

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

September 2024

**Preschool Begins
September 3 and 4**

**Confirmation Orientation
Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45 pm**

**Opening the Bible Class
Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 am**

Rally Day Sunday, September 8

**Handbell Rehearsals Begin
September 9**

**Children's Choirs Begin
September 11**

**Confirmation Begins
Wednesday, September 11 at 6:45 pm**

**Sunday School and Adult Forum Begin
September 15**

**Campfire Conversations
September 15 at 6:30 pm**

**Circle Bible Study/WELCA
Thursday, September 19 at 9:30 am**

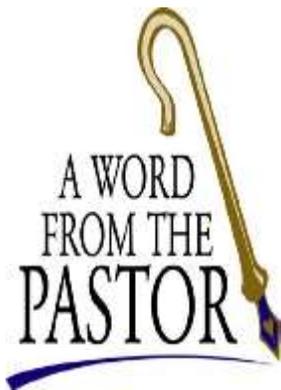
Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

Mark 8:27-29

From the Gospel for September 15



I don't know if there is a more important question in all of life than the question that Jesus asks his disciples on the road to Philippi. "But who do you say that I am?"

Mark records the most concise reply of Peter, "You are the Christ." Luke's gospel records Peter saying answering, "The Christ (*Messiah*) of God." The writer of Matthew's gospel is the most detailed recording Peter's confession as, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Those of us who have grown up as part of a worshiping community have heard this text so many times that it becomes easy for us to hear it without letting it really speak to us. Or we treat it as a rhetorical question that doesn't require a response. However, this is a question that Jesus continues to ask his disciples of every generation.

Who do we say that Jesus is? We can say that he died for our sins and was raised from the dead and those things are true, but those things are things we say Jesus did, not who Jesus is. Who do we say that Jesus is?

In Martin Luther's explanation to the second article of the Apostles' Creed he writes, "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. When we confess that Jesus is our Lord, we are confessing that our lives and our fates rest in his hands. Because we believe that he died for our sins and was raised to conquer the power of death we believe that he is our Lord and our Savior.

Because Jesus is our Lord and our Savior we gather as a family of faith to thank and praise and worship

him. Every week we gather to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"

Worship is so central to our life together that we want everyone to be able to participate and celebrate.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Geier

Thank You!

Thank you for all your expressions of love and sympathy on the passing of my brother, Sherwood Haakenson. All the prayers from St Philips members relieved much of his suffering in the last few years. David and I are very fortunate to have such a wonderful church family. Bless you all.

Geneva H. Weisser

It has been over three months since my granddaughter Lucy completed her treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma and she is doing well. Lucy, her family and I wish to thank you for the many prayers, expressions of encouragement and well wishes. They helped us all through a very challenging time. We serve an awesome God. May you all be blessed for your faithfulness.

Judy Werner

Thank you to the moving crew that assisted with my move on August 1. The crew consisted of Pastor Geier, Dolores and David Pemble, Chuck Clanton, Steve Amundson, Becky and Jay Raimann, Devin and Brody Hampl, Richard Beatty, and Steve Wolverton. The crew did a fantastic job in moving from one apartment to another as well as moving a few items from and to the house in about three hours. Thanks to all!

John Diischer



OFFICE CLOSED Monday, September 2 in honor of Labor Day. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Geier at 563-357-2795.

– Among Our Own –

Congratulations...

To all those celebrating their wedding anniversary in September. Listed below are couples reaching a special anniversary...

Vincent and Jessica DeGrote on their 10th wedding anniversary

Steve and Janet Sawitzke on their 40th wedding anniversary on September 15

Dean and Maria Gathje on their 20th wedding anniversary on September 22

Tom and Tammy Krey on their 25th wedding anniversary on September 25

Rick and Laura David on their 20th anniversary on September 25

Kent and Pam Hoffman on their 50th anniversary on September 27

Sunday Scripture Readings

- September 1 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- September 8 Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37
- September 15 Isaiah 50:4-9a
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38
- September 22 Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37
- September 29 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Sound Bytes

Greetings from your audio-visual booth! We have a need and an opportunity to expand our team and open ministry opportunities for additional volunteers. If you think you might enjoy learning a new skill while experiencing the challenge and satisfaction of an increased role in worship, we invite you to consider joining our team. No audio-visual experience is necessary -- we will train you! If you are interested or have questions, please email John Diischer at johnd@splchastings.org or call the church office.



St. Philip's Handbells Starting Another Year!

Anyone interested in learning to play handbells, please come join us on Monday evenings starting September 9. The youth will have rehearsals from 6:15 to 6:50, followed by the adults from 7:00 to 8:00. Questions? Contact LuAnn Roiger, Handbell Director. All are welcome. Come join us.

Cherub, Children and Praise Choir

School's back in session and it is choir time! ALL children, ages 3 and up, are welcome!

This year, we're hoping to have a Praise Team (Middle School and up), in addition to Cherub choir (ages 3 through Kindergarten) and Children's Choir (1st - 4th grade).

Cherubs meet from 5:15-5:30 pm, Children from 5:30-6:00 pm and Praise Team from 6:00-6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

Even if your weekend schedule is busy or your child is too anxious to sing in front of the congregation, we'd love to have them at our Wednesday evening rehearsals.

Worship singing will almost always be the first Sunday of the month (Contemporary Service) and different groups will alternate which months they sing.

We hope you can join us in fellowship and fun, beginning Wednesday, September 11!

Also, all children who are familiar with the music from VBS are encouraged to join us on Sunday, September 8, for Rally Day!

Giving and Expense

	2024	2023
July 2024 YTD General & Misc Giving	\$405,462.11	\$285,029.93
July 2024 YTD Capital Fund	\$96,420.50	\$92,241.50
July 2024 YTD Expenses	\$345,634.25	\$332,411.82
Net	\$156,248.36	\$44,859.61
July 2024 YTD Mortgage Principal Required	\$54,585.88	\$52,503.16

September and October Adult Forum End of Life Options

During September and October, the Adult Forum will be discussing End of Life Options dealing with ethics, morality, legal, medical, and personal/family wishes. We will view webinars, popular press articles, letters to editors, along with enough time for your thoughts, opinions, and discussion.

September 15 - Introduction to end of life
What does a funeral director/funeral home do?
Anonymous questions about burial, cremation and funerals

The University of Minnesota had a program on Considering Medical Aid in Dying this past spring. We will be viewing this program in three parts. Ten states have statutes that authorizes medical aid in dying, first legalized in Oregon in 1994 where authorized doctors prescribe lethal medication that the patient may choose to take. Minnesota is debating similar legislation. The three presenters are experts on the law, ethics, and clinical realities of medical aid in dying. They bring different perspectives and disciplines to this important debate.

September 22 - When Law, Ethics & Medicine Collide: Medical Aid In Dying, UM webinar Part 1
Thaddeus Mason Pope, JD, PhD, HEC-C
Professor of Law & Director of the Health Law Institute
Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota

September 29 - When Law, Ethics & Medicine Collide: Medical Aid In Dying, UM webinar Part 2
K. Sona Gaiind, MD
Chief of Psychiatry, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University of Toronto, Canada

October 6 - When Law, Ethics & Medicine Collide: Medical Aid In Dying, UM webinar Part 3
Nancy Berlinger, PhD
Senior Research Scholar & Director, Visiting Scholar Program, The Hastings Center, Bioethics Research Institute, Garrison, NY

October 13 - End of Life St. Olaf student program: Talking About Death Café Menu

October 20 - No program, MEA weekend

October 27 - End of life options, open discussion

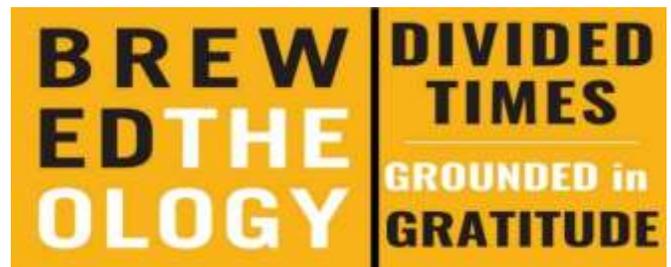
Campfire Conversations September 15 from 6:30-7:30!



Do you feel “we are so divided” these days? How would you define “we”? What social groups or communities are you a part of? Consider family, friends, schoolmates, colleagues, church, neighborhood, municipality, state, country, etc. What issues are important to each of those? What issues divide those groups? What potentially divisive topics do you engage whilst with them? What topics do you actively avoid around them? How are your anxiety levels these days?

Divisions are wide, highlighted or deepened by Covid and partisan politics. Interested forces (or algorithmic ones) seem determined to highlight conflict and disagreement, rather than points of shared interest. This conversation names scripture’s varying degrees of helpfulness, suggestions that we are not as divided as we are led to believe, and a run at gratitude as a unifying counter to resentment. The church hasn’t exactly been devoid of division or grounded in gratitude. Let’s work on that. What are you most grateful for these days, or right now? Spend a moment to imagine how gratitude could reshape ideological differences or impasses among divided people.

For those interested in some extra reading on this go to the Campfire Conversations announcement on our website www.splchastings.org to find the link.



Bounce House Help Needed

Looking for help with set up and take down for rally day. Set up bounces houses would be at 8:30 am on September 8 or help taking them down and bring them inside at 11:30 am. Please let Becky Kaphing or Nick Clark know if your available.

Sunday School Registration

Sunday School is just around the corner, and now is the perfect time to enroll. Registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center.

Opening the Bible

Class for Third (*and some Fourth Graders*) and their Parents on Saturday, September 7!



On Saturday, September 7, third graders and their parents are invited to participate in a morning of fun that will introduce the Bible and help them to learn why and how to read Scripture. We will gather at 9:30 am and should finish before lunch time.

On Rally Day Sunday, September 8, the children will be awarded Bibles during worship. Our WELCA at St. Philip's has generously provided these Bibles that we pray will continue to nurture them throughout their lives. This event serves as the formal beginning of our confirmation program and is a way for families and the whole church to celebrate together!

During our time together, we will also go over our confirmation program and how St. Philip's Lutheran Church seeks to nurture our children and their parents on their faith journeys. We look forward to learning and growing together.

Please call the church office if you have a child in the third grade (or an older child who has not yet received a Bible) to let us know your family will be participating!

Sunday School Kick-Off!



Sunday, September 8 there is going to be a whole lot of fun going on for Sunday School students! It is our annual Rally Day Celebration that is going to be a kick-off for a new year of fun and learning. During worship we will be blessing

backpacks and awarding children's Bibles to our 3-year-old members and Bibles to our 3rd graders.

After worship we will gather outside for all sorts of fun activities including bounce-house, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, popcorn and more! Not only that, but we will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief!

This is an event for all ages as we celebrate the beginning of another year of Sunday School and Christian education. Classroom lessons will begin the following Sunday, September 15.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

We are excited for our little ones to start learning in the fall, but we are also looking for help from our adults in the congregation. We are currently looking for volunteers to be teacher, substitutes, and classroom helpers. No classroom experience required, and no obligation to volunteer for the full year. We are grateful for whatever support you can offer to this ministry. Please contact Pastor, Becky Kaphing, or Nick Clark for more information.

Confirmation Registration and Start Dates

Students who are starting 6th - 9th grade this fall are invited to join Wednesday evening Confirmation. To register, please fill out the registration form at the welcome center or online.

On Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45 pm, we will start our 2024-2025 confirmation with an orientation meeting that will include an opportunity to sign-up for acolyting along with some time to practice "playing with fire." We will also have an opportunity to earn some service hours as we will spend 30 minutes helping Jennie Thomas prepare materials for school kits we will assemble on Rally Day.

On September 11 our regular class will meet from 6:45-7:45 pm. We are again going to combine all grades and team teach our curriculum. This year we will be focusing on the Old Testament and the Ten Commandments section of Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Looking forward to seeing you all this fall!



Save the Date

The 21st Annual Soup and Bake Sale will be Saturday, November 23. The wonderful Quilt Sale which started last year will again be on the same day. Details coming in the October newsletter.

Congregational Survey and Discovery Team Update

The St. Philip's Discovery Team is continuing its discernment work for the hiring of long-term Children Youth and Family ministry staff person.

In preparation for that, the Discovery Team is inviting you to participate in a congregational survey. Please see the links below.

Your feedback will be very important to our strategic planning for this position. You are invited to take the survey whether or not you have children in the program—if you are at all interested in the success of our children and youth ministry program at St. Philip's, we'd appreciate your input.

Also, please note, there are separate links for Adult and Youth participants. Grades 6-12 are invited to take the Youth survey. Any adults (post high school and up) are asked to use the link to the Adult survey. Any questions, please reach out to Nick Clark.

ADULT Survey



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H3DKDKH>



YOUTH Survey



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6XH28Z>

Circle Bible Study/WELCA

The Circle Bible Study's first meeting will be Thursday, September 19 at 9:30 am in the Youth Room. This change is ONLY for the September meeting. In October the meeting date will return to the usual second Thursday of the month through May.

The fall Bible study is "Receiving Grace: A study of Ephesians by Rev. Heidi Haverkamp. The study can be found in the Gather Magazine. Extra copies are in the WELCA mailbox by the office. All are welcome, try us out. Any questions, call Susan Cruse.

Garden Sharing Time

Is your garden providing more produce than your family can use? It's time to share the harvest with your fellow church goers! All are welcome to bring any fruits, veggies or herbs, and all are welcome to help yourself to take items home each week. Thanks for sharing!

Halloween Downtown Family Event

We are planning to be part of the Halloween downtown family event held on Sunday, October 27 from 2-5 pm. Watch on the kiosk for sign-ups for volunteers, and donations of hot cocoa mix, candy and marshmallows.

Philadazzle 2024 Sunday, December 1 Philadazzle 2024 Sunday, December 1

We will again usher in Advent with Philadazzle, an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and music. Christmas Around the World is our theme this year. Chris Falteisek, music director from Christ's Episcopal Church in Woodbury, will entertain us with music and stories about Christmas in other countries. Our next planning session is September 17 at 5:00 pm. Join us if you'd like to be part of helping organize this fun event!

Faith Statements 2024



The congregation appreciated the testimony of David Tireman on Sunday August 18, as he shared his activities not only at St. Philip's but in his high school. David will be confirmed in late fall.

Mary Fischer Memorial Scholarship Awarded

We congratulate Katelynn Krey as the winner of the 2024 Mary Fischer Memorial Scholarship. She will receive the \$2,000 award to go towards her studies at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire where she is pursuing a Bachelor's in biomedical engineering. Her future plans are to attend medical school and become an OB/GYN or a pediatrician.



The Fischer family has also awarded additional \$250 scholarships to Molly Vaughan and Lauren Jenkins. All applicants showed that service to God and community are alive and well at St. Philip's. Taking those gifts out into the world away from our church is a gift worth treasuring.

Shoebox Season Is Just Around the Corner!

Now is a good time to shop sales and summer clearance for school supplies and summer outfits to fill your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Get those school supplies and end of summer deals before they are gone! National Collection week this year is November 18 - 25. Red and green shoe boxes will be available in late October. Once again we have the privilege to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with thousands of boys and girls around the world!! If you have any questions, you can visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ or talk with Emily Preston or Robyn Tank.

Grief Support

After a summer break, our quarterly grief support meetings will begin again on Wednesday, October 9 at 6 pm in the youth room. This is an opportunity to come together in community to support one another to share the pain of how grief has changed our lives. It is facilitated by Camille Johnson-Oster and has been made up of wonderfully caring people. Rather than planning a theme this time, please make notes of things you have noticed about your own grief journey that you would be willing to share with others.

Stewardship Ministry Team Announces Its Emphasis Calendar

In preparation for 2025, the Stewardship theme which will carry our thoughts for the next four months is "Abiding in God's Abundance". The Bible verse supporting the theme is from John 10:10, Jesus says, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly". St. Philip's is a congregation of generosity throughout the year. Members give of their time, talents and treasurer in a spirit of abundance.

December 8, will be Stewardship's Pledge Sunday. An all-congregation complimentary pancake breakfast will follow. Monthly temple talks will begin on September 22, through November 17. The Stewardship Ministry Team planning all aspects of the campaign are Deborah Dreher, Jeannie Evans, Gerri Lundby, Glenda Schnirring, Dan Strehlow, Al Todnem and Sam Willis.

500 CARD CLUB



Join the 500 Card Club which meets on the third Saturday of the month (September-May, excluding December) at 6:30 pm. First night is Saturday, September 21 at Denny and Tricia Kohn's home. Couples and singles are welcome. Questions? call Tricia Kohn at 651-428-6065. Sign up on the kiosk.

Flower Vases

Do you have any flower vases you would like to rehome? We are looking for any vases that could be used for the altar flowers. Minimum of 8" high. You can drop them off under the coat rack near the church office.

Sharing Jesus' Love

Prayer shawls are now available for you to give to someone struggling with serious health or other concerns. The shawl is intended to comfort the recipient while wrapped in God's love.



New Members

On July 14, St. Philip's received into membership new members from seven households, which totaled 14 individuals. It's a special day when new members are received into the congregation. One can look forward to working with them on future activities or seeing them at worship. Read the brief notes about them and discover some common ground which will make becoming acquainted even more meaningful.

New member **Nikki Glade**, (third from left) with her children Addy and Gabby, (left two) plus Jackson (far right).



Nikki Glade's marriage to long standing member Chris Glade made it an easy decision for her and her children to become members of St. Philip's.

Nikki was born in Spring Valley, and graduated from high school in LeRoy both southern Minnesota towns. She went to Winona State University and received a MA from Capella University. Nikki has worked in the health benefits field and in administration outsourcing for 18 years.

Gardening is her hobby, finding it a great stress reliever. Case in point is that once Nikki learned about volunteer opportunities at St. Philip's large grounds area, she has given two Saturday mornings to weeding around the church and the corner sign area, which needed it desperately. Nikki also enjoys movies and finding good restaurants.

Nikki's first visit to St. Philip's was at the funeral of Carol Glade. She remembers feeling very much at home already that day and has now become a member.

Nikki's sponsor was her husband Chris Glade.

Alex Zuzek married St. Philip's member Aleaha Zabel which made him a good prospect for membership. Two children later, Archie age 3 and Ada age 1, almost sealed the deal, but it took Bruce Arndtson inviting Alex to be a candidate for Council Vice President that brought formalizing membership for Alex the thing he had to do. All very amusing and we all smile about it now, plus thank him immensely for being on St. Philip's council as VP.



Alex was born and raised in Hastings graduating from its high school, going on to study education at St. Mary's University, Minneapolis. Upon completing his undergraduate study, he continued to go for a master's degree in education also at St. Mary's. This fall, Alex will begin studies in school administration at Mankato State University.

Alex loves Hastings and while he didn't expect to spend his whole life here, he acknowledges now that he couldn't be happier.

In his spare time, Alex likes to go on excursions with his family, run, coach, and play tennis. He's a sports enthusiast who enjoys watching almost any kind of sport.

Alex's wife Aleaha was his sponsor.

Austin Pavel will be a high school senior this fall at South Washington County Alternative High School. He is currently a full-time employee at Target in Stillwater.

Austin resides in St. Paul. His good friend Dylan Koenig introduced him to St. Philip's with whom he comes to worship often.

Upon graduation, Austin looks forward to working in the trucking industry. He hopes to attend trucking school and receive certification to be a commercial truck driver.

In his spare time, Austin likes to fish and be with his friends. Welcome to St. Philip's, Austin.

Austin's sponsor was Dylan Koenig.

Kevin Ekstrom and Erica Swenson make up their household. Erica was born and raised in Brainerd, and Kevin in Anoka, Minnesota. Their careers are in the physical and spiritual care of people. Erica is a Family Physician at Allina Hastings Clinic, having received her higher education at



Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, followed by Medical School at the University of Minnesota. Kevin is a Hospice Chaplain at Moments Hospice in the Twin Cities, having graduated from St. John's University and Vanderbilt Divinity School, plus a chaplain residency with Mayo in Rochester, Minnesota.

For fun, they like to go hiking, traveling and checking out our local restaurants and breweries.

They found St. Philip's through the invitation of Dr. Lizbet Ronning. Sponsors for Erica and Kevin are Lizbet and Kristian Ronning

Patty Wilson and her husband Scott, reside in Hastings. Patty was born and raised in St. Paul, moved to Owatonna in the fourth grade, making that her hometown.



In terms of Patty's higher education, she attended the College of St. Catherine and went on to graduate from the University of Southern Maine. She currently works in the financial services industry as a regional operations manager.

As for spare time or recreation, Patty enjoys biking, reading, crochet, and spending time with their adult children and grandchildren.

Patty found St. Philip's through her friendships with other women at AAUW. She discovered the church through them and discovered its mission followed by enjoying a very welcoming place when coming to worship. Patty is already singing with St. Philip's adult singers.

Patty's sponsor is Marjorie Peterson.

Bryce and Megan Garvey and their 5-month old daughter Adeline are all Hastings natives. After completing their higher education at University of Minnesota Duluth, they began their careers as teachers. Megan is in her fourth year, having been both a second grade and special education teacher at Westview Elementary in Apple Valley. Bryce is on the staff at Falcon Ridge Middle School, also in Apple Valley, teaching physical education and special education physical education.



In their spare time, one can find Megan enjoying the outdoor sunshine, reading, and spending time with friends and family. Megan recently added the hobby of crocheting.

Bryce loves to fish, spend time with friends and family and trying out new recipes.

Walks with the family is also something the Garveys enjoy along with their dogs, Roscoe and Koda.

Joining St. Philip's came out of Bryce being baptized at SPLC years ago and being raised Lutheran. Megan was raised Catholic and recognizes the importance of baptism for their daughter Madeline and becoming part of a church community.

Katie and John Nye, serve as sponsors to the Garveys.

Apryl and Jim Wagner are what we call "empty nesters." Of their two sons, Cody is married to Alyssa and has one daughter and a baby on the way. Son Josh, who was in the prayers of many St. Philip's friends, passed away from cancer five years ago.



Jim was born and raised in Hastings, and Apryl was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, with her family moving to Hastings in 1976.

Jim is happily retired from his work for Flint Hills for over 30 years. Before that time, Jim worked in the field of carpentry for ten years. Apryl currently works for the Department of Agriculture as a Supervisor HR Specialist over benefits. She received her higher education at Concordia University in St. Paul, and has a Master's Degree in Organizational Management and Communication with an HR emphasis. Apryl is also retired from the Minnesota Air National Guard serving in it for over 26 years, in its personnel (HR) career field. During her career in the Air National Guard she was deployed to Desert Shield/Storm and Iraq.

For enjoyment the Wagners enjoy traveling, biking, and are starting to play pickleball. They also enjoy spending time with their family and friends and especially love their grandparent time.

As the Wagners visited St. Philip's, they discovered it to be a good place for them, in their saying, "it felt like home."

Sponsors for Apryl and Jim are Dolores and Dave Pemble.

Progress is Daily on the Southwest Wing Completion

Great progress with no set-backs is the current status of the "Complete the Dream", southwest wing completion. Stotko Speedling Construction is the contractor who works with St. Philip's committee members, Bruce Akins, Dave Tank, Deborah Dreher and Glenda Schnirring. With completion of the project ahead, and pledge fulfillments now behind us, St. Philip's will soon be doing ministry in new spaces. Enormous thanks to the 105 member - households and friends who responded to the funding needed to "Complete the Dream".



An empty space ready for the contractor's workmen

Julia Ronning Provides Memorable Prelude and Postlude Piano Selections



On July 28, Julia Ronning, delivered piano selections to begin and end the worship hour in spectacular manner. She is pictured at the keyboard with her sister Linnea. Julia's prelude was "How Great Thou Art" with organ support from Noreen Swanson which was a crowd pleasing selection which was greatly appreciated. Julia's postlude was another strong powerful selection, Prelude in C# Minor Opus 3 N.2", which again left the congregation fully thrilled and uplifted by what they had heard. Julia, who recently graduated from Hastings High School has now left for Norway where she will enter a program in Norwegian studies, including its music.

Summer Sunday Music



August 18 had special music with Unity and LuAnn Roiger on Handbells playing together.

Big Thanks to Bruce Arndtson

Shortly after the Garage & Plant Sale Bruce noticed heavy rainfall pouring over the tops of the eaves surrounding the courtyard and the downspouts were not delivering the roof run-off water anywhere. Bruce was on site the next week with a ladder and hose and managed to clear all eaves and two main downspouts. This is a maintenance task which had been overlooked and needed attention. Thanks to Bruce Arndtson it got done. Many thanks for the love you have for St. Philip's and its well-being, Bruce. It's Stewardship in action. Thank you.

Giving One's Time and Talents, An Expression of Stewardship

During a seven-day period in August, Dan Strehlow, Dave Frye, and Steve Wolverton (not pictured) moved power equipment onto the church courtyard, got power tools and ladders in place and began removing three windows which had become inoperable, broken and had wood rot. Matching their size was no longer possible.



The gifts of time and talents of these three men plus Dave Tank, (who helped with the finishing work) became a huge boost in savings for St. Philip's maintenance costs.

A project like this was huge. Other acts carried out by members may be much smaller but no less important. We thank the men who took on this big window project as one of their many acts of stewardship for St. Philip's.

The Stewardship Ministry Team thanks all members who step up to do tasks that need doing as an example of their faith and witness to their Lord and Savior.

Keeping Connected

Life is a race that all of us must take. It is a journey for which we have prepared for from the day we were born. It is well planned and orchestrated by our father in heaven.

How we run this race shapes and identifies who we are. The disciple Paul says "run and remain faithful." As I run towards the finish line may I have been a faithful servant.



My family has grown up, married and have started their own families. Yes, each is continuing to thrive and picked up the baton of serving others. Remember we have blessed to be a blessing.

I have sold my home of 54 years and moved to Hastings Senior Living, 1901 16th Street, Hastings. I am content. All the while St. Philip's has continued to be a great comfort to me. Especially at this time. You see that after 57 years of a wonderful marriage I've lost my partner. I am now a widower. This does not mean that I am finished but rather the beginning of a new adventure.

We stand at the threshold of some exciting happenings for St. Philip's. We must continue the dream. Now in the throes of new construction and expansion we have been given the unique gift of feeding our sheep as Jesus himself has instructed us. It is time for all of us to step up to the plate, swing and bring a homerun by continuing the work He has started in us.

Come and visit, the coffee pot is always on.

Raul A. Jackson



2024 Vacation Bible School

St. Philip's Vacation Bible School was a huge success with over eighty students and dozens of adult and youth helpers. The week of July 22 - 25 the church was full of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. This year our VBS Hero Hotline gave new meaning to what super heroes really are. We learned about ordinary people in the Bible that did amazing things. The children learned that by following Jesus, working together, helping others, and showing grace we all can be super heroes! We also talked about hero's in our community such as teachers, nurses, firefighters, and police officers. The children made flowers during crafts that were put into baskets and delivered to local hero's. We even got to meet firefighters and a police officer on Thursday after closing. For our offering this year we collected six boxes of food and \$152 to donate to our local food for the kid's program. Thanks to everyone involved in Bible school. It definitely is an outreach ministry for our congregation.





2024 September

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p>2</p> <p>LABOR DAY Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 AM First Day 1-1H Preschool 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Fellowship Ministry 8:00 PM Worship & Music Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 AM First Day 2nd-4th Preschool 6:45 PM Confirmation Orientation</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 PM Do Days</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Open Air Bible Class</p>
<p>8</p> <p>RALLY DAY 9:30 AM Worship / Tenderheart Baptism / Blessing of the Backsack / 3y' odds & 2nd Graders Receive Bible 10:40 AM Prca LWR School Supply Bags 10:40 AM Rally Day Advisors</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM CLM 6:15 PM Youthful Rogues 6:30 PM Fellowship Ministry 7:00 PM Joy/PwB Rogues</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 3:30 PM Unity 5:30 PM Prayer Team 6:00 PM Stewardship Ministry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 5:15 PM Church Choir 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:45 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>TBD Safe Funeral 11:45 AM Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Newspaper Deadline 9:30 AM Worship 10:40 AM Adult Forum 10:40 AM Sunday School 6:30 PM Campfire Conversations</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Council 6:15 PM Youthful Rogues 7:00 PM Joy/PwB Rogues</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:30 PM Unity 5:00 PM Philadelphe Planning</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:15 PM Church Choir 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:45 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 AM WELCA Meeting / Circle Bible Study 1:00 PM Do Days</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship 10:40 AM Adult Forum 10:40 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Spiritual Growth 6:15 PM Youthful Rogues 7:00 PM Joy/PwB Rogues</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:30 PM Unity</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Chapel @ Oak Ridge 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 5:15 PM Church Choir 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:45 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship 10:40 AM Adult Forum 10:40 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:15 PM Youthful Rogues 7:00 PM Joy/PwB Rogues</p>	<p>Oct 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
Notes						

Worship Leaders September 2024

	September 1 9:30	September 8 Rally Sunday 9:30	September 15 9:30	September 22 9:30	September 29 9:30
Worship Coordinator	Katy Lindberg Glenda Schnirring	Jay & Becky Raimann	Sadie Reiners Mary Rock	Bob & Susan Cruse	Michelle Carlson Judy Hansen
Greeter	Wayne & Beth Fahlstrom Jon Faust	Dan Strehlow	Marita Legreid	Lois Wroge	Gerri Lundby Tracy Pavelka
Usher	Dan Thomas Steve Wolverton	Kent & Pam Hoffman	Al & Gail Carstensen	Tim & Emily Preston	Darryl & Camille Nelson
Lector	Darla Kimmes		Geneva Weisser	Marjorie Peterson	Katy Lindberg
Communion Bread	Lori Best	Becky Raimann	Deborah Dreher	Marjorie Peterson	Lisa Bergert
Communion Wine	Michelle Carlson Darla Kimmes	Barb Jorenby Cheryl Bullington	Patty Todnem Marita Legreid	Lois Wroge Darlene Olson	Glenda Schnirring Katy Lindberg
Acolyte					
Offering Counters	Judy Hansen Denny Kohn	Pam Hoffman Mary Rock	Deb Frandrup Deborah Dreher	Ron Toppin Bob Cruse	Judy Hansen Denny Kohn
Prayer Team	Vonnie Olson	Barb Jorenby	Gerl Holmseth	Judy Werner	Vonnie Olson
Altar Guild					
Music Leader/Cantor	Maria Gathje Noreen Swanson	Kelsey Wormley Sam Willis/ VBS children	Unity Noreen Swanson/ Unity	Jan Kochendorfer Noreen Swanson/ young children's choir	Ryan Hummel Noreen Swanson/ Bells
Organist/ Musicians					

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,

YouTube and Facebook)

Sunday Education Hour:

Adult Forum at 10:40 am

Sunday School at 10:40 am

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