

# 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

## October 2023

**For Unto Us a Child Is Born Mural Painting**  
See Daily Schedule on the Kiosk or Online

**Fall Grounds Clean Up**  
Saturday, October 14  
9 am

**Lefse Making**  
Tuesday, October 17  
9 am

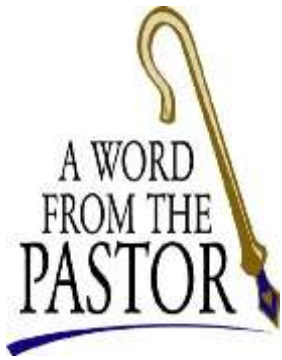
**Trunk or Treat**  
Saturday, October 28  
3 - 5 pm

**Confirmation / Reformation Sunday**  
Sunday, October 29  
9:30 am

**Downtown Halloween Family Event**  
Sunday, October 29  
2 - 5 pm



Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along



with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:15-21

"Give, therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's" This familiar quote from Jesus is one of the many that allows us to snicker to ourselves and say, "He sure showed those Pharisees!" And indeed Jesus did. However, in this interchange Jesus also shows us what God expects of us.

Jesus uses the image on the coin to show that the coin rightly belongs to the emperor. Conversely, using this same logic to determine what we are to give to God, we need to ask, "What bears the image of God?" All it takes is a quick review of Genesis 1:26 where God says, "Let us make humankind in our image according to our likeness . . ." When it comes to what bears the image of God, the answer is you! You bear the image of God. You were created in God's likeness and Jesus is saying that when it comes to deciding what to give God, you need look no further than the closest mirror.

When Jesus says that we are to give God the things that are God's, he is talking about us, body and soul. We are to live each moment remember whose image we bear. We are to live each moment living life to God's glory. There is no part of our lives that are not affected by our relationship with God.

It would be easy to think that we can say a table grace at meals, show up for worship on Sunday and throw a little something in the offering plate and be done with our commitment. No, Jesus is talking about total devotion. Like the Pharisees and Herodians, we are often tempted to look for loopholes. We want to find a way to say, "I've done enough." To put it bluntly, we can never do enough. Thankfully, the God who created us in God's image has. Through Jesus Christ, we are freed from wondering if we are saved and therefore freed to live each day striving to give to God the things that are God's. To God be the Glory!

*Your Servant in Christ,*

*Pastor Geier*

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## THANK YOU

We did it! Thanks to everyone's diligence in donating money and bringing in school supplies and helping in various ways, we not only packed 264 (103 more than last year!) School Kits for Lutheran World Relief, we will be able for the first time to give LWR money to cover some of the shipping costs! From Glenda Schnirring getting us a Thrivent grant to buy the colorful blue and orange bags, to Vicki Pavlish and Gerry Cardinal making extra bags, to Richard Beatty and Jean Zeimet stringing the new bags, to all the people that stayed after church to unpackage supplies or brought in boxes, or counted and prepared items during confirmation orientation last week, or helped move all the supplies to the narthex, to the over 50 people that filled and packed bags last Sunday, to ALL of you, a big THANK YOU on behalf of all the children who can now go to school prepared instead of missing out on school all together due to lack of basic supplies.

*Jennie Thomas*

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Thank you to everyone at St. Philip's for your prayers and cards, for the kind ladies and for the prayer shawl.

*God's Blessings,  
Janice Dahl*

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I send a huge thank you to all who had a part in making Rod's funeral a beautiful celebration of his life. Our hearts are full of gratitude and love for the church that still holds our heart.

*Marcia Van Vleet and family*

## Preschool Chatter

We are Back! What a busy first few weeks we have had getting back into the swing of things. So far this year we are teaching forty-four students. Eight of our children come five days a week, which means we have fifty-two of our preschool spots full! These are the highest numbers we have had since the 2019-2020 school year (pre-Covid year). We are so excited for this school year and the opportunities we have with these 44 students!

September themes include: Welcome to school, all about me, friends, and pets. We enjoyed learning some new songs, making new friends, art time, playground time to enjoy the fall weather, a visit from the Rio Gran dog agility show for pets week. This month we also had our first chapel time with Pastor



Geier. The children enjoyed blessing of the backpacks at our first chapel, hearing about the creation story at our second chapel and (of course) singing "Jesus Loves Me." Another exciting part of chapel is the high-fives from Pastor on the way

back to class. Some of our children were so excited to be coming to school while others were a little nervous at first but everyone is starting to adjust to being part of a classroom community and what that means.

We hope that all members of St. Philip's congregation are making a smooth transition into the new season and whatever that may look like for you and your family.

Blessings,  
Becky Kaphing and Lorelei Rein  
Preschool Co-Directors

## – Among Our Own –

*Congratulations to...*

**Tatum Caroline Cummings** (daughter of Ethan and Lydia Cummings) blessings on her baptism

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

**Matthew and Erin Williams** on their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary October 1

**Troy and Niki Tilleraas** on their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 2

**Jerry and Judy Liffbrig** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 6

**Joseph and Rita Carlson** on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 8

**Ryan and Tami Bernt** on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 18

**Jim and Denise Jacobs** on their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 21

**Tyler and LuAnne Buck** on their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 30

## Sunday Scripture Readings

October 1	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
October 8	Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
October 15	Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
October 22	Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
October 29	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

## Giving and Expense Update

GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE		
	2023	2022
August 2023 YTD Giving		
	\$428,558.57	\$464,148.95
August 2023 YTD Expenses		
	\$372,557.80	\$420,853.91
Net		
	\$ 56,000.77	\$ 43,295.04



## Downtown Halloween Family Event

St. Philip's will again participate in the Downtown Halloween Family Event, held on Sunday, October 29 from 2-5 pm. We have been part of this outreach beyond our church walls for many years. We really need volunteers to help transport supplies from church, set up, greet and serve, and clean up. We have enough hot cocoa for this year, but need some donations: (10) bags of mini marshmallows, and (16) bags of 75 pieces bags of candy. Please sign up on kiosk this month. Donations can be dropped off by office until October 25



## Philadazzle

The second annual Philadazzle - "A touch of Scandinavia" will take place on Sunday, December 3, 5:30 pm at the church. This event will feature a full buffet meal plus some outstanding entertainment.



It is time to think about the Scandinavian clothing and jewelry you might wear. Make plans now to be a part of this exciting evening. Stay tuned for new details.

## Communion

Due to the prevalence of Covid, flu, and cold viruses in our community, extra care is taken in serving communion. In order to avoid hand-to-hand contact, please hold out the palm of your hand when being served bread, so the server can safely set the wafer in your hand. The individual communion kits will continue to be available for those who prefer taking communion at their seats.



*The Worship and Music Ministry Team*

## St. Philip's Bake, Soup and Quilt Sale

### Bake and Soup Sale

When: Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am-12:30 pm  
What: Need all kinds of bake goods and canned items. Please label and wrap all items. Include allergy information such as nuts.

### Lefse Making Opportunities

When: Tuesday, October 17, 9:00 am until done  
Saturday, November 4, 9:00 am until done

Sign-up sheets for lefse making and donations of ingredients will be up in the narthex the end of September.

Sign-sheets for workers for making soup and for the day of actual sale will be up in the narthex the end of October.

Lots of opportunities to help.

### Quilt Sale

When: Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am-12:30 pm  
What: Quilts that have been made by the St. Philip's Do Days members

## Fall Grounds Clean Up

On Saturday October 14 at 9:00 am all members are invited to come and help cut down the perennials around the building, corner sign and ponding basins. Bags will be provided. Bring a cutting tool, gloves and a handy rake if you have one. Any age helper is welcome. If 9:00 am is too early, come a bit later. It will be appreciated.

## 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering

New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024



The Gathering brings together thousands of high school age Lutherans from across the country and overseas for faith formation, worship, fellowship and service. If it sounds like fun, it is! This year's theme is "CREATED TO BE".

Interested? Talk with Pastor Geier. Registration is now open. Bring your excitement. Bring your friends! The ELCA National Youth Gathering is a phenomenal experience with over 30,000 Lutheran teenagers where we learn, serve, play, and grow together.



## For Unto Us a Child is Born 8' x 18' Mural Early Preparation



A schedule of when members can come and help paint the Christmas mural is in this newsletter and on the kiosk. It's a project for all ages, no experience, mistakes can be corrected. One can sit or stand. The method is "paint by number". All activity will take place in the old sanctuary where supplies are kept. A monitor will be present.

This very special and unusual endeavor has been put forward by the Stewardship Ministry Team, with the 2024 theme, "Community Grows Here". It's time to reconnect and celebrate our existence as a congregation, and live out our mission, of prayer, praise and thanksgiving through this once in a lifetime experience.



*Cabinet maker Jim Jacobs had a hand in constructing the four mural panels*



*Tracing the image onto the canvas was done by Glenda Schnirring, and Patty and Al Todnem. Deborah Dreher not pictured also traced.*



*Patty Todnem and Bob Cruse stretched the canvas over four frames of the 18' mural*



## Community Service in Action

Volunteers needed!!!! Food rescue sorting / Food Sorting at Hastings Family Service has been going well for several 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 of the month. We have run short of volunteers recently. We are improving things by having a lead volunteer to give consistent direction to all of you. New volunteers are always welcome! And if you want to sign up more than once in the month, that is okay too! Ron or Cindy Toppin can sign you up at any time if you don't have email or deleted the pertinent info. Call us at 651-353-7143.

## Ruby's Pantry Volunteer Opportunity

St. Philip's is making plans to start hosting a monthly "pop-up pantry" with the organization Ruby's Pantry. What is Ruby's Pantry? Ruby's gathers various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles, available for a \$25 donation. They partner with churches to host once a month food distribution events open to anyone that is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget, with no income or residency requirements.

We are looking for a variety of volunteers:

- Leadership roles include: Food coordinator, Clean up coordinator, Promotions coordinator, and more!
- Monthly volunteers sign up for the month they can help, and will be able to organize food, load cars, direct traffic, talk with guests... there are so many ways to serve, for all ages and abilities - families encouraged to serve together! Average time commitment is less than four hours.

Reach out to Jen Klos or Katie Thomas with questions or to join the team!

## Sunday Baptism

Baby girl Tatum, is showing complete resolve following her Baptism. The St. Philip's congregation heartily welcomes the many Baptisms it participates in as parents bring their children to its house of worship and prayer.



## Since You Asked . . .

What is the big deal with confirmation? Why is it important?

The service for the Affirmation of Baptism, or Confirmation, is a special rite in the Church. Confirmation ministry is an important ministry of the church in preparing young people for a life of Christian discipleship and involvement in their community of faith.

When you were baptized God claimed you and made a covenant promising to forgive you your sins, deliver you from death and the devil and give you eternal life. In response to what God did, your parents and godparents promised to faithfully bring you to God's house and to place in your hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for your instruction in the Christian faith. They did that so that you might live a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

At the service for the Affirmation of Baptism, confirmands have the opportunity to publicly affirm that, yes, they believe that God did all of these things for them in baptism, and in response to God's grace they wish to:

- live among God's faithful people,
- hear God's Word and share in God's supper,
- proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

After that confession a prayer is made for them asking God to "continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit" and "daily increase in them" the gifts of God's grace, including the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in God's presence.

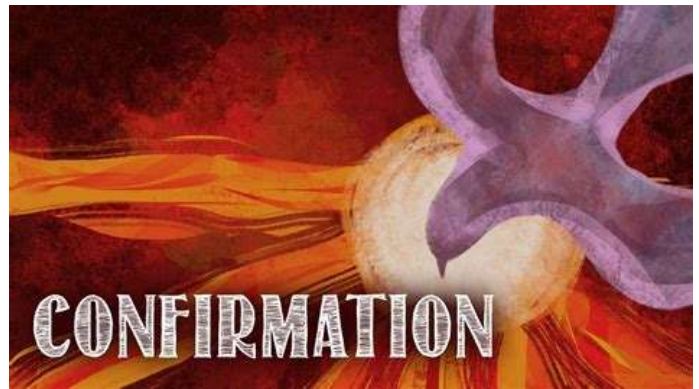
Unfortunately, in recent generations, many people have started equating confirmation with graduation and ignored the call to continue to grow in knowledge and understanding.

Being a Christian is not a matter of having your name in a book in the church office or having a piece of paper that says you are confirmed. It is about a living relationship with Jesus that affects all your other relationships and everything you do. It is about continuing to grow and be nurtured through life-long learning.

The classes and events we have our children do as part of our confirmation program are trying to set a foundation for continued interest in growing on our faith journey throughout our entire lives.

God never intended for us to spiritually stagnate once we were confirmed. Rather than graduation, confirmation should be seen as Christian Discipleship Orientation, and how we follow Jesus and respond to God's grace in continued learning and serving after confirmation is more important than the service itself.

**Thanks for asking!**



**Affirmation of Baptism Celebration (Confirmation) will be October 29 at our 9:30 am Reformation worship service! Come help our newly confirmed sisters and brothers celebrate!**

## Acolytes

Robed acolytes were a welcomed sight following the forced pandemic recess. Opening and ending worship through the service of acolytes adds reverence and meaning to the worship hour. Acolyte sign-up sheets are on the kiosk.



*Tor Ronning and Brock Lundstrom exiting the September 10 worship service*





## Do Day Quilt Sale

A main purpose of the Do Days group is making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We've donated many quilts, but not paid shipping costs, or had money for new materials other than an occasional Thrivent grant. We have recently received some unusually nice quilt tops, and donated yardage. We also have access to a long arm quilting machine.

We are hoping to sell some especially nice quilts at the WELCA Bake and Soup sale in November. Proceeds will help with shipping costs for LWR, allow us to make smaller purchases between Thrivent grants and perhaps support other special projects.

The accompanying photos are a sampling of some of the quilts we hope to sell. More will be available in November. Should you see something that tickles your fancy or need a quilt before the November sale, please contact Bernita Weber for details and/or possible presale.



*Baby Fidget Burp Cloths*





## Rally Day Highlights

On September 10 families of all ages participated in a wide variety of activities including blessing of the backpacks, packing school supply bags for world Lutheran relief, inflatable fun, bubbles, chalk, and corn hole games. Our faith formation team is thankful to Steve Wolverton for not only building but painting St. Philip's corn hole games. Our 3 year olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders received their new Bibles that were given by WELCA. It was a beautiful day of fellowship to kick off our programming year!

Over 260 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief were assembled. Jennie Thomas was the true leader of this ambitious effort which surpassed all previous years. The packs, filled with specific donations from members are brought to a location where postage is paid and the packs sent on their way. Sincere thanks to all members who provided backpack contents. Thrivent Financial provided \$250 toward the purchase of 160 commercially made packs. Additional packs were hand made by members. A huge thank you to all who supported this global outreach effort.



*Parents join their third grader or their three-year old as both ages receive Bibles*



*Three households, the Meyers, the Haltvicks and the Cummings, are shown with their children who have just received their personal Bibles*



*Many children gather around Pastor Geier as Tor Ronning helps give each child a key chain as they talk about their journey into school and have their backpacks blessed*



*Over 50 worshippers helped fill backpacks following worship*





*Ethan Cummings brought his young daughter through the assembly line*



*Steve Wolverton, Carolyn Schaar and Jennie Thomas stand by the many boxes of packed up backpacks ready to go to Lutheran World Relief*



*Outdoor Fun!*



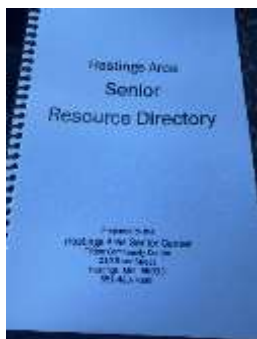
## Sunday School

Another year of Sunday School has begun and it's off to a great start. Education hour starts right after worship service at about 10:30 am. If you haven't signed up yet you still can. Even if you can't come every Sunday we would love to see you. Registration forms can be found on the welcome center or in the "learning" tab on our website at [www.splchastings.org](http://www.splchastings.org). See you in Sunday School!



## Directory for Hastings Senior Resources

Did you know that the Hastings Senior Center produces a resource guide for seniors? It covers medical equipment, home care, community resources and more. There are directories available in the brochure rack in the narthex, and Pastor Geier has one as well. Feel free to pick one up for yourself or a neighbor. You can also get them for free at the Tilden Community Center/Senior Center - you do not have to be a member to get the directory.



## Faith Statements

As a Confirmation requirement, students are asked to compose their own personal faith statement and express it to the congregation before their October Confirmation. It becomes an important day for the congregation to hear from its young people whom they have watched grow up to this point in their lives.

*Mentor, Glenda Schnirring is shown with Carter Lundstrom, who delivered his personal faith statement on September 3*



*Ashlyn Bernt, following the service where she offered her personal faith statement*

## Family of Faith Service Event at Feed My Starving Children

Thank you to the twenty who were part of the St. Philip's group that showed up on August 26 to pack meals for hungry neighbors around the world and risked having their picture taken with hairnets on. Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children is a great team-building experience, working together to save lives and feed kids in a positive, energetic and team-focused environment.





## Annual Pie and Ice Cream Music Event

Sunday, August 20, was the annual Pie and Ice Cream event behind Historic LeDuc. St. Philip's has done this event for several decades. About 120 people come and sit on lawn chairs and listen to enjoyable music. Proceeds from pie sales reached \$780 which was very good considering the smaller crowd. Thanks to those who gave cash to the effort which enhanced the bottom line. Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is the cause we raise during this event. St. Philip's has LSS as an outreach mission.



*Patty Todnem, Darla Kimmes, Mariah Ring, and Pam Hoffman pose as pie peddlers*



*Sue Karnick and Pat Schultz often serve as cashiers as they did this year*



*Tim Preston enjoys a great brownie which is also offered*

## Keeping Connected

Hello from the Galen and Kathy Willis Family!

A job relocation in 1998 moved our family to Hastings from Hayward Wisconsin, where we had lived for the past ten years. Galen's co-worker lived in Hastings and said it was a great place to raise a family. We were



excited to start a new adventure with our two children, second grade and kindergarten at the time. We found a new home and school for the kids, and knew it was time to find a church. Galen and I both grew up Lutheran in rural western Minnesota where our grandparents and parents never missed Sunday church unless there was a snowstorm. And, we had left special friendships of our church family in Hayward so finding a new church in Hastings was very important to us to keep God the center of our days and build new friendships for our family. A house is not a home for us without the presence of God. We visited area churches and chose St. Philip's because of the warm welcome we received from the members that recognized anyone new sitting in the house and made a point to connect with them after service.

We did not need to look elsewhere and knew St. Philip's would be our home. We found Noreen to teach our children piano, Ellen's children's choir and awesome musicals that both Sam and Michelle participated in, and many friendships. Both children were also confirmed at St. Philip's. Through the years we have enjoyed serving as Sunday School and VBS teacher, prayer partners, Family Camp soup dinners, greeters/ushers, committees, Altar Guild and the Adopt a Nursing Home Resident program at Augustana Care Center. We have been in the St. Philip's Family since 1998. Celebrating twenty-five years.

Now you see us, now you don't. Galen and I enjoy winters in Fort Myers, Florida close to the beach and love warm weather. I spend a little more time there than he does but neither of us have fully retired yet. Galen continues to enjoy corporate flying and loves the travel that goes along with the job and I continue as a Mary Kay beauty consultant with a company that puts God first, Family second, and Career third.

Allowing us both time to spend with family and the joys of grand parenting.

Our son, Sam, lives in Hastings with his wife, Lorena and their three children, Annabella (8), Elijah (3), and Amelia (9 months). You may see Sam playing piano and organ occasionally!

Our daughter, Michelle, also lives in Hastings with her husband Thomas. They were married by Pastor Geier in August 2020 and are expecting their first child in September.

We continue to be a part of the St. Philip's Family, thanking God for celebrating twenty-five years with this faith family, and are grateful to have our adult children and grandchildren members of St. Philip's. Our hearts are extra full when the opportunity presents itself for our entire family to be in the same place and together for family gatherings and Sunday church service.

*Galen and Kathy Willis*

#### The Wormley Family

Matt and Kelsey Wormley met in the late 90s, in middle school. Kelsey's family had just moved to Minnesota as her dad opened a Fly Fishing business and Matt had recently switched schools when his family moved to Eagan. They became fast friends and were inseparable by the time they finished high school. Both graduated from Eagan High School and were hugely involved in the theater and choir programs.



Both Matt and Kelsey attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Kelsey graduated a year early, studying Elementary Education, ESL/Bilingual Education, Communications and Linguistics. When she began teaching in Eagan, Matt transferred to UW River Falls to finish his studies in Sociology and be closer. They fell in love with Hastings when they used it as their half-way point to meet up during the school year and bought their first home when married in 2006.

Matt managed the Panera in Hastings, as well as the Hastings Caribou before moving to the airport, where he managed several restaurants. He was a skilled restaurant manager but as they grew their family, restaurant hours weren't overly conducive to family life. In 2013, Matt left the restaurant industry to work as a Non-Destructive Testing Technician at the Pine Bend Refinery. He has happily been working with his company, TEAM Inc. for almost ten years. There were three years where Matt was on the road almost 100% of the time, which was difficult for the family but helped him build his reputation in the industry.

Kelsey taught ESL, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for thirteen years in ISD 196. She then taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and science in Hastings before leaving teaching to pursue a career in Operations for an accounting firm.

Matt and Kelsey have always been old souls, always knew they wanted a big family and always knew they wanted to start their family quickly after they were married. Emily Dawn was born in 2008, followed by Haven Mae in 2012, Molly Elizabeth in 2014 and Gordon Arthur in 2017. Their family then grew yet again with the additions of their three, amazing dogs and countless furry/finned friends.

The last several years have been anything but dull for the Wormley family. With huge life changes and health issues, they've had to practice patience and perseverance. More than anything, this time has strengthened their resolve and faith that whether it's cheering alongside of you through the triumphs or carrying you through the wilderness, our Lord is always with you, supporting you on the journey.

Kelsey and Matt were both active members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley for most of their upbringing. They were married there, the children were baptized there and Kelsey was involved in several musical groups over the years. As their kids reached school age, however, they found it increasingly difficult to stay involved with church. When Emily was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, she was invited to a drop-in at SPLC and excitedly asked her parents to please bring the family on Sunday. The energy of SPLC was magnetic and the family quickly fell in love with the congregation. They have been attending ever since! Kelsey is greatly filled-up by her time with the kids in the children's choirs. The kids are involved in Sunday School and Confirmation, with Emily being confirmed this fall. The Wormleys look forward to further getting to know other members of SPLC and feel overwhelmingly blessed to be a part of this community of faith!



Worship Leaders				
October 2023				
	October 1 9:30 AM	October 8 9:30 AM	October 15 9:30 AM	October 22 9:30 AM
	Jay & Becky Raimann	Judy Hansen Michelle Carlson	Darla Kimmes Katy Lindberg	Connie Ball Mary Rock
Worship Coordinator	Jim & Denise Jacobs	Doug & Danna Schultz	Bob & Susan Cruse	Mary Charlson Janice Dahl
Greeter	Gary & Marge Evenson	Bruce & Brenda Arndtson	Lois Wroge Deborah Dreher	Darryl & Camille Nelson
Usher		Glenda Schnirring	Cindy Toppin	Beth Fahlstrom
Lector	Pastor Geier Becky Raimann	Pastor Geier Marge Peterson	Pastor Geier Jennie Thomas	Pastor Geier Barb Jorenby
Communion Bread	Connie Ball Judy Werner	Doug & Danna Schultz	Al & Patty Todnem	Beth Fahlstrom Marita Legreid
Communion Wine	David Tireman Owen Tireman	Kendyll Nelson	Tor Ronning	Megan Sieben Emery Hedeon
Acolyte	Geri Holmseth	Barb Jorenby	Judy Werner	Vonnie Olson
Prayer Team	Pam Hoffman Mary Rock	Deb Frandrup Deborah Dreher	Ron Toppin Bob Cruse	Judy Hansen Denny Kohn
Offering Counters	Kelsey Wormley	Choral Ensemble	Jan Kochendorfer	Julia Ronning
Music Leader/Cantor		Noreen Swanson Choral Ensemble	Noreen Swanson Bells	Noreen Swanson Unity
Organist/Musicians	Sam Willis			Noreen Swanson
October 29 Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday				
				9:30 AM
				Sadie Reiners Glenda Schnirring
				Confirmands
				Steve Wolverton Dan Thomas
				Confirmands
				Pastor Geier Lori Best
				Darlene Olson Darla Kimmes
				Brock Lundstrom Lucas Rowan
				Barb Jorenby
				Pam Hoffman Mary Rock
				Lori Best
				Noreen Swanson
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).				

# 2023 October

## St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Faith Formation Ministry 5:30 PM CMT 6:15 PM YouthPhil Ringers 7:00 PM JoyPhil Ringers	<b>3</b> 4:00 PM Unity 5:00 PM Fellowship Ministry 6:00 PM Worship & Music Ministry 7:00 PM Choral Ensemble	<b>4</b> 3:00 PM Chapel @ Regina 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:45 PM Confirmation	<b>5</b> 1:00 PM Do Days	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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Join us for a fun time of fellowship for members of our congregation, preschool, and community. We are looking for people willing to bring their cars to the church parking lot and bring some kind of treat or prize to hand out to children as they go through the lot trick or treating.

You can decorate your car, wear a costume, have a game/activity by your car, or just have a smile and a treat to share with visitors.

For this event we have partnered with the United Way and will be collecting Food 4 Kids items. It is our hope that children/families participating in the trunk or treat will donate items to this very worthy cause.

If you are interested in being one of the cars handing out goodies in the parking lot:

- Email Becky or Lorelei: [preschool@spclhastings.org](mailto:preschool@spclhastings.org)
- or sign up on the kiosk at church



There are Hastings children who don't have enough to eat. Weekend without school meals are especially tough.

Food 4 Kids provides bags filled with kid-friendly food for the weekend.

## Shopping List

- Cans of Ravioli, Spaghettios, Chili,
  - Cereal - Individual Servings
  - Cereal bars
  - Juice Boxes / Hot Chocolate
  - Meat - Canned
  - Ramen Noodles
  - Beef Sticks
  - Oatmeal packets\*
  - Peanut Butter – Individual Cups\*
  - Soups\*
  - Individual Mac & Cheese cups or packets
  - Any other typical "kid-friendly" foods
- \*Especially Needed

### Helpful Tips.....

- ✓ All Food items should be "non-perishable".
- ✓ Children have to carry the packs home from school, so we try to make them light.
- ✓ Easy opening (pop top) cans, and simple microwavable foods work best.
- ✓ 6 Food items plus 1 beverages are packed in each gallon sized bag. Space is limited

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Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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**Sunday Education Hour:**

Adult Forum at 10:30 am in the Learning Room  
Sunday School at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

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