doing well following an initial two-month hospital stay.



EASTER HYMN BACKGROUND

On Easter Sunday, our Choral Group sang the traditional Tanzanian hymn "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia / Mfurahini, Haleluya" (ELW, 2006, pp. 364-365). The Tanzanian text was written by Bernard Kyamanywa and translated by Howard S. Olson. This Easter hymn "comes to us from African Lutheranism. Rev. Bernard Kyamanywa wrote the original Swahili text while he was in seminary in Tanzania. He wrote it in a very African style, envisioning a story-teller and congregation responding; the story-teller presents the simple story of the Easter Gospel, and the congregation responds with the refrain" (<https://hymnary.org>). Howard Olson was a missionary and teacher in Africa. Olson "compiled a number of African songs" along with many "folk tunes to which Christian Swahili texts were later added" (<https://hymnary.org>). The refrain repeats the Easter theme: "Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!" The message of this Tanzanian Easter hymn is universally hopeful as these lyrics shout, "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave." Alleluia!

References: Guenther, Eileen. (2016). *In Their Own Words: Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals*. St. Louis, Missouri: MorningStar Music Publishing / ECS Publishing Group. <https://hymnary.org>

THE PRAYING HANDS LESSON

Place your palms together and look at your hands. Your thumb is closest to you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you, your family and special friends. The pointing finger is next. Pray for people who teach, guide and heal. They need support and wisdom for pointing all of us in the right direction. The third finger is the tallest; this reminds us of leaders in government, businesses, and education. God's guidance is necessary. Our ring finger is considered weakest. Think of people who are ill, in pain. These people need many prayers. And finally is the littlest finger, our self. Our concerns become much less important when we consider all the others who need our prayers.



BAPTISMS CELEBRATED

During May, St. Philip's welcomed two new members into its church family through Baptism, Maggie Robertson (top photo) and Autumn Koenig (lower photo) Let's remember all families raising children in our prayer lives.



NEW MEMBERS - PART 2

New member introductions continue from the May newsletter when three of seven new member households were presented. This issue provides introductory comments from the remaining four who joined St. Philip's on April 16.

Luke and Ali Butze grew up in Hastings. Luke works as an auto insurance adjuster and Ali works as an executive assistant.



During their leisure time, the Butzes enjoy time with family and friends. As individuals, Ali enjoys reading and participates in a monthly book club. Luke enjoys playing golf whenever he is able. As a family, Ali and Luke's favorite thing to do is spend time with their 20-month old daughter, Alice, and their two dogs Reggie and Poppy. The Butzes will welcome a second daughter at the end of May.

As to why the Butzes chose to join St. Philip's they found themselves looking for a church with a welcoming feel and one that offered both "traditional and more modern vibes". Luke had attend St. Philip's Preschool as a young boy, plus living a mere block from the church made St. Philip's a good fit.

In conclusion the Butzes share that they both left Hastings and lived in other cities for several years. When it was time to get married, buy a house, and start a family they decided Hastings was the best place to settle. They returned to Hastings in 2018, and love being a part of the community. They are excited to raise their family here.

Camille and Daryl Nelson were sponsors for the Butzes. Camille remembers having Luke as a student during his preschool years at SPLC. St. Philip's warmly welcomes Ali and Luke Butze and their growing family.



Tricia Bremer's home town is Ceylon, Minnesota where she lived with her family until going to college. Her high school was in Fairmont, Minnesota from which she then entered North Dakota State University in Fargo, North

Dakota. Tricia graduated with a BA in Environmental Science and Architecture.

Tricia's architecture career began in Rochester, Minnesota, where she remained for fifteen years. Upon leaving Rochester, Tricia moved to Hastings in 2019, where she currently enjoys her position as a Facilities Project Manager for Dakota County. The task of developing and managing construction and renovation projects for County buildings, parks and trails is under Tricia's watch.

Enjoying all four of Minnesota's seasons in outdoor activities such as golf, fishing and hiking, fills Tricia's calendar. Our recent winter encouraged Tricia to add snowshoeing to her winter agenda. In addition to all the physical activity, Tricia enjoys reading and being a spectator sport to the many Minnesota sports teams.

Tricia chose to join St. Philip's in her quest to meet more people and "find her place" in Hastings. As she continued to attend worship she realized St. Philip's was similar to the congregation she had attended growing up. Tricia quotes the following: "the more services I attended at St. Philip's, the more I realized this felt like the community I was looking for, where I could belong and contribute, and meet some new people in the process." As a congregation we warmly welcome the membership of Tricia Bremer.

Tricia's sponsor is Lori Best.



Abby and Thomas Mattimiro both grew up in Hastings and graduated from its high school together. They did not begin dating until after high school graduation. Abby went on to Augsburg University to study Special Education and Thomas went to UW-Stevens Point to study Physics. Upon graduating from Augsburg, Abby enrolled at UW-River Falls to get her Master's Degree in school counseling. The Mattimiros live in a townhome in the Woodbury/Lake Elmo area with their "beautiful kitty," Tequila.



Abby is a school counselor at Prescott Middle School, and Thomas works for Millennium Geospatial as a GIS Engineer.

For hobbies, Abby and Thomas love hiking, camping, reading, snowshoeing, and spending time with family

and friends. In the past fall, Abby enjoyed directing a middle school musical, and this year her plan is to direct "Beauty and the Beast." Thomas enjoys playing Ultimate Frisbee, when the season permits, whether it's with a local league or just pick-up matches in the winter. Abby's other love is singing which she is re-entering again after the worst of the pandemic is over. As to why Abby and Thomas are back at St. Philip's is that Abby, who was a member during her youth, found a sense of community at St. Philip's and has now returned. To quote Abby, "we were lucky enough to have Pastor Geier marry us, so we are now excited to become official members of the church community as a newly married household." Welcome back Abby and Thomas, your participation is appreciated already (as a sitting council member) and will continue into the future.

Sponsors for Abby and Thomas were Abby's parents, Doug and Danna Schultz.



Kelsey and Matthew Wormley's families moved to Eagan while they were in middle school. They went on to graduate from Eagan High School, followed by their higher education taken at Luther College. They were both drawn to and became involved in Luther's music program. Kelsey graduated with degrees in Elementary Education, and Communications and Linguistics; having earned endorsements in ESL (English as a Second Language) and bilingual education with an emphasis on American Sign Language. Kelsey moved home to start teaching and Matthew finished his Sociology degree at UW River Falls where he had transferred to be closer to Kelsey. Half way between Eagan and River Falls is Hastings, where the Wormleys decided to begin their journey as a married couple in 2008.



Matt's first career was in the restaurant business, first at Panera, followed by Caribou and then MSP. By 2012, and with a family, it was clear that managing a schedule had become difficult so he changed employment direction to non-destructive testing technician for primarily petroleum refineries. He uses ultrasound, radiography, and other materials for testing structural integrity. Matt enjoys this work which he has done for the past 10 years. It involves country-

wide travel.

Kelsey's employment had been teaching ESL, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade before leaving education. While the transition was difficult, Kelsey now works in Operations for an accounting firm.

In 2008, 2012, and 2014, the Wormleys were blessed with their three daughters followed by a son in 2017. Daughter Emily is in the Hastings High School Show Choir, an accomplished harpist, and works in a stable during the summer. Haven, is a 5th grader involved in theater, plays the French Horn and loves dance. Molly, a 3rd grader, is involved in dance, church bell choir and loves to rollerblade. Gordon is in kindergarten and lives for his karate classes. All the children love music, school, and sports.

Family activities are done primarily during the summer, enjoying time at the Wormley's camper which is close to a family cabin. Swimming, fishing, time around the fire pits and taking long walks with their dogs make for a good day.

Wormley's draw to SPLC was through its youth nights and the children's choir. They enjoyed a warm welcome. As a family they love the energy of the congregation and Pastor Geier's wonderful gift of preaching. At present Kelsey directs two youth choirs at St. Philip's and enjoys it a great deal. They are excited to now have become official members of the congregation. It's with a warm welcome that we have received this entire family into the church family of St. Philip's.

Their sponsors are Kristian and Lizbet Ronning.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Lutheran Night at the Twins will be on August 15 against the Detroit Tigers. Game time is 6:40 pm. Good seats, price \$37. St. Philip's cheers the Twins on with a group attending every year. Transportation is on your own plan. A poster for signing up will be out in July. (Glenda Schnirring)



*Lutheran Night at the
Twins Memory*

KEEPING CONNECTED

Good day to all. My name is **Deb Frandrup**. I was born in Montevideo, Minnesota a very long time ago. My parents moved my older brother and I to Faribault, Minnesota just before first grade. We moved to a small house on Mazaska Lake in Shieldsville. Until the 6th grade I went to a one room school (again a long time ago). I loved my childhood filled with memories of swimming, riding my Schwinn bike, jump roping, snowmobiling, skating, sliding down the big hill. We attended Trinity Lutheran Church and School.



My parents moved us to St. James, Minnesota when I was in 10th grade to a beautiful house in town. My first job was at the Princess Theater where I was Head Candy Girl. How is that for a title? I graduated from high school and then Faribault Vocational. I worked in Faribault at Wells Fargo Corporation for 36 years. I retired from there on a June 28 which was also my corporate hire date almost 10 years ago.

God blessed me with two beautiful children, Greg and Amanda. I was a single mom for 5 years and then I married my husband Bill 28 years ago and moved to Hastings. My children and I joined St. Philip's when we were still in the small sanctuary. In 2006 my daughter was married there and unfortunately my son's funeral was also held there. My daughter moved to Rosemount and joined a church and I followed her so I could attend church with her. My daughter's family moved to Bismarck, North Dakota then to Eau Claire, Wisconsin and now she lives in Vermillion with her three beautiful daughters. I rejoined St. Philip's on April 10, 2022 and love it here. Everyone is friendly and make me feel welcome.

We have a large garden and many flower beds. We spend our summers attending to the gardens,

camping and riding our Ranger side by side with a great group of friends. Winters we take trips to Cancun Mexico, Arizona and sometimes Las Vegas. Some trips we fly and some we drive my husband's pride and joy a 2004 Cadillac.

I am primary care taker for my 90-year old mom who lives in Elk River, Minnesota. She still lives alone in the house my Daddy built them. I make her food, get her necessities, clean the house, take care of her flower beds and yard work as much as I can. I talk to her 3 or more times a day and visit her at least once a week. I do have her neighbor bring in her mail and check on her every morning.

I need to stop typing and get outside to my flower beds as everything is coming up. Thanks for reading and have a wonderful day to all.



Greetings from **Bob and Arlene Wellemeyer** (Arlene writing this; Bob advising and revising.)

A long time ago, I grew up in North Dakota, attending a nearby, one-room country school through grade five and a distant consolidated school from grades six through twelve. Then off to college for degrees at UND, Grand Forks and Indiana U, Bloomington. At UND, I married a fellow North Dakotan, and as graduate students, we lived in Germany, and in Indiana, where our son was born. After we divorced in 1979, I moved with my toddler son to Minneapolis. A six-month temporary job at the University of Minnesota led to 33 years in several other positions, primarily as an administrative coordinator for cardiovascular disease and cancer research studies in the School of Public Health, the Medical School, and the Cancer Center.



A long time ago, Bob grew up in the Twin Cities, attending K-12 schools in Minneapolis, and college, with degrees from UW/River Falls and the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. Bob's teaching career included positions in Richfield, Bloomington, and Harmony. In 1979, he accepted a position in ISD 200, Hastings, where he taught until he retired.

One day, in 1988, a work friend of mine at the U of Minnesota, invited my son and me over for dinner, mentioning that her husband's good friend since college at UW/River Falls, a single guy who was a

teacher in Hastings, was being invited too. (Yes, you know who the teacher guy turned out to be....) We were married at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville less than a year later. After renting a little house for a year in St. Paul, we bought a house in Hastings. Andy enrolled in middle school.

All four of my grandparents were Norwegian immigrants. I was raised in a community of Norwegian Lutherans centered around a classic white prairie church that had been constructed by its founding members. One of the founders became my mother's godmother (female baptismal sponsor). Decades later, when I was born, Hilda agreed to be my godmother too.

Bob was raised and confirmed as a Methodist. His family was full of Methodists; five ancestors had been ordained Methodists, establishing churches in Inver Grove and Woodbury.

When we moved to Hastings, Bob joined Hastings Methodist Church, but I decided to join St. Philip's, where Andy went to Sunday School and was confirmed. After Andy left for college, sometimes I would attend Methodist events with Bob, and sometimes he would go along with me to St. Philip's. More and more, it looks to me like Bob has, ever so slowly, turned into a Lutheran, or close enough. —He says close enough.

Bob notes that one Sunday at St. Philip's, Glenda drafted him (ad hoc) to be an usher (usher was often his role at Hastings Methodist). For the past six or seven years, I've assisted with the Garage Sale, as co-leader of the Children's section, and Bob has volunteered as a general helper.

Bob enjoys membership in several Masonic Lodges and in the Hastings Rivertown Lions. I belong to Hastings branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Bob was an only child, but I still have three dear sisters in North Dakota, and the four of us chat every week on a Zoom call. Most years, we do a sisters-only getaway, in addition to visits that do include spouses and extended family.

Bob and I aren't snowbirds. In recent years, we've been staying quite close to home—due to Covid, but also because of our dear old (19+ years) housecat, who gets very stressed when we leave for more than a few hours. Most often, we travel to visit son Andy and family in Superior, Wisconsin. It's fun to take in some of the school and sports events. Two

granddaughters, 18 (drama) and 16 (theater set design), and one grandson, 14 (hockey and lacrosse). Since we moved to Hastings, a long time ago now, our anchor in Christian faith and service has been and remains the St. Philip's community with its dedicated members, who inspire by example.

ST. PAUL AREA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS CONVENTION



Eight SPLC women attended the April 22, 2023, SWO convention. Pictured back row: Kathy Luedtke, Camille Nelson, Barb Jorenby, Darla Kimmes and Sue Cruse. Front row: Deborah Dreher, Patty Todnem and Glenda Schnirring



Holding a quilt donation from SPLC is Patty and Deborah. Twenty-five quilts were given to Lutheran World Relief by the 29 congregations represented. \$400 in gift cards were given by St. Philip's WELCA for Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Settlement.

Worship Leaders June 2023

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30
Worship Coordinator	Katy Lindberg Michelle Carlson	Bruce and Brenda Arndtson	Jay and Becky Raimann	Deborah Dreher Glenda Schnirring Sadie Reiners
Greeter	Darryl and Camille Nelson	Terry and Jan Kochendorfer	Wayne and Beth Fahlstrom Jon Faust	Tom and Cheryl Bullington
Usher	Lance and Lois Twedt	Pam and Kent Hoffman	Bob and Susan Cruse	Lois Wroge and Darla Kimmes
Lector	Lori Best	Maria Gathje	Danna Schultz	Tom Bullington
Communion Bread	Pastor Geier Lori Best	Pastor Geier Barb Jorenby		Pastor Geier Marjorie Peterson
Communion Wine	Deborah Dreher Jennie Thomas	Jan Kochendorfer Connie Ball		David and Geneva Weisser
Offering Counters	Judy Hansen Denny Kohn	Pam Hoffman Mary Rock	Deb Frandrup Deborah Dreher	Ron Toppin Bob Cruse
Prayer Team	Vonnie Olson	Jennie Thomas	Judy Werner	Barb Jorenby
Music Leader/Cantor	Ryan Hummel	Julia Ronning	DoubleDown Daredevils	Jan Kochendorfer
Organist/Musicians	Sam Willis	Noreen Swanson Unity	DoubleDown Daredevils	Sam Willis

Graduate Recognition
Sunday

Father's Day

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)

Call Lori Best with any questions or changes in your availability (763-807-3667)

2023 June

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	May 31	1 1:00 PM Do Days	2	3 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4 TRINITY SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship / Graduates Recognition 10:30 AM Garage & Plant Sale Set-up	5 9:00 AM Garage & Plant Sale Set-up 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Faith Formation Ministry 5:30 PM CMT	6 9:00 AM Garage & Plant Sale Set-up 6:00 PM Worship & Music Ministry	7 9:00 AM Garage & Plant Sale Set-up	8 9:00 AM Garage & Plant Sale Set-up 11:45 AM Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee	9 9:00 AM Garage & Plant Sale Set-up	10 8:00 AM Garage & Plant Sale 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study
11 9:30 AM Worship / Wannecke Baptism	12 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Preschool Ministry 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Finance Ministry	13 5:00 PM Fellowship Ministry 5:30 PM Prayer Team	14 7:00 PM High School Youth Campfire and Games Night	15 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 PM Do Days	16	17 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship	19 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Council 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	20	21	22 9:15 AM WELCA Summer Outing 11:45 AM Meals on Wheels	23	24 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study
25 9:30 AM Worship	26 6:00 PM Adult Spiritual Growth 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	27	28 4:45 PM Ladies Bowling Night Out	29	30	Jul 1
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