

# The Philippian

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Philip's Lutheran Church of Hastings, Minnesota

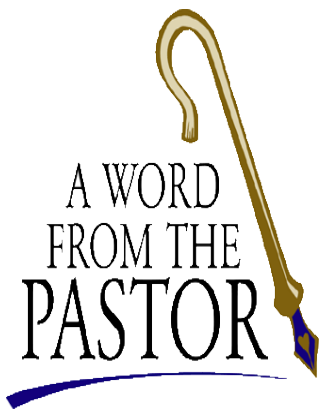
Come and Worship...Come and Serve...Come and Learn...Come as you are  
*...Philip said to him, "Come and see" John 1:46*

**March 2026**



So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and they said, "Give glory to God! We know this man [Jesus] is a sinner." He answered, "I don't know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

#### John 9:24-25



Amazing Grace is a favorite hymn of many. So much so that it is often used at funerals to celebrate God's grace. Who among us does not enjoy singing, "I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see"?

Part of this verse is almost a direct quote of someone who was born blind whom Jesus healed. It is a powerful witness and example to follower of Jesus almost 2,000 years later.

First all, as we look at the larger story, we see that this man doesn't have all the answers and doesn't pretend to have them. When the Pharisees call him to interrogate him a second time, and asserts that Jesus is a sinner, the formerly blind man doesn't argue. "I do not know whether he is a sinner," he says. This man actually knows very little about Jesus. There is no indication that he had ever crossed paths with Jesus

prior to his healing and when it came to his healing, he didn't even ask to be healed!

This is a good lesson for all of us when we think we need to have all the answers before we share our faith. We reason with ourselves that we should know the Bible better than we do or we should be more familiar with "churchy words" theology before we share our faith. However, this is simply not true!

What the formerly blind man witnesses so well for all of us is his willingness to share the difference Jesus made in his life. He didn't talk about any of his teachings or parable or other miracles. He didn't try to convince the Pharisees or anyone else that Jesus was the Son of God or the Light of the world.

He simply shared to the best of his ability what Jesus had done for him. He shared what he knew to be true and would not be shaken from that truth and through faith came to believe that "if this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

Each one of us has a unique story to share just as the man who was born blind but was now healed had to share. We don't need to have all the answers or be Biblical or theological scholars. We only need the willingness and courage to share the difference our Savior has made in our lives. The difference knowing we are loved and forgiven and saved by grace make in the way we relate to each other.

I am not saying sharing what you believe is easy or that you won't eventually face opposition. (After all, the man in our lesson was driven out of the synagogue for sharing what Jesus did for him.) What I am say is that your story is yours and your witness is powerful because it is yours. No one else knows how important Jesus is to you or the difference his unconditional love has made in your life unless you share that Good News! Thank you for your witness!

*Your Servant in Christ,*

*Pastor Geier*



about registration please feel free to call or email Becky or Lorelei at [preschool@splchastings.org](mailto:preschool@splchastings.org)

A note for all our Raise Right Supporters: Raise Right orders will be due on March 23rd due to staff being gone for spring break the week that they are normally due. We greatly appreciate everyone who supports this program. Here is a list of everything that has been provided so far this year by Raise Right funds: all the craft supplies for this year, handwriting without tears workbooks for our pre-k students, supplies for all our holiday parties, Christmas and Valentines gifts for our students, our required health nurse visit, the bus and admission for our spring field trip, special activities like making ice cream, and new toys/books for our classroom. Thank you all for making a huge difference for our program!

As always thank you for all your prayers and support!

Our little program really appreciates being able to be part of the St. Philip's community and being able to reach out to teach the children of Hastings for 40 years now.

Becky and Lorelei

## Preschool Chatter

This school year sure is flying by as we enter our seventh month of the school year.

Our February fun including learning about kindness and love while celebrating Valentine's day. Other themes this month included ice cream, winter Olympics, and dental health. Some of our highlights this month included making our own ice cream, an obstacle course for the winter Olympic theme, and of course our Valentine's day parties! We are also very excited to have local children's author Tori Jurgens come read her new book to us Feb 26/27.

Registration for next school year is in full swing. We will have morning classes from 9am-12pm on M/W/F, T/Th, and the option of M-F. Forms can be found on the preschool tab of the church website or on the welcome center. If you or your family, neighbors, or friends have a preschooler, invite them to join us for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have any questions

### Adult Forums for March

March 1: Pastor Kirsten Levorson, Director of Bega Kwa Bega, freshly back from Tanzania, will join us with the latest news on what our Synod partnership with the Iringa Diocese of the Tanzanian Lutheran Church is doing.

March 8: Dr. Ken Olson, from Shoulder to Shoulder, the medical affiliate of Bega Kwa Bega, will join us to discuss what this medical partnership between Minnesota physicians, started by Hastings' own, Drs. Gary Moody and Randy Hurley, is doing at the Iliia Hospital and elsewhere in the Iringa Diocese.

March 15: Caryn Josephson, chair of the Synod Iringa Committee, will join us to discuss in more detail her experience in a Minnesota congregation with a longstanding relationship with congregations in the Iringa Diocese through Bega Kwa Bega.

March 22: Please join us for another lively discussion from a Biblical perspective led by Chuck Clanton of a topic in the current news, inspired by the Wire Word.

March 29: Ever done an Escape Room? Whether or not, come join us for a Biblical adventure as we use clues from the Bible to solve the riddles needed to “escape”.



### Synod Summer Internships

*Applications Now Accepted!*

The synod is now accepting applications for the third summer of its internship program for young adults ages 17-21. Up to 10 interns will serve at sites that focus on feeding the hungry, working with refugee/immigrant populations, social work, working with children, community gardening or working with the elderly. The interns will receive a \$4,000 stipend, funded by the synod's Planting Hope Campaign, while working 20-24 hours per week, June 9-Aug. 22. The interns will also meet weekly as a group for learning, conversation and worship. Applications will be reviewed as they are received so early applications provide the best opportunity for selection.

This great program provides young people a meaningful summer work experience, along with an opportunity to learn, serve and reflect. Pastor Bristol Reading, who serves as the pastor at St. Luke in St. Paul, will again coordinate this program. For more information and an application form, go to:

<https://spas-elca.org/summer-internships/>

The application process is open until March 27. Applications will be reviewed as they are received so apply as early as possible for the best match to your interests.



<b>GIVING AND EXPENSE</b>	
<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
Jan 2026 YTD General & Misc Giving	
\$45,349.41	\$51,072.85
Jan 2026 YTD Capital Fund	
\$25,428.12	\$18,264.56
Jan 2026 YTD Expenses	
\$51,742.77	\$37,720.01
Net	
\$19,034.76	\$31,617.40
Jan 2026 YTD Mortgage Principal Rqrd.	
\$6,856.35	\$7,993.93

Daylight savings time begins on March 8, 2026

*Attention 5<sup>th</sup> graders: Let's talk about*



### Faith Formation Opportunity!

Every Sunday in Lent, Pastor Geier is meeting with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion during the Sunday School hour! Each week during Lent we will be using the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, skits, memorization, interactive conversations and games to hopefully gain a better understanding and appreciation of this gift from God. Even if you haven't participated before, now would be a great time to jump in. Call Pastor Geier or talk with Carlos Villavicencio or Kristian

Ronning if you have any questions. Also, on Palm Sunday we will be baking unleavened bread that we will use at our Maundy Thursday Worship!

*See you at Sunday School!*



**March 14 & 28**

If your son or daughter is asking about receiving Holy Communion, and you would like to explore the possibility, we will have a two-session preparation “class” on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> to introduce this awesome gift from God. We will then celebrate their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**2026 Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule**

**March 4**

“40 for Life - Moses: God’s Presence for Life”

**March 11**

“40 for Life - Israel: God’s Discipline for Life”

**March 18**

“40 for Life - Jonah: Repentance for Life”

**March 25**

“40 for Life - Elijah: Food for Life”

**April 2** Maundy Thursday

**April 3** Good Friday

**April 5** EASTER Worship!

8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary



**Sunday Scripture Readings**

- March 1      Genesis 12:1-4a  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17
- March 8      Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42
- March 15     1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41
- March 22     Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45
- March 29     Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 27:11-54

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**Friday Night Art Fun! March 6**

Come join us for some fun, fellowship and art on Friday, March 6, 6:30-8:30 in the fellowship hall. We'll have an opportunity to create a 12" crushed glass and resin sun catcher. We have 11 different designs to choose from including cross, flowers, animals, dragonfly and butterfly.

See the kiosk for detailed poster. We need a minimum of 10 participants, maximum of 20. Please sign up on the kiosk, but you will need to contact the instructor, Janet with your payment directly. The link is a private party just for our class. If you have questions, Emily Preston can help you get signed up. Emily's email is [epreston630@yahoo.com](mailto:epreston630@yahoo.com). A signup sheet is located on the kiosk in the Narthex. Instructor: Janet [Brushedbydesigncreations@gmail.com](mailto:Brushedbydesigncreations@gmail.com)

Facebook.com/brushedbydesigncreations Sign up at: <https://brushedbydesigncreations.com/product/0306Suncatcher/>

## Altar Flowers

In the past Cub Foods has been our flower arrangement source but they no longer have a florist on staff. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday, you can provide your own arrangement and bring it to church on Fridays (before 2 pm) or before church on Sunday. If you need a vase stop at the church and pick one up. Please let the office know if you will be providing flowers for worship so we can acknowledge that in the bulletin.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - St. Philip's will be hosting the Red Cross for a blood drive on Tuesday March 17th from 12:00-6:00 pm. You can sign up to give blood on the Red Cross webpage [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). If you would like to help at the blood drive, please contact Katy Lindberg at 651-341-2411.

## VBS Save the Date!

Save the date for our annual Vacation Bible school July 13-16 9:00-12:00 with a special church service on July 19th to celebrate our week. This is a huge outreach ministry for our community as we usually have about 80 kids join us for the week. We always have a great group of teens/adults that help with this

event and I'm hopeful for the same this year. I'm excited to announce this year's theme will be Road Trip on The Go with God! Curriculum has been ordered, a preplanning will be starting soon.



## Summer Camp

We have had some interest in attending Camp Wapo (Wapo Youth, for students in 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades) this year. We currently have a small group planning to attend the week of July 26 - 31. Please note that there will be no St. Philip's staff attending camp. Camperships are available to help with the cost of tuition. If you are interested in this opportunity, scan the QR code to connect with other parents and receive the link for early registration (spots are limited). For more information about the camp, visit [lakewapo.org](http://lakewapo.org).



## Youth Ministries Update

It is that special time of year again when we welcome young sisters and brothers in Christ to take part in their first communion. We will have two first communion classes on March 14 and March 28 from 9:30-11:30. Then the children will receive their first communion during our Maundy Thursday service on April 2. If you have a child who you feel is ready to receive their first communion or have any questions please reach out to Pastor Geier or Becky.

Upcoming March family event is going to be an afternoon of carnival type games/activities and snacks on March 28 from 3-5. We will need some volunteers to help run different game stations. If you are able to help please reach out to Becky.

## Food Drive

St. Philip's will once again be helping our neighbors in need by having our food drive for Hastings Family Service. As we have done the last few years we will be doing it for the whole month and have a spotlight items each week to help stock the food shelf.

March 1-7 We will collect breakfast items. Cereal, pancake mixes, syrups, canned fruits, flour/sugar, juices.

March 8-14 We will collect lunch item. Soups, mac and cheese, ravioli, canned tuna, peanut butter/jelly, chili, crackers.

March 15-21 We will collect dinner items. Pasta/sauce, noodles, rice, potatoes, canned meats.

March 22-28 We will collect toiletries and house hold goods. Soap, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrush, razors, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry/dish soap  
Of course any and all donations will be accepted anytime during the month.

## Easter Candy

It's that time of year again and we will once again be hosting our annual egg hunt on Easter Sunday morning between services. We are looking for bags of small wrapped candies to be stuffed into eggs. If you are able to donate please drop candy donations in the labeled box by 3/27.

## Among Our Own

*Congratulations...*

*Congratulations to all those celebrating their wedding anniversary in March. Listed below are couples reaching a special anniversary i.e. 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., 50+...*

**Dennis and Elvina Harder** on their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 23

**Paul and Sue Severson** on their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 17

**Bill and Bernita Weber** on their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 8

**Jim and Apryl Wagner** on their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 23

**Russell and Michelle Sobiech** on their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 14

## Parade of Psalms and Bells

**CALLING ALL PARADE ENTHUSIASTS.** On March 29 we are going to celebrate Palm Sunday with a parade of palms and bells. Anyone, of any age, that would like to join in free ringing a bell in the parade, please meet outside the sanctuary five minutes before the start of the 9:30 worship service. Free ringing does not require reading any music. It just takes some parade energy to ring a bell whenever you feel like ringing it during the opening hymn. Hope to see lots of you on March 29.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you, St. Philip's, for the great send-off you gave me in honor of my retiring. The service was lovely and the beautiful reception following was a great ending. I feel blessed by the kind words, well wishes, flowers, cards and gifts. I take so many memories with me. God bless.

Lista Klocow

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## From Shobi's Table

To the community of St. Philip's Lutheran Church:

I wish you could have been here to see it. Today during the lunch hour, the line was continuously 15 people deep and we did not run out! Our tables were full of people from different walks of life chatting, and filling each other in on their lives. A man who doesn't have a roof to call his own, knows that Shobi's is his home for the lunch hour. A woman who struggles to have enough to feed all her kids walks away with bags full of from-scratch, healthy means for them and a huge smile on her face.

In one moment, people's needs are met in body and soul, no matter what. Your generosity made that happen.

Thank you. You're part of something incredible.

Kari Olsen

Director & Mission Developer

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## Hastings Family Service

Dear Pastor Greg and St. Philip's Friends,  
Thank you for your helpful gift to Hastings Family Service! Your support is greatly appreciated as the need for food shelf visits, programs and services continues to grow. Currently, 28 families a day visit

the HFS food shelf for items such as rice, milk, pasta, diapers and canned goods.

With your help, we are creating a caring and connected community where our neighbors can receive assistance in meeting their basic needs. Thank you for supporting the HFS mission to provide help and hope to neighbors. You are making a difference!

Gratefully,

DawnMarie Vihrachoff  
Director of Philanthropy

## Easter Worship Leaders

Will you be worshipping here for Easter Sunday, April 5? The Worship and Music Committee seeks volunteers during both the 8:30 & 10:30 am worship services on Easter morning. Volunteers are needed for the following positions: Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Bread servers, and Communion Wine servers. Please sign up on the kiosk or contact Lori Best at: cell - 763-807-3667  
email - [loribest1@gmail.com](mailto:loribest1@gmail.com)  
Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Thanks,  
Lori Best

## The Columbarium Team

The columbarium team will be available March 8 to answer questions, etc. If you have questions, would like further information or more details about the Columbarium, put Sunday, March 8 on your calendar.

Columbarium team members will be available to answer questions and provide information at the table set up in front of the stained-glass windows. Stop by to pick up a brochure or a folder. No obligation to purchase anything or make a commitment.

Team members look forward to seeing you on Sunday, March 8!

## Questions about St. Philip's Columbarium answered

St. Philip's is a thriving and caring church community that provides for its members from birth and baptism to death and eternal life. While end of life decisions and discussions can be hard, St. Philip's provides

options on those decisions for our members with our columbarium located on the east side of the church, which many of you have seen surrounded by a peace garden for visitors.

A columbarium is a group of small compartments or niches that hold a person's cremated remains (cremains). Each niche is identified by a granite faceplate inscribed with a person's name, birthdate and death date. St. Philip's columbarium was built with funds from a member donation and is overseen by the Columbarium team. The columbarium holds 80 niches. The cremains of two people fit in each niche.

A niche can be purchased as part of end-of-life planning with an application to the church business office. Below are some frequently asked questions about pricing, eligibility, niche location and the application process to purchase niche space:

### Who is eligible to purchase a niche?

- Church members, spouses or domestic partners and family members including father, mother, brother, sister, children and grandchildren. Other individuals may be approved by the pastor and Columbarium team.

### What's the cost of a niche?

- Pricing is based on three levels, depending on location in the Columbarium rows.
- Top two rows: \$2,600.
- Following two rows: \$2,300.
- Bottom row: \$2,000.
- Prices include perpetual care, two brass urns and engraving on the name plate of up to two people.
- Engraving on the brass urns is not included in the price.

### Designed for two Urns

- Each niche is 12 by 12 by 12. Two urns provided by St. Philip's will fit in each niche.

### What are the inurnment options?

- Following a memorial service with the pastor.
- Small service with the pastor at the Columbarium.
- Private placement.

## Youth Ministries Update

### Share the Love Event...

On Friday February 13th families enjoyed a kid friendly potluck and craft night. The kids made a bunch of different crafts to spread around the church

for Sunday morning. It was so wonderful to see kids from 2.5 up to 12 playing together. Another highlight was when two of our older kids were leading a bible story and had the kids reading out of the bibles and teaching them something that they do in confirmation class. It truly was a wonderful night of sharing the love of Jesus.



## Middle School

On January 7, six Middle School students came together for an afternoon of making valentines, playing games, and enjoying fellowship with one another. The cards they made were distributed throughout the church during the February 15 service. The next Middle School event will be on Sunday, March 29 from 2-4 PM. We will be dying and decorating Easter eggs. At the end of the event, we will have an egg hunt!



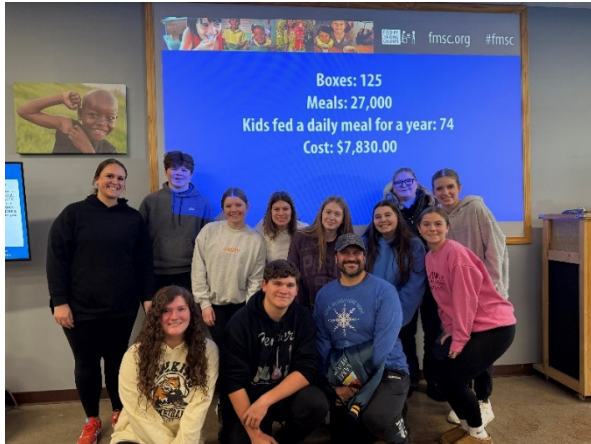
## High School

On January 24, nine students and four adults volunteered at Feed My Starving Children. There were a lot of laughs as we served on that very cold morning! Our group packed 22 boxes at our table! On February 22, the group worked through an escape room. Check out the April newsletter for pictures.

The next High School event will be on Saturday, March 28, from 7-10 PM. This event is our mini-lock-in. We will have pizza, snacks, games, and laser tag!

A huge thank you to our volunteers for these activities: Dave Tank, Carlos Villavicencio, Lacey Villavicencio,

and Jen Williams. As always, if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Youth Room.



On Sunday, January 18, St. Philip's joyfully received six new households into its membership. Find below, their names and short bios of their backgrounds and hobbies. Please watch for their name tags with yellow ribbons and make your acquaintance....

### Dawn Pemble



Dawn Pemble was born and raised in Hastings. After high school, she went to Inver Hills Community College earning an associate degree, followed by entering Concordia University, St. Paul, for an elementary education degree, with an early education minor which concluded in 2015. Dawn advanced her education by returning to Concordia, St. Paul, where she earned a Master's degree in EBD (emotional behavior disorder), ASD (autism spectrum disorder) and SLD (specific learning disability). Dawn is presently under contract as an elementary special education teacher. For fun and recreation, Dawn enjoys spending time with her dog Hazel, along with family and friends. Jigsaw puzzles and crafts also fill Dawn's time. As Dawn looked for a church that aligned with her values, offered a wide variety of activities, and gave her a feeling of being accepted as "me for me", St. Philip's became her choice. St. Philip's member Julie Dale, served as Dawn's sponsor. We warmly welcome Dawn Pemble into the St. Philip's church family.

### Halle and Jacob Rotty with daughter Lainey Jane



Halle and Jake, graduated from Hastings High School in 2020. Upon graduation, Halle entered UW, River Falls, majoring in business management and finishing in 2024 with an MA in her major. She is employed in the communications division of the Minnesota Dept of Revenue. Jake is a union plumber, having graduating in that field in 2025. He works at Silver Tree Plumbing

and Heating. The Rotty's enjoy being with family and friends, along with Jake enjoying working on the family farm. They all love the warm weather and being outside. They decided to become members of St. Philip's from attending weddings and baptisms. The community feel was noticed and appreciated as something they knew they would enjoy. Bruce and Brenda Arndtson were sponsors for the Rottys. We heartily welcome the Rotty's to St. Philip's.

### **Jarrad Infalt, Taylor Haskell and children Carter and Callen**

Taylor Haskell was raised in Hastings, and Jarrad in Atlanta, GA. Taylor attended the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, for History and Political Science. Jarrad went into the US Marine Corps focusing in Avionics. Taylor works at Treasure Island as the Executive Food and Beverage Manager. Jarrad owns and operates JWI Exterior Construction. Their two children are Callen, 9, and Carter, 5. Most enjoyed by this family is being on their pontoon in the summer time. Taylor attended SPLC's preschool as a child as did both of their children. As Carter became kindergarten age, they realized how much St. Philip's had meant to them, which prompted them to become a part of the church family. They especially enjoy knowing Pastor Geier, and "Miss Becky", knowing them as being so caring over the years. Sponsors for Taylor and Jarred were Becky and Steve Kaphing. Welcome to St. Philip's, we look forward to coming to know you all.

### **Trevor and Brianna Wagner, with children Truett and Ella**



Brianna was raised in Marshall, MN, and Trevor in Lake Elmo, MN. Following high school, Brianna earned a degree in Dental Assisting and Hygiene, at Century College in White Bear Lake. Trevor studied law enforcement at Mankato State University and is now a police officer in the city of Rosemount, MN. In their spare time, they enjoy time at a cabin in WI where Trevor can also hunt and fish. The Wagners were looking for a church in the community where they could be a part of its activity and raise their children alongside other active members. St. Philip's appeared to be the place. They look forward to where their journey takes them. Samantha and Derrick were sponsors for the Wagners with their sons already being good friends. A warm welcome is extended to the Wagner family.

### **Celebration of Lista**

On January 25, the St. Philip's congregation honored Office Manager, Lista Klocow, with gifts, cards and a reception. Lista had served St. Philip's for 24 years and had become endeared to many staff and congregation members. A story of Lista's time at St. Philip's was in the February Newsletter.



On February 1, 2026, Pastor Geier installs St. Philip's new Office Manager Dawn Owen. The congregation heartily welcomes Dawn as its new full time Office Administrator.



I grew up in southern Minnesota, namely the Winnebago/Blue Earth area. Through my early years I lived in Blue Earth, followed by Winnebago where I finished high school. My higher education was at Mankato State University, majoring in Law Enforcement. Last summer I officially retired after 27 years as a police officer. The majority of my law enforcement career was working at Danube Police Dept, (Renville County) and with the Minnesota State Fair Police Dept. I have been a school resource officer, a Correctional Counselor II (supervisor) at a juvenile detention center and I worked with the Minnesota BCA in fingerprinting.

I was also a government contractor as a Human Resource assistant and a background investigator for government agencies and the military doing federal security clearances.

I like to spend my free time with my family, shopping, cooking, baking, going to movies and eating out. I feel so blessed to be a part of St. Philip's church as everyone has made me feel so welcome. I am looking forward to my new position here and to serving God and our congregation.

## Installation of Dawn Owen



## Blessing of Quilts

On February 8, nineteen quilts, hand done by St. Philip's quilting team were dedicated to Lutheran World Relief and delivered for distribution. To inquire about becoming a quilter with the team, please contact Jennie Orr Thomas.





On Sunday, February 7, Espen Ronning, with his piano teacher, Noreen Swanson, offered an enjoyable postlude. Espen had provided two hymn favorites during the worship service which were totally appreciated also.

President Dan Strehlow, convened the meeting at 10:45 a.m., February 1, 2026.



### **2026 Annual Business Meeting of St. Philip's Lutheran Church**

On February 1, St. Philip's conducted its annual business meeting. Once a quorum was established, President Dan Strehlow opened the meeting. The budget for 2026 was presented by treasurer, Dolores Pemble. The projected budget of an estimated \$700K was approved. New council members were nominated and unanimously voted in. They are Judy Hansen for VP, Samantha Waraneke for Secretary, and Tricia Bremer as Serving Ministry Coordinator. Huge thanks are extended to outgoing officers, Alex Zuzek as VP, Lois Twedt as Secretary and Dave Fry as Serving Ministry Coordinator. A vote was taken by those in attendance for the allocation of St. Phillip's annual tithe which is accumulated from miscellaneous income received during the year. With the gross amount of \$26,387 being its total, the non-profit organizations voted to receive a percentage were Hastings Family Service, Rise Up Recovery, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries - Water's Edge Campaign and Shobi's Table Food Truck Ministry. Each organization has or will receive \$6,395.

The Audit team elected for 2026 will be Sally Anderson as carry over plus newly elected, Julie Larson and Sue Richette. The meeting adjourned and was followed by a Pot Luck Lunch coordinated by the Fellowship Ministry Team.





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 Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm  
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**Sunday Worship Service:**  
 In Person and Livestream Worship at 9:30 am  
 (Livestream link on [www.splchastings.org](http://www.splchastings.org),  
 YouTube and Facebook)

**Lenten Worship Service:**  
 In Person and Livestream Worship  
 Wednesdays starting  
 March 4 thru March 25 at 7:00 pm

**Sunday Education Hour:**  
 Adult Forum at 10:40 am  
 Sunday School at 10:40 am