

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 2024

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

High School Laser Tag Event ~ October 13
7-8:30 pm

Campfire Conversations ~ October 20
6-7 pm

Trunk or Treat ~ October 26
3:30-5 pm

Reformation / Confirmation Sunday ~ October 27
9:30 am

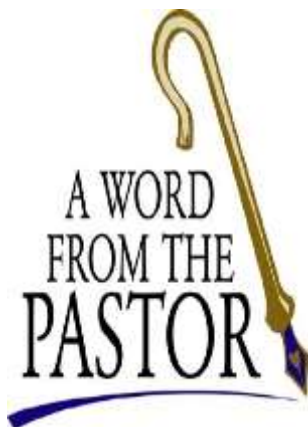
Downtown Halloween Family Event ~ October 27
2-5 pm

Preschool Culver's Night ~ October 28
5-7 pm

Feed My Starving Children ~ October 30
7-8:30 pm

Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me.

Numbers 11:11-14



I have a confession to make to you. On occasion, I have been guilty of sin that has plagued men and women whom God has called to serve God's people since the time of Moses. It is a sin that I first noticed while I was serving in my first call at the Three Point Parish of Bethany, Immanuel and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Cashton, Wisconsin.

I can say that through the help and support of many caring friends, I am catching myself much earlier than before, but it is ever there if I let my guard down. The sin of which I speak is the sin of trying to be responsible for every aspect of the life and ministry of the Church, and then getting upset with God when things do not get done or start to fall apart or do not go the way I envisioned them going.

For Moses, this frustration came to a head when, even though God had provided manna for the people to eat, they were not satisfied and wanted meat. The people started whining, "Remember how great it was when we were slaves in Egypt and all the great food we had?" This was too much for Moses and he throws a little tantrum before God, essentially saying, "What did I ever do to you that you would lay the burden of this people on me?"

However, Moses missed the point, just as every pastor and priest has missed it since that time. Namely, it is not about us and we were never meant to do it alone. God had Moses gather seventy elders

and place his spirit upon them so that they would all provide leadership and ministry in God's name serving God's people.

In the same way, God continues to call and empower people in God's church. At St. Philip's Lutheran Church, we are blessed with a gifted council and strong ministry teams that serve in the areas of worship, faith formation, stewardship, fellowship, human resources, finance, property care and technology. We also have devoted Sunday School and confirmation teachers, along with dedicated women and men who work to support the ministry of Hastings Family Service, Meals on Wheels, Food4Kids, Quilts and school kits for Lutheran World Relief, and many others!

Next month, on November 3, there will be a Ministry Opportunity Fair where our ministry teams and serving groups will share what is involved in their sphere of ministry. This is an outstanding opportunity to find a place where your talents and passions can connect with others while serving in and beyond our congregation. During this time, we each are called to look at how God is asking us to use and share our gifts and passions and talents.

Perhaps serving on one of our ministry teams appeals to you. You can help make decisions that impact our faith community. Most teams meet monthly, and it is rare for a meeting to exceed an hour. Maybe serving on a team doesn't appeal to you but you would like to plug in to a single event and serve there. Or maybe you feel drawn to a more "behind the scenes" ministries such as our altar guild, (after all those communion cups don't fill themselves,) or helping us with our social media presence, or keeping care of our building and grounds. There are also "once-a-year" opportunities such as serving on our audit team or nominating committee or as a synod assembly delegate. By investing yourself in our ministry, you will receive dividends in new friendships and a greater appreciation of all that God is doing in and through St. Philip's!

None of us can do this alone, and if we try, like Moses, we will quickly become overwhelmed. But when we all work together it is amazing what God has and will continue to do in us and through us! Thanks be to God!

*Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Geier*

Preschool Chatter

Just like that 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 thirty-six students. Eight of our children come five days a week, which means we have forty-three of our preschool spots full. These numbers are less than last year but did take a little jump the last week of August which was great. We are so excited for this school year and the opportunities we have with these thirty-six students!

September themes included: 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-five 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. 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.

Becky Kaphing and Lorelei Rein
Preschool Co-Directors

Thank You!

Thanks to your giving and support, brand new school supplies will be in the hands of 266 children through Lutheran World Relief! Many thanks for supply and monetary donations and your hands-on assembling, checking, packing, taping, labeling and box-hefting on Rally Day. You did it!

Jan Kochendorfer and Jennie Thomas

Thanks to all of you for completing our youth ministry surveys in the month of September! Our Discovery Team is currently reviewing responses and considering next steps for long term ministry models and staffing.

– Among Our Own –

Congratulations...

Thomas Joshua Torbenson (son of Josh and Ana Torbenson) blessings on his baptism

Jay and Jane Hammes on their 40th wedding anniversary on October 13

Ryan and Tami Bernt on their 20th anniversary on October 18

Kurt and Camille Johnson Oster on their 5th anniversary on October 18

Eric and Erica Best on their 5th wedding anniversary on October 19

Tom and Kim Hoffbeck on their 30th anniversary on October 22

Sympathies...

Raul Jackson and family as they mourn the death of his sister Norma Jackson

Dick Dirks and family as they mourn the death of Solveig Dirks

Lista Klocow and her family as they mourn the death of her mother, Belva Domogalla

Sunday Scripture Readings

October 6	Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 1.1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10: 2-16
October 13	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15. Hebrews 4:12-16. Mark 10:17-31
October 20	Isaiah 53:4-12 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
October 27	Jeremiah 31:31-35 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

Giving and Expense

2024	2023
August 2024 YTD General & Misc Giving	
* \$511,328.64	\$324,387.07
August 2024 YTD Capital Fund	
* \$107,770.50	\$104,171.50
August 2024 YTD Expenses	
* \$396,533.67	\$372,479.41
Net	
\$222,565.47	\$56,079.16
August 2024 YTD Mortgage Principal Required	
\$62,385.18	\$59,962.99

* Includes "Complete the Dream" Giving and Expense



We are excited to be having our third annual church/preschool wide trunk or treat

event. On Saturday, October 26 from 3:30-5:00 pm we are looking for members to set up their cars in the parking lot and hand out treats. You can decorate your car, dress up, set up a game, or just bring a lawn/treats/ and a smile. All families are invited to come and trick or treat. For this event we will also be collecting for the Food4Kids program. We are looking for items that can be sent home with school agers on the weekends. Examples would be soups, mac and cheese cups, oatmeal, breakfast bars, etc.

Culvers Night

St. Philip's Preschool has been invited to do one of Culvers community events. St. Philip's teachers will be there on October 28 from 5-7 pm delivering the food to the people. Preschool will get 10% of the sales during this event. So please get some yummy food and support our preschool!



Affirmation of Baptism Celebration (Confirmation) will be October 27 at our 9:30 am Reformation

worship service! Join our Confirmands and their families in worship to celebrate this important faith milestone!

High School Fellowship Event

All 9th-12th graders are invited to our first High School Ministry event of the school year: Laser Tag! On Sunday, October 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm, we will have areas around St. Philip's set up for outdoor games of laser tag. Snacks will be provided also. Sign up using this QR code.



Confirmation SERVING Event!

Wednesday October 30

6:15-9:00 pm



Come join our confirmation students as we make a difference by packing meals for hungry neighbors around the world! Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children is a great team-building experience. Enjoy working together to save lives and feed kids in a positive, energetic, and team-focused environment. We have 8-10 extra slots available.

If you have already participated in a FMSC event, then you know how much fun it is. If you have not done this yet, now is the time! Those who want to will meet at the church to form carpools and leave at 6:15 pm. Otherwise plan on being at 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136 in Eagan by 7:00 pm. Our slot to learn and work is from 7:00-8:30 pm and we hope to be back at the church around 9:00 pm.

Sunday School & Confirmation Sign Up

If your child (Pre-K through eighth grade) is interested in participating in our weekly ministry programs, but is not enrolled yet, it is not too late! Please reach out to Nick at nickc@splchastings.org for more information.

Stewardship Comments

One of the goals of our stewardship mission here at St. Philip's is to make stewardship a "way of life". We often think of money when the word is mentioned, but it also involves the giving of our time and talents. If you have noticed our sign on the corner of Pleasant and 15th you will see that flowers were planted and the weeds have been removed so that you can once again see flowers. This sign and corner is a window to Hastings and all who pass by this corner. We owe it to ourselves and to the neighborhood to continue to have this area in prime condition. A big "shout out" goes to Nikki Glade and the Fahlstroms for take this task upon themselves. Thank you Nikki, Wayne and Beth.

Downtown Halloween Family Event

St. Philip's will again participate in the Downtown Halloween Family Event, held on Sunday, October 27 from 2-5 pm. We have been part of this outreach beyond our church walls for many years. This is a great time for families to be involved in community ministry outreach, confirmation students, high school, and families together.

We really need volunteers to help transport supplies from church, set up, greet, and serve, and clean up. We need donations: (14) 37 Ounce (8 cups) containers of Swiss Miss Hot Cocoa Mix; (10) bags of mini marshmallows, and (16) bags of seventy-five pieces bags of candy. Please sign up on kiosk. Donations can be dropped off by office until October 23.

Food Rescue is Making a Difference!

The food rescue program at Hastings Family Service is making a difference, and you helped with this! Thousands of pounds of food are saved from the landfill every month and given to neighbors in need in Hastings. Food comes in from three grocery stores and is sorted to ensure that it is still good. St. Philip's volunteers sort through it and organize it by date to go out. Produce that looks a bit downtrodden and food that is expired is separated and now goes to a local pig farmer who is disposing of it by feeding it to his pigs. This is a win-win for everyone!

Thanks to all who are helping with this effort three Monday's a month. Four volunteers do the work with the assistance of one lead volunteer from our church. Watch for the sign-up genius in your email. If you do not know how to sign up, ask Lista in the office or contact Cindy Toppin at 651-353-7143. It generally takes two hours, from 10:00 am-12 pm on the second, third and fourth Mondays of the month. New volunteers above the age of eighteen are always welcome.



Campfire Conversations

October 20
6:00-7:00 pm!

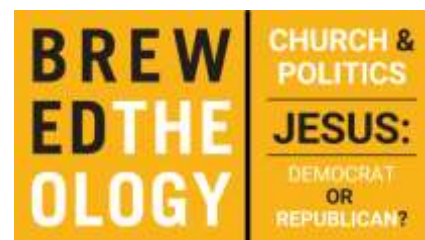


Conventional wisdom says, "Whatever you do, don't talk about politics or religion!" On October 20 we will be doing both. A spoiler on the title on whether Jesus is a Democrat or Republican (neither!), and whether our faith should inform how we vote (absolutely!) There was admittedly some incredulity when I introduced this topic. But this is why we need to talk about this: people assume we cannot. This is incorrect. And the inability to even talk about politics is hurting us as a people. Folks often comment on how "divided we are right now," but when presented with an opportunity to engage in healthy dialogue they often do not.

Politics is something we should be able to talk about especially in relation to our faith, but if you are thinking you are going to come and put someone in their place or get a political "win" out of it, please skip this one. If you think a guided dialogue might help you see our democracy and political culture through the lens of faith, this might be the Campfire Conversation for you.

As election season approaches, this is a good opportunity to remind everyone - Democrats and Republicans (and those of us who are neither) - that we want to keep Jesus in mind as we go to vote and remember that our love for Jesus and each other is greater than any political difference.

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 or contact the church office.



PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE TO AVOID FINISHING IN THE DARK!

October Adult Forum

During 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.



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, New York

This is the final segment. The full 90 minutes webinar can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei651av4xmY>

October 13 - End of Life Decision-making and Advance Care Planning [ACP]

St. Olaf College student program and interest

Northfield ACP and Aid in Dying Group

Possible end-of-life scenarios

Advance care planning

Mary S. Carlsen, MSW, LISW, Professor Emeritus

Social Work and Family Studies

St. Olaf College, Northfield

October 20 - Planning the Final Life Celebration and Memorial Ceremony

What does a funeral director/funeral home do?

Service options

Anonymous questions about burial / cremation / funerals

Elise Schumacher, Pre-Planning Specialist at Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel, Hastings

October 27 - End of life options, the Theological Point-of-View

What does the Bible say?

How does taking one's own life fit into the faith community?

Open discussion

Pastor Greg Geier

Stewardship Theme for 2025

"Abiding in God's Abundance" is the theme that will penetrate St. Philip's congregational surroundings in this final quarter of 2024. The Stewardship Ministry Team has engaged fellow members to offer temple talks, plus screen and bulletin messages on "Abiding in God's Abundance." The effort will set the stage for Stewardship Sunday which will be Sunday, December 8, followed by a complimentary fun and fruitful pancake/sausage breakfast.



We express abundance at St. Philip's through our giving of time, talents, and resources. Seen pictured is the "joy of giving" as expressed by our children during the receiving of the worship service offering.



**NOVEMBER 3 AFTER WORSHIP!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know someone who is struggling with loneliness? a physical or mental health problem? a difficult relationship? You can share God's love by giving them a prayer shawl as a tangible reminder that God loves them, and so do you! These shawls are available in the Narthex; they were created with prayer and love.



Mark Your Calendars - Philadazzle!

Christmas Around the World is our theme for Philadazzle 2024 on December 1 as we usher in Advent and get ready for the Christmas Season.

Chris Falteisek, music director at Christ's Episcopal Church in Woodbury, will entertain us with music and stories of Christmas Around the World. Ptacek's will provide us with dishes familiar for the season and maybe something new to add to the festivities!

Invite a friend or neighbor, come on your own and meet new friends, come for a date with your Honey! Watch for ticket sales and more information in weeks ahead!

Philadazzle Planning Committee
Camille Nelson, chair

The 2024 "Complete the Dream" Construction Project Concludes

It comes with humble joy and total satisfaction to report that the construction and finishing enhancements of the formerly unfinished southwest wing of the church is complete and ready for occupancy. An orderly plan to move into the new rooms will begin soon.

The pledge campaign for the project was totally fulfilled at 100% by 104 giving units over a six-week period, resulting in a "paid in full" accomplishment.

Stotko Speedling Construction began its work the last week of July, with a St. Philip's "walk through" taking place at the end of September.

The beautiful new space provides a new pastor's office, an office manager's office and reception area, along with a treasurer's office, workroom, and an office for a future Children and Family Ministry individual.

A most sincere thank you, is extended from the "Complete the Dream" coordinating team, Bruce Akins, Deborah Dreher, Glenda Schnirring and Dave Tank.

Quilts

St. Philip's Do Day team works at quilt making every third Thursday at 1 pm. Pictured are Barb Jorenby and Darla Kimmes boxing up twelve recently completed quilts which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Jennie Thomas leads this outreach mission.



Keeping Connected

I would like to introduce myself to our congregation at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. I am Jeannie Evans and several of you are already familiar with me, from when me and my family joined the church several years ago. Some of you know me from being a foster mom. You will also see me sitting in the front pew on Sundays.



To give you a little update on my life, I have finally retired from foster care after 44 years. Now, I am learning to deal with the empty nest syndrome. Actually, Kasilu moved back home, so now it's just the two of us. For my own personal enjoyment, I bowl in a Women's Senior League on Tuesday mornings at Park Grove Bowl, and on Saturday mornings I coordinate the Junior Bowling League there too.

Forty-three years ago is when I was first introduced to the Lutheran religion. I helped a friend teach Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Welch. A favorite song we sang, and I still think of it often, is "I Am the Church! You are the Church!" The words are as follows:

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.

Thinking of this song, makes me think about our church. I think about the many options available in our church. Some things I have chosen to help with is serving pie at the LeDuc Mansion this past summer. I am on the Stewardship Committee, worked on the Blood Drive, and participated with the Garage and Plant Sale. I was a greeter, packed food for Feed My Starving Children, worked the Pancake Breakfast in December, and I take advantage of the many church members that share their garden surplus. I have also bought coffee to be served after service with our donut holes. There are so many different ways to volunteer at our church.

If you are looking for some way to volunteer at church, just contact Glenda Schnirring, or the church office. You will then be directed to the correct person or committee leader.

That is exactly what our calling is from God. I know God has given my family and yours a variety of gifts and circumstances to serve others and to accomplish the work you have called me to do. Amen

Hello from the Klos family,

Last time we shared about our family sometime in the days of 2021, I talked about how God has a plan and how it was evident in our path that led us here. I was recently reminded of how this was even my confirmation verse (Jeremiah 29:11) and as I sit and write, I am reminded yet again just how very true that is. As you may know, Jordan and I both grew up in Northern Wisconsin in a small town called Merrill, where we met playing soccer as high schoolers. We married in 2010. After college, we moved around thru Minnesota and Wisconsin, following careers and locating near family when our kids were born.



It was a career that again brought us back to Minnesota in 2017 when Jordan was accepted into the air traffic control academy, passed his placement exams, and took an opening at the ZMP Farmington air center. After what is joked to be the longest training stint ever Jordan passed his final certification to be a fully certified Air Traffic Controller in early summer of 2023. It was a long road for him and our family, full of moments of great excitement and at times exhaustion unknown and hurdles like never experienced before. To say I am proud of all the growth and hard work he put in to make this happen does not even begin to convey enough. When not at work Jordan is often found doing projects at home, wood working and DIY, or taking in a movie.

Connor is now a fifth grader at Randolph Elementary school. He is an avid math enthusiast and has a new-found love of reading. He is a great student, eager to learn and ready to strike up a conversation. He participates most passionately in soccer, where we

have been a part of the HFC traveling team for the last year, and rec league a few years before that. When not playing soccer, Connor has a love of music arts. He has been playing piano for three years now, sings in choir at school and church, has performed in two elementary theater productions, and is starting band at school this fall.

Mackenzie started third grade this fall, also at Randolph Elementary. The definition of social butterfly, she is friends with all and knows everyone, not just in third grade but ranging all the way to high school age (perks of a K-12 campus I guess) she is an avid reader, loves to learn and loves all things art. She is always drawing, crafting, and creating. Mackenzie is also a driven soccer player, trying out her first year as a travel player with HFC.

It has been so fun to share the sport that brought Jordan and I together now playing on the field with our kids. We have been known to coach and team manage or just be seen out at the fields kicking a ball around (yes, often barefoot ;) while the kids have practices.

As for Jen, I am still working my job in accounting for the last 7 years, serving charter and traditional schools in the state of Minnesota. I promoted to supervisor and a member of our leadership team, shaping the direction and vision of our division a little over two years ago. The work is challenging, but rewarding, and I have a great team I work with virtually, all from the comfort of home. Our two young dogs, Griffin, and Maverick, especially like this perk of the job!

This winter, I was faced with some health problems, and a herniated disc in my lower back was wreaking havoc on my leg, nerves, and general function. It was some of the most challenging months I have ever faced. Not many know, because, as much as I can blab on about most things, I do not like to dwell on what I feel is negative or focus much on me. With the wonderful support of friends right here in our church family (who worked the details out of me with the help of my mom and shared lovingly with others within the church), they supported me and the family thru these months and the back surgery that I ended up having in late April. I am so grateful for all the people as stubborn as I, who wanted to help and showed up, even when not asked. From visits, to cards, to rides for kids, to the many prayers, it sure is humbling to feel that kind of love.

I am happy to report that I am back in full motion since mid-June and feeling great. God is so good!

With love, Jen, Jordan, Connor and Mackenzie

Faith Statements Continue



Reed Anderson, who will be Confirmed in October, provided his faith statement at the September 15 worship service. Reed expressed his thanks to Confirmation teachers, Carlos Villavicencio, Kristian Ronning, and Pastor Geier, along with his mentor Katy Lindberg.



Megan Sieben will be in St. Philip's 2024 Confirmation Class which will be observed at the end of October. Megan delivered a beautiful faith statement naming her Bible verse and her many experiences in the congregation, such as being a regular acolyte many times. We look forward to her big day.

New Member

Omitted from the September Newsletter on new members is **Austin Pavel**, who joined St. Philip's on July 14. A Sunday morning job prevented him from being in attendance.



Bringing Our Children to the Font

Baptizing a child or adult of any age into our church family is uplifting and gives us all a new sense of responsibility as we keep that new fellow member in our prayers. As a congregation to promise to support that child in his new life in Christ and support the parents and sponsors as they fulfill their promises. It was a thrill to do just that for Thomas Joshua who was recently baptized at St. Philip's



Augsburg Centennial Singers

The Augsburg Centennial Singers are a 43-voice male chorus. These "Men of Faith Passing on the Faith Through Songs of Praise" come from various walks of life drawn together by their love of singing. They will be presenting a concert on Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 pm at St. Philip's Lutheran Church.

The Centennial Singers are directed by Richard (Dick) Duncan. After graduating from Augsburg College, Dick earned a master's degree in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary. He is the fourth director of the chorus, and he also serves as organist for Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church.

The group was formed in 1993 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first gospel quartet from Augsburg College to sing in Norway. The Singers have traveled to present concerts in Norway, Florida, and the Southwestern United States throughout its history.

Music for the concert includes familiar hymns, songs of praise, gospel selections and patriotic music. Come and enjoy an evening of stimulating music!

Website: www.centennialsingers.org

Facebook: [Augsburg Centennial Singers Group](https://www.facebook.com/AugsburgCentennialSingersGroup)

Opening the Bible

On Saturday, September 7, third graders and their parents participated in a morning of fun that introduced the Bible and helped them to learn why and how to read Scripture. They gathered together and spent the morning learning.



Quilt Sale

Your Do Day crew is having its second annual quilt sale on Saturday, November 23 in conjunction with the annual bake and soup sale. Most of the quilts we make are donated. But some quilts are available to you.

Sizes: This year there are more sizes, from table toppers to queen size, including twin XL for college students!

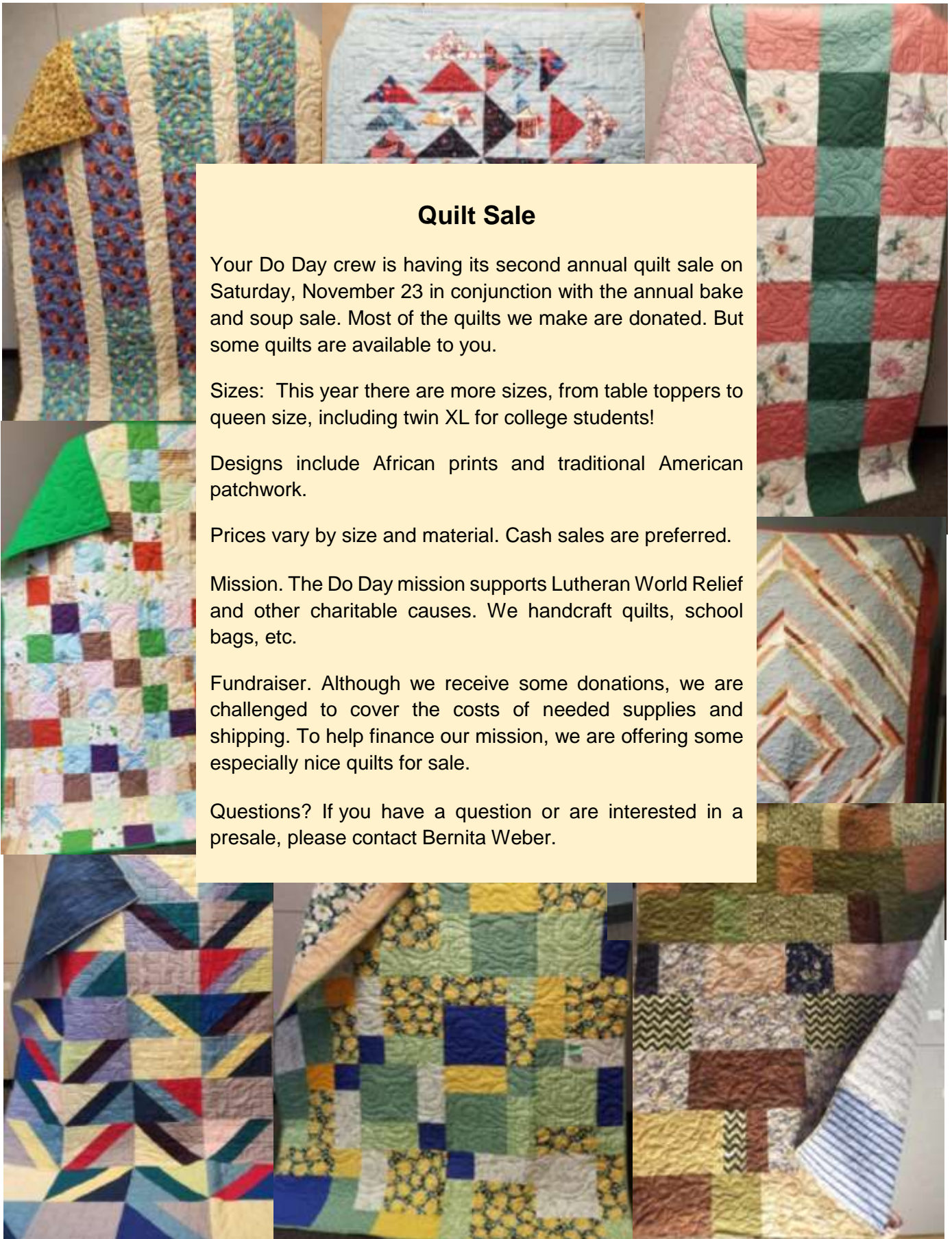
Designs include African prints and traditional American patchwork.

Prices vary by size and material. Cash sales are preferred.

Mission. The Do Day mission supports Lutheran World Relief and other charitable causes. We handcraft quilts, school bags, etc.

Fundraiser. Although we receive some donations, we are challenged to cover the costs of needed supplies and shipping. To help finance our mission, we are offering some especially nice quilts for sale.

Questions? If you have a question or are interested in a presale, please contact Bernita Weber.



Rally Day ~ Backpack Filling ~ Blessing of Backpacks ~ Receiving Bibles

Rally Day on September 8 was the kick-off for the new year of fun and learning. During worship was a blessing of backpacks and awarding of children's Bibles to our 3-year-old members and Bibles to our 3rd Graders. After worship we gathered outside for all sorts of fun activities including bounce-house, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, popcorn and more. Assembling of the school kits for Lutheran World Relief also happened.

A prayerful dedication was included in the prayers on September 15, for the 266 school back packs for Lutheran World Relief's global outreach. Thanks are expressed for the donations of hundreds of content items and financial support from both St. Philip's members and Thrivent Financial for the kits themselves. Jennie Thomas and Jan Kochendorfer took the lead on this annual mission project which resulted in an abundant result.



During Children's time, Pastor Geier is providing a "cross bookmark" to be used in their own books and in the Bible's stacked on the altar, ready for distribution



Nick Clark and Becky Kaphing read responsively the prelude to presenting the Bible's to each family present of a 3-year-old or a third grader



Parents are at the altar receiving their encouragement to put the newly presented Bibles into daily use in their child's life

While backpack stuffing was enjoyed by all members and ages, it was even more fun to see it become a family affair for others.



Vanessa Haltvick guides her children through the "pack the Packs" line which totaled 266 backpacks



Ellie Lundstrom and son enjoy filling backpacks for Lutheran World Relief



Closing each box was a major effort done by Chuck Clanton and Steve Wolverton

A long line of St. Philip's volunteers carefully put items the necessary items in each backpack. People at the end checked each bag for accuracy



Dave Weisser, Richard Beatty, and project leader, Jan Kochendorfer place 11 or 12 of the 266 backpacks in each box for shipment to Lutheran



266 LWR school kits completed - two more than last year! Way to go, St. Philip's!



The carefree jumping in this enclosed inflatable allowed these boys to be as active as they wanted



Older kids enjoyed the basketball hoops

2024 October

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Sep 30	1	2	3	4	5
		10:00 AM Newsletter Assembly 3:30 PM Unity 5:00 PM Fellowship Ministry 7:00 PM Video Service	5:15 PM Church Choir 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:45 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	11:00 AM Do Days Lunch 1:00 PM Do Days		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 AM Worship 10:40 AM Adult Forum 10:40 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Faith Formation 3:00 PM Augsburg Centennial Bingers 6:30 PM Scouts	1:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM CMT	3:30 PM Unity 5:30 PM Prayer Team 6:00 PM Stewardship Ministry 6:00 PM Worship & Music Ministry 7:00 PM Choral Ensemble Practice	5:15 PM Church Choir 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Choir Support 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:45 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	9:30 AM WELCA Meeting / Circle Bible Study 11:45 AM Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee		9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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RECORDED 9:30 AM Worship / Confirmation 10:40 AM Adult Forum 10:40 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Downtown Halloween 6:30 PM Scouts	1:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Preschool Culinary Night 6:00 PM Adult Spiritual Growth 6:15 PM Youthful Bingers 7:00 PM AALLW 7:00 PM Joyful Bingers	3:30 PM Unity	5:15 PM Church Choir 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Confirmation / Feed by Serving Children	10:30 AM Preschool Halloween Party		
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Worship Leaders

October 2024

	October 6 9:30 AM	October 13 9:30 AM	October 20 9:30 AM	October 27 Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday 9:30 AM
Worship Coordinator	Jay & Becky Raimann	Darla Kimmes Glenda Schnirring	Bruce & Brenda Arndtson	Connie Ball Mary Rock
Greeter	Todd & Julie Sieben Family	Mary Charlson Janice Dahl	Tom & Cheryl Bullington	Confirmands
Usher	Bruce & Brenda Arndtson	Denny Kohn Katy Lindberg	Ron & Cindy Toppin	Lance & Lois Twedt
Lector		Wes Ask	Tom Bullington	Geneva Weisser
Communion Bread	Barb Jorenby	Marge Peterson	Lori Best	Becky Raimann
Communion Wine	Doug & Danna Schultz	Lisa Bergert Glenda Schnirring	Marita Legreid David Weisser Richard Beatty	Deborah Dreher Judy Werner
Acolyte	Brock Lundstrom Tor Ronning	Payton Perseke Parker Perseke	Owen Tireman	Greta Sieben Violet Sieben
Offering Counters	Pam Hoffman Mary Rock	Deb Frandrup Deborah Dreher	Ron Toppin Bob Cruse	Judy Hansen Denny Kohn
Prayer Team	Barb Jorenby	Geri Holmseth	Judy Werner	Vonnie Olson
Altar Guild				
Music Leader/Cantor	Emily Wormley	Choral Ensemble	Unity	Lori Best
Organist/Musicians	Children's Choir/ Sam Willis	Noreen Swanson/ Choral Ensemble	Noreen Swanson/ Unity	Noreen Swanson/ Bells

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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Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday Worship Service:

In Person and Livestream Worship at 9:30 am

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Sunday Education Hour:

Adult Forum at 10:40 am

Sunday School at 10:40 am

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