

The Philippian

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

Come and Worship...Come and Serve...Come and Learn...Come as you are

...Philip said to him, "Come and see" John 1:46

June 2021

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

A small brown and white streaked bird is perched on a branch of a plant with yellow flowers. The bird is facing right and has a small orange beak. The background is a soft-focus green and yellow.

**Garage Sale
Planning Meeting
June 2**

**Summer Worship
Schedule
One In-Person
Worship Service
at 9:30 am
Beginning June 6**

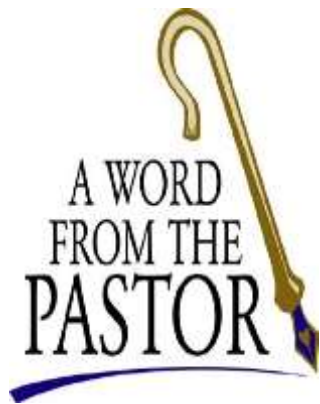
**Campfire Bible Study
Begins June 13**

**Register Now for
Vacation Bible School**

**Volunteers Needed for
Vacation Bible School**

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

From the Gospel for June 13th



The kingdom of God was the central theme of Jesus' earthly ministry. Over and over again Jesus sought to help people understand what God's plan was for creation and how he was going to bring it about. One of Jesus' most useful teaching methods was the parable. Using analogies and metaphors, Jesus was

able to take the common stuff of life on earth and give it a heavenly meaning.

For instance, in our gospel text for June 13, Jesus shares the parable of the mustard seed. From this parable, our Lord teaches us still many important truths about God's kingdom.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD STARTS SMALL. In comparing the kingdom of God to a mustard seed, Jesus makes it clear that when God's plans start, they may be seen as tiny or insignificant by the world. However, God does not see as the world sees. The Christian church was started with eleven men and some faithful women, certainly less than twenty people all told. This small group was given a phenomenal undertaking. And yet that is how God chose to share the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. And it worked!

THE KINGDOM OF GOD GROWS. Just as the mustard plant grew from a tiny seed so the Christian church grew from a tiny group of faithful followers. Those men and women could have stayed behind locked doors and been content with the knowledge that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead, but the

news of the resurrection was too good to keep to themselves. And so they shared the gospel and others came to believe that this person Jesus was indeed the promised Savior for all people.

The kingdom of God also grows within each of us as we continue to grow in our faith journeys. As the seeds of our faith are nurtured through word and sacrament and fellowship we grow spiritually as Christian disciples.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD PROVIDES SHELTER AND A PLACE OF REFUGE. Just as the mustard plant in Jesus' parable "puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade," the kingdom of God provides a sanctuary where we know we will experience true peace. The kingdom of God provides a place we can all call "home."

I give thanks to God that I have been able to witness the coming of God's kingdom in and through many of our ministries at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. The tiny seeds of ideas have been planted and are growing.

As we move forward through this time of pandemic, it is clear that we are experiencing the final truth of Jesus' parable: **THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ALIVE!** Thanks be to God as we continue to live and grow together for the glory of God.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Geier

**ST. PHILIP'S MOVES TO
ONE
9:30 am
IN-PERSON
WORSHIP SERVICE
STARTING JUNE 6**

Since we have revised our COVID-19 policies regarding distancing we are able to accommodate more worshippers in our sanctuary! We have removed the designated seating in the center two sections but have retained distance seating in the outer sections and can seat 200+ people.

Preschool Chatter

Happy summer everyone!

The month of May seemed to fly by! Preschoolers were busy learning about farm animals, butterflies, flowers, and discussing summer plans. Two highlights of this month included watching live caterpillars change into butterflies and growing sunflower seeds. The caterpillars were a huge hit and the children were very excited to come in each day to see if they had changed at all from their last school day. The same can also be said for the sunflowers. The children planted their seeds in a cup and then using a spray bottle watered them every school day. When that little green sprout came up it was pure joy!

We were also very busy practicing our songs for our last day of school programs which were held May 27 and 28. Each class performed a few songs for their families. Like most things, this was not the same as other years but after having to cancel our program last spring and our Christmas program this school year it was a true blessing to be able to put on a little program.

While this has been a school year like no other, we as a staff are grateful to be blessed with such amazing kids and families. We could not have run such a successful year without our families' support! That being said we as directors must give a huge shout out to Miss Kari and Miss Rachel! While policies changed often, one thing never changed and that was their love and commitment to the children of St. Philip's. They both truly made our jobs as directors a little easier knowing whatever we need or asked of them would be done! In the end it was crazy and stressful at times but knowing the importance of early childhood education and being able to provide the same quality of care we are known for during a pandemic we are all very proud!

We hope you all have a great summer full of new adventures!

*Becky and Lorelei
Preschool Co-Directors*



GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE

	Actual 04/21 YTD	Budget 04/21 YTD	Actual 04/20 YTD
General and Misc. Funds YTD			
Income	\$173,718	\$164,000	\$197,162
Expenses	\$183,632	\$181,150	\$186,814
Over (short)	(\$9,914)	(\$17,150)	\$10,347
Capital Fund	\$53,843	\$56,667	\$60,439

- AMONG OUR OWN -

Congratulations to...

Alex and Aleaha (Zabel) Zuzek and grandparents **Kurt and Laura Zabel** on the birth of their son Arthur Mark Zuzek "Archie" on April 28

Eric and Erica Best on the birth of their son Archer James Best on May 11

Elijah James Willis (son of Sam and Lorena Willis) blessings on his baptism



Callan and Sadie Geier (son of Pastor and Amy Geier) married May 22

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

Rod and Deb Kalina on their 40th wedding anniversary on June 6

Steve and Virginia Spence on their 30th wedding anniversary on June 8

Donnie and Shaunte Richards on their 15th wedding anniversary on June 10

Gary and Alice McDougall on their 55th wedding anniversary on June 11

Todd and Elizabeth Matzke on their 30th wedding anniversary and June 15

Jim and Carla Wick on their 30th wedding anniversary on June 15

Duane and Avis Hunstad on their 65th wedding anniversary on June 16

Steve and Susan Amundson on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19

Ken and Stacy McCloud on their 30th wedding anniversary on June 22

Matthew and Brenda Darcy on their 20th wedding anniversary on June 23

A Farewell from Nathan Griner...

This has been quite a year, and a year that has stretched me in many different ways and directions. It was a very hard decision to resign my position at St. Philip's, but in doing so I hope that I gained a church. I am so very thankful for the conversations that I've had, friendships I have made, and everything I have learned through my time at this job. I may be quitting a job, but I am definitely not quitting a church. Thank you for all of your kind words and support. I am blessed to have such a strong faith community here in Hastings.



Peace and many thanks,
Nate

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS



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| June 6 | Mark 3:20-35
A House Divided Cannot Stand |
| June 13 | Mark 4:26-34
The Parable of the Mustard Seed |
| June 20 | Mark 4:35-41
Jesus' Calming of the Storm |
| June 27 | Mark 5:21-43
Jesus Breaks Down Barriers |

Since You Asked. . .

How have our worship and gathering policies changed following the recent updates by the CDC?

Thus far, we have followed the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health, and we will continue to do so. Therefore, vaccinated adults are no longer required to wear masks, and we have removed spacing guidelines in the center two sections of the sanctuary. However, the outside sections will remain designated for those who wish to maintain a safer distance between households.

By the time you read this, we will again have paper worship bulletins available and will be working to get our Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals back in the pews. We will, however, continue to have our offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary and will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in the pews for the time being.

It is important to remember that within our family of faith there is a very wide spectrum between comfort and caution regarding all things COVID-19 and precautions. Even as we no longer require masks to be worn, we will still allow and encourage them to be worn. We must also be sensitive to our fellow disciples who aren't ready for hugs or close conversations no matter what the CDC and governor says.

We all want to be able to do all the things we used to do before we ever heard of "COVID" or "safe social distancing" or "flattening the curve". But the last 15-18 months have affected us differently and changed us and we will all ease back into "normal" at different rates AND THAT IS OKAY!

Wherever you are on the comfortable/cautious spectrum, it is my hope that you will continue to feel safe and welcomed and loved as part of St. Philip's Lutheran Church. If you have thoughts about how we can continue to best be "church" together, please talk with me or a ministry team or church council member. We will continue to face our challenges and grow into the future together.

Thanks for asking!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Do you love Jesus? Do you love kids? Then we have a spot for you as a VBS volunteer (July 19-22, 9 am-12 pm)! Whether you're an adult or a confirmation student looking for service hours, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities, including leading a group, making snacks, leading crafts, and MUCH more! You can even just come and hang out with kids if you want! They would be thrilled to get to know you as a member of their church community! If you'd like to volunteer, email Sarah Bennett at sarahb@splchastings.org or call the church office!



If you know any kids who would like to register for VBS, there are paper forms available at the Welcome Center and an online form on the VBS webpage on splchastings.org (under the "Learning" tab). The theme is "Knights of North Castle" and we're learning about the armor of God!

2021 ST. PHILIP'S GARAGE & PLANT SALE PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room

With each passing day, week, and month, we are closer to the SPLC Garage & Plant Sale happening!

Sale date: Saturday, August 7



Our first Planning Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. All SPLC members are invited to join in the fun and the reward of the Garage & Plant Sale's unique ministry. Whether or not you have been a part of the fantastic ministry in the past, we hope you will join us this year.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but plan to participate, either during the Preparation Week, on Sale Date, or both, please contact Lead Coordinator Deborah Dreher at deborahdreh@aol.com or (651) 442-8068.

Looking forward to a remarkably successful event!

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

It all started with a generous donation to the church. A team was formed to make the dream become a reality. We continue to move forward with plans to build a columbarium on the east side of the church property. A columbarium is a beautiful structure, which contains niches (compartments) to hold the ashes of our loved ones. The first item on our to-do list is the concrete work (foundation and sidewalk), scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day. The next item will be the delivery and installation of the 80-unit structure, currently on the schedule for early June. We have other vendors on standby for the finishing touches: patio, landscaping, brick work, and benches after the concrete and installation projects are done. Presales began in December, which will help to offset some of the costs. A dedication will take place when all the work has been completed, probably sometime in September.

A table has been set up in the narthex with a rendering of our columbarium, a sample niche, sell sheets for the taking, and application folders for those who are interested in leasing a niche. Let us know if you prefer to have the application mailed to you. Please return application, along with payment, to the church office during business hours or via US Mail. The sell sheet is also included on page 14 in this newsletter. For more information, feel free to call Gary McDougall at 651-216-7213 or Judy Hansen at 612-600-1209.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS Monday, July 26 at 7:10 pm

Hey, it's a great outing! Members and friends of St. Philip's are seated in the lower deck which has proven to be good. The area is close to Gate 34 which is where the train stops for those choosing that transportation.



Team: Detroit Tigers
Ticket Price: \$29

Sign-ups will begin early July on the church kiosk. Transportation is on your own. Car pools are available.

Deadline for payment and sign up will be Sunday, July 11. Make checks payable to Glenda Schnirring, who will give you your ticket well in advance.

VOLUNTEER



Do you enjoy worshipping at St. Philip's? We are looking for members who are willing to help one Sunday a month to serve as greeters, ushers, lectors, song leaders, sound and tech assistants, worship coordinators and (eventually) communion servers.

Some of these roles are more behind the scenes and some are more visible. There are a few that require some training and preparation like working on the sound and tech board or serving as a worship coordinator. Others mostly require that you are able to smile and welcome people to worship. If you love Jesus, and you love to worship, please help our Worship Ministry Team and our congregation make our worship experiences the very best they can be. If you have any questions about which role of serving your gifts are best suited, please talk to Pastor Geier or Becky Raimann or Marge Peterson.



Fall Registration

FOR CONFIRMATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Why not register for confirmation and Sunday school today so you don't have to worry about it for the rest of the summer? Paper registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. Links to online registration forms are available on the Sunday School and Confirmation webpages on the St. Philip's website. Both pages can be found under the "Learning" tab. We're looking forward to teaching your kids this fall!

JUNE EVENTS FOR ALL AGES!

If you'd like to volunteer for any of these events, please email Sarah Bennett, Director of Children, Youth and Family, at sarahb@splchastings.org.

Wednesday, June 2 (6-7 pm):

Bubble and Slime Party

Make your own different kinds of bubble toys and play with (washable) slime!

Wednesday, June 9 (6-7 pm):

Family Silly Olympics

Play games that are too silly for the real Olympics!

Wednesday, June 16 (6-7 pm):

Backyard Nature

You don't have to go on a hike in the mountains to enjoy God's creation! It's right here in our yard!

Friday, June 18 (7:30 pm):

High School Bonfire and Movie Night

High schoolers are invited to come celebrate the beginning of summer with a bonfire with s'mores and a movie!

Wednesday, June 23 (6-7 pm):

Campfire Night

Enjoy community time around the campfire while we sing songs and play games!

Wednesday, June 30 (6-7 pm):

Water Games

Wear your swimsuit and come play different water games with us!

An Apology...

We somehow got our wires crossed here in the church office last month and mistakenly put the incorrect worship time in the May Newsletter for our second service. Lista and I both regret this err and the confusion it caused some of our members who showed up at 10:30 instead of 10:00. We are sorry and will strive to do a better job of making sure the two of us are on the same page so that all of us can be on the same page.

*In Christ,
Pastor Geier*

Congratulations 2021 High School Graduates!



Molly Barker



Kasilu Evans



Blue Fischer



Linnea Hanson



Makayla Kaphing



Alison Lindberg



Sydney Mares



Owen Matzek



William Matzek



Evan McGinnis



Morgan Nelson



Danny Rowan



April Thurmes



Martha Vaughan



Molly Vaughan

SPRING CLEAN-UP OF ST. PHILIP'S GROUNDS

Huge thanks are extended to the 33 members who responded to the call to do spring clean-up on the church grounds April 17. Three trailer loads of cut grasses, weeds and dead shrubbery were hauled away by Bill Pavlish all morning. Many wonderful workers are not pictured.



Kent Hoffman was among the 33 members who worked the morning



Darrell posing a question, with Camille Nelson during the break



Beth and Wayne Fahlstrom helped bag cut grasses from the west rain garden



Steve Wolverton cleaning the winter growth from the lilies



Ethan Bernt volunteered all morning with his mom, dad, and sister (not pictured). Ethan was earning volunteer hours for National Honor Society while helping his congregation.



Sue Cruse raked winter growth from the courtyard plantings



All four Hanseys worked all morning raking and cutting down overgrown bushes



Masked Darla Kimmes doing her share of cutting out dead wood in the courtyard area



Robyn Tank cutting and weeding the bleeding heart plants in the courtyard



Patty Todnem and Pam Hoffman pulled, raked and cut out dead overgrowth in the courtyard



Bob Cruse and Sarah Bennett weeding lilies along the west wall



Denny Kohn catching his breath. Katy Lindberg is seen weeding in the background.

STAYING CONNECTED WHILE WE'RE APART

Greetings from Jim and Jean Zeimet,

We have been members of St. Philip's Lutheran Church since 1996, when we moved here from Albert Lea, Minnesota which was home for us for 28 years.



We are both originally from Southeastern Minnesota. I grew up in Caledonia and Jim was from New Albin, Iowa. Jim worked for Interstate Power Company in Lansing, Iowa. He transferred to the Albert Lea power plant in 1968 where he worked until he retired in June 1993 with 35 years of service. While in Albert Lea, I worked at the Wilson Foods Meat Packing Company as a Computer Operator for 21 years. In 1990, Wilson's filed bankruptcy and my job came to an end.

In 1995 we moved to Hastings to be closer to family. My youngest daughter, Debbie was living here at the time and I had a sister that lived in Bloomington. Debbie has two daughters, Danielle and Alyssa living in Inver Grove Heights and Red Wing. After moving to Hastings, it did not take us long to find our church home at St. Philip's. Phil Walen was the Pastor at the time. It was a smaller and family oriented church which we liked. Our granddaughters picked out where we would sit in the second row in the center front where we still sit today.

Over the years, we have been involved as worship coordinators and greeters. I also played in the chime choir for a number of years. We have worked with the garage sale and also making lefse for the Bake Sale was always a fun adventure. Pastor Geier always has very interesting and informative sermons and gives us a great understanding of the Bible. Thanks be to God for all the great clergy persons who have served this church and community.

Our oldest daughter, Sue passed away in 2012 from cancer. Sue and her family always lived in the Tomah and Cashton area. She had one daughter, Amy and a son, Jeremiah. Amy was a member of St. Philip's before she decided to move back to the Lacrosse area. She is married and has 7-year-old twin boys

that came with her husband. Jeremiah has his family in Hastings but travels a lot for work. They have a little girl named Teagan who is our first great granddaughter.

We also worked for a number of years at Treasure Island Resort and Casino in the Special Events department. Saw many concerts and met some entertainers. Charlie Pride was always my favorite. After the pandemic lay-off they wanted me back before I felt safe going back so it was time to retire.

Also in our younger years, we did a lot of travel and cruises. My nephew was in the Air Force and stationed in England and Sicily and he was a great travel guide. We traveled to Ireland, London, Paris, Rome, and many other places. Our cruises have taken us to Alaska and on many Caribbean adventures. We also did a lot of snowmobiling mostly in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. It was great times.

It will be great when we all feel comfortable to return to church and all of the activities so we can grab a cup of coffee and chit chat with friends and fellow members of St. Philip's and maybe a hug or two!

Hello Friends! We are the Christenson/Rowan family. We have enjoyed many years as members of St. Philip's. Mary Lou and her late husband, Erwin joined the church in 1970 when they moved to Hastings with my brother Scott and me. Some



of our earliest memories of St. Philip's include taking our turn to clean the church, planting trees on the property, family retreat weekends at Camp Onomia and Advent Fairs. In 1976 Mary Lou's mother, Viola Baker also moved to Hastings and joined St. Philip's. Vi and Mary Lou enjoyed so many friendships and activities at St. Philip's. Both were active members of WELCA and learned to make lefse at church. Vi lived to meet her first great, great grandchild, so for about three years we had five generations of our family attending St. Philip's. In the later years, Mary Lou enjoyed so much companionship with her friends at St. Philip's. She kept busy with bake sales, garage sales, WELCA activities and Green Lake family camps.

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Mary Lou now lives in Memory Care at Regina here in Hastings. She had a very hard winter as she recovered from having Covid over the Christmas holidays. I am happy to report that she is still her sweet self and she always has a friendly smile. Now that she is fully vaccinated, she enjoys frequent visits with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The experience of growing up at St. Philip's was amazing for me. Pastor Dan Seidelmann was such a great teacher and mentor during those years. One of my most formative memories was of youth retreat weekends followed by Sunday morning worship led by the youth team. I enjoyed the closeness of the St. Philip's congregation as we crowded into the old sanctuary and shared a communion of fresh baked bread. The strong ecumenical attitude of the Hastings churches lead to many collaborations including Marketplace AD and other cross church Bible School experiences.

Tim and I were married at St. Philip's during the years when we still had folding chairs in the sanctuary and a gravel parking lot! Our four children were all baptized and confirmed in this church. They all also attended St. Philip's Preschool, starting with the first year it opened. We have been blessed with four grandsons. Hunter (16), Cameron (13), Lucas (10) and Alexander (5) who have also been students at St. Philip's Preschool.

Just like all of you, Tim and I have made many changes during this time of Covid. Tim works for Cargill and after years of international travel, he is now happy to work from home. I am a middle school science teacher so I have been working hard to keep up with new technologies and trying to stay connected to my students. Right now, I am hoping we can all stay happy and healthy until school ends in June.

St. Philip's has supported our family through marriage, births, baptisms, confirmations, illness and funerals. We don't get to services as often as we should these days as we spend many weekends at our cabin in Birchwood, Wisconsin. We look forward to life returning to normal and being able to spend time with family and friends and in person worship.

*Mary Lou Christenson
Kay and Tim Rowan*

We are the Fahlstroms. Wayne and I (Beth) moved from North Dakota to Hastings at the urging of our daughter who was doing adult foster care. Her licenser encouraged us so we were licensed and



ready to go when we arrived. Our first resident moved in four days after we closed on our house and is still with us after 17 years. You all probably know him (Jon) because he is always with us – especially at church. We started with a license for four clients but over the past few years we have changed our license to be a two-bed home. Our other resident has been with us for 16 years so they are both “family” in every way that is important. Twenty-five adults have lived with us for various lengths of time over these past 17 years.

Wayne was raised in Beach, North Dakota and I was originally from Sac City, Iowa. We visited other Lutheran churches when we moved here. Our goal was to find a church that sings “The Lord’s Prayer” during some services as our previous church does. But one day Raul Jackson, who lived across the street from us at the time, came over to introduce himself as we were working in our front yard. He asked if we had found a church home yet and proceeded to invite us to St. Philip's. When we visited each church I always asked if it would be possible to get gluten free communion wafers. I even offered to get them if they would serve them. St. Philip's said they would get them because they wanted to serve all their church family and rightfully figured that there might be more who would benefit from having them available. We're still waiting and hoping to sing “The Lord’s Prayer”.

Wayne's background is in farming, including grain shipping, and car and truck sales. Previously I worked for a large oil company in a field office, was an oil and gas landman, and was City Auditor in Beach, North Dakota. We still have a home in Beach and enjoy going there whenever we can. Wayne and I started Fahlstrom Farms Gluten Free, creating and marketing gluten free food mixes from recipes that I created. Now our daughter and I also own Oak Tree Support Services, a company that helps persons find affordable housing, employment services, In-Home services, 24-hour help and more. We currently serve persons in Minnesota but within a couple months will be adding other states as well. *(continued)*

St. Philip's is such a warm, welcoming church. We came the first year of the garage sale so have spent many hours over the years helping with that project. Wayne has served on the building and grounds committee. I attend WELCA Bible study when I can and have played chimes and bells, been a mentor, was a member and president of the church council, and enjoy serving on the Fellowship committee.

Life is good, even though we are all experiencing the rigors of a pandemic. Let's keep the faith and look forward to hugs, handshakes, and visiting soon, all without masks.

CAMPFIRE BIBLE STUDIES COMING THIS SUMMER!

What do you think of when you hear the names:

Hagar, Shiprah, Puah, Rahab, Achsah, and Tamar? No, these are not



the top trending girls names this year. At least, I am pretty sure they are not. However, these are the names of women we will be learning about and discussing at our Campfire Bible Studies!

Inspired by an article written by a retired seminary professor of mine, I thought it would be a good investment of time and energy to learn a bit more about these women who didn't make the "A" list of Biblical celebrities. Together we will see how God used their gifts and witness in the Biblical narrative and maybe appreciate them just a bit more.

We will be meeting around the fire pit at church at 6:30 pm.

- June 13: Hagar
- June 27: Shiprah and Puah
- July 11: Rahab
- July 25: Achsah
- August 8: Tamar

Our sessions will be independent of one another so if you miss one it won't be a problem and if you can only make it to one, that's great too. Bring your Bible and your lawn chair for a fun time of learning and fellowship!

FILTRATION POND GETS A RE-DO

Bill Pavlish, of the Building and Grounds ministry team, worked for weeks last summer digging cattails from the corner filtration pond. The pond is designed to collect rain run-off from the church's 5.7 acres of property. After the last expansion which covers a large portion of the grounds, rain gardens and the filtration pond became a necessity.

It had become obvious that the drainage of the filtration pond had diminished due to construction soil eroding into the pond before sod was on the east lawn, and the volunteer cattails which had taken root.



This was the filtration pond's floor before May 13.

On May 13 Gary McDougall provided the machinery and brought it to the filtration pond site. Sixty holes were drilled to the sand layers of the pond. The top soil was spread evenly over the top which will eventually be seeded with the

appropriate grass for standing water ponds. Gary having recently suffered a serious fall had a neighbor operate his equipment and get this important step of reclaiming the pond done.

Huge thanks to Gary McDougall for taking this request while still in the hospital and seeing that it got done.

Bill Pavlish deserves equal thanks for the endless hours he has spent both last summer and this spring not only doing the labor but for coordinating the final steps to restoring the pond's function.

BLOOD MOBILE

St. Philip's will be hosting the Red Cross for a blood drive on August 26 from noon till 6 pm. You can sign up to donate on the Red Cross webpage www.redcross.org.



If you would like to help at the blood drive, please contact Katy Lindberg at 651-437-5031.

SADIE REINERS WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR HER EFFORTS IN YOUTH TENNIS IN HASTINGS

You may not be aware that Hastings resident and St. Philip's member, Sadie Reiners, has won a national award for her contributions to youth tennis. Sadie started the Hastings Tennis Association on her own dime and now runs most of the tennis activities in Hastings that are not school related.



She doesn't have children who participate anymore but does this in her "free time," in addition to her full time job as a CFO of an Agribank. Sadie is also Vice President of our Church Council.

Part of the press release is below:

Sadie Reiners of Hastings, Minnesota, has been selected as the recipient of the Janet Louer USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) National Organizer of the Year Award for her tireless work in developing junior tennis opportunities for youth in her community.

More than 10 years ago, Hastings' daughter showed interest and aptitude in tennis as one of many athletic pursuits. Recognizing the need for organized development of tennis in the local community, Reiners founded the Hastings Tennis Association National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) chapter, and joined the USTA Northern Community Tennis Association and the Junior Team Tennis Committee.

After fielding just one under-18 team in the early years, Reiners now fields between 7-10 teams per year, and is a living blueprint for other growing JTT programs in the USTA Northern section to follow. The Hastings JTT program now has 80 participants annually, and six of Reiners' teams advanced to USTA Northern Section Championships in 2019. Each team has a two-hour practice and match play during the season with special emphasis on sportsmanship, teamwork and commitment.

"Sadie's commitment of creating an environment where everyone is welcome to play with the ultimate goal to building character in each and every player is truly making an impact in these young players' lives,"

said Craig Morris, USTA Chief Executive, Community Tennis. "We are proud to recognize her for continuous efforts in growing the game especially through Sadie's remarkable JTT program."

The USTA annually awards the Janet Louer USTA Junior Team Tennis National Organizer of the Year Award to an individual who positively influences children's lives and substantially impacts their community. The award is named after Janet Louer, who was instrumental in the development of junior tennis during her lifetime.

HASTINGS FAMILY SERVICE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Congrats to Hastings Family Service on 50 years of serving the community! Our own Glenda Schnirring played a key role! If you missed it, there was a special, professionally done video that was on Facebook. Go to www.hastingsfamilyservice.org and click on the "News and Events" tab.

One of the featured topics in the video was the start of Meals on Wheels in Hastings. St. Philip's own Glenda Schnirring was president of the Hastings Woman's Club at the time, and helped get it off the ground. The State of Minnesota Department of Health staff person (Diane Johnson) had been directed to try and begin a meals delivery program for communities in Minnesota. Hastings was identified as a possibility. Dawn Sheridan had begun a clothing center in her basement for children, so she had become known as the Hastings "social service" conscience; this was the start of Hastings Family Service.

Dawn needed a "group" and Hastings Woman's Club was who she came to. Glenda happened to be president and was already quite attached to Hastings' churches. She felt they could create driver teams, and they all did. Glenda did a lot of the correspondence with each church, getting them to subscribe to two days a month, 5 people per team.

The Woman's Club became the umbrella organization for Meals on Wheels. They had to find two coordinators who would work with Regina Hospital and be at the hospital every day. Eventually the coordinators and the hospital were able to run the program until it was taken over by Hastings Family Service in its very early years.

Thanks, Glenda, for your constant concern for community, and for stepping up! What a great servant of Christ you are.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE MISSIONAL CHURCH

Mark Allan Powell, Comments by Chick Lane

God cares as much about what you keep as God cares about what you give away. This was one of the major themes of the Rethinking Stewardship conference years ago. Mark Allan Powell's presentation and article, "Stewardship for the Missional Church" adds great understanding to this important theme.



I have particularly appreciated Powell's discussion of four areas in which the Bible tells us God cares how we live our financial lives.

- First, he says, "the Bible has a great deal to say about how we acquire our money."
- Second, "the Bible also says a great deal about how we are to regard our money and our material possessions."
- Third, "the Bible talks about how God wants us to manage our money."
- And fourth, "the Bible says a great deal about how we are to spend our money."

As I read Powell's article again, I was reminded of the sermon of John Wesley, entitled The Use of Money. In this sermon, Wesley stresses the importance for God's people to "gain all you can," "save all you can" and "give all you can". Faithful and prudent words to live by.

JUNE 2021 WORSHIP LEADERS

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30
Worship Coordinator	Deborah Dreher & Glenda Schnirring	Bruce & Brenda Arndtson	Pam Hoffman & Darla Kimmes	Katy Lindberg & Glenda Schnirring
Greeter/ Attendance Recorder	Deborah Dreher & Glenda Schnirring	Bruce & Brenda Arndtson	Pam Hoffman & Darla Kimmes	Katy Lindberg & Glenda Schnirring
Welcome Center				
Usher	Jay & Becky Raimann	Lance & Lois Twedt	Connie Ball & Mary Rock	Michelle Carlson & Judy Hansen
Lector	Bob Cruse	Lois Wroge	Barb Jorenby	Katy Lindberg
Communion Bread				
Communion Wine				
Acolyte				
Sound Board				
Offering Counters				
Prayer Chapel				
Music Leader/Cantor	Al Todnem	David Weisser	Maria Gathje	Raul Jackson

Please check in with the worship coordinators on the Sunday you have a duty. They will answer any questions and let you know if there are any special circumstances that day.

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned spot, please contact others on the schedule and attempt to find your own substitute.

Please let Lista in the church office know of any changes to this schedule (651-437-6541)

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

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A columbarium is a group of small compartments, or niches, designed to hold the cremated remains (cremains) of deceased loved ones. Each niche is identified by a granite faceplate inscribed with a person’s name, birth date, and death date. The Columbarium will be located east of the church building along Pleasant Drive. Phase One will have 80 niches and includes a peace garden for visiting family and friends. Three additional phases of 80 niches each will take St. Philip’s well into the future.

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Eligibility

Church members, spouses or domestic partners, and family members, such as father, mother, brother sister, children, and grandchildren are eligible. Other individuals may be approved by the Columbarium Team.

3 Levels of Pricing

The pricing of the niches has been set at three levels, depending on location. All niches include two brass urns and engraving on the columbarium faceplate for up to two person’s cremains. Engraving on the two brass urns is not included. Each niche is 12x12x12 inches. Urns other than those furnished may be used in the space allowed.

Niches in Row A and Row B are \$2,500
 Niches in Row C and Row D are \$2,200
 Niches in Row E are \$1,900

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B																
C																
D																
E																

Niches are identified by letter of row followed by number of column, such as A1

For more details, contact Gary McDougall at 651-216-7213 or Judy Hansen at 612-600-1209.

Team members: Gary McDougall, chair; Judy Hansen; Pam Hoffman;
 Tim Preston; and Danna Schultz

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 8:30 am Online Worship 9:15 am Zoom Social Fellowship 9:30 am In-Person Worship 11:00 am Communion via Zoom</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm CMT 7:00 pm Faith Formation Ministry</p>	<p>1 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Fellowship 6:00 pm Community Ministry 6:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Bubble and Slime Party 6:00 pm Garage Sale Planning</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>13 8:30 am Online Worship 9:15 am Zoom Social Fellowship 9:30 am In-Person Worship 11:00 am Communion via Zoom 6:30 pm Campfire Bible Study</p>	<p>14 6:30 pm Finance Ministry</p>	<p>8 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Prayer Team 6:00 pm Stewardship Ministry</p>	<p>9 5:30 pm Preschool Ministry 6:00 pm Family Silly Olympics</p>	<p>10 11:00 am Meals on Wheels 7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11 7:30 pm High School Bonfire and Movie Night</p>	<p>12 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Sharing and Caring Hands</p>
<p>20 FATHER'S DAY 8:30 am Online Worship 9:15 am Zoom Social Fellowship 9:30 am In-Person Worship / Zuzek Baptism 11:00 am Communion via Zoom</p>	<p>21 10:00 am Joyce Wolverton Memorial Visitation 11:00 am Joyce Wolverton Memorial Service and Luncheon 6:00 pm Council</p>	<p>15 2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Backyard Nature</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:30 pm High School Bonfire and Movie Night</p>	<p>19 7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>27 Bible Camp 8:30 am Online Worship 9:15 am Zoom Social Fellowship 9:30 am In-Person Worship 11:00 am Communion via Zoom 6:30 pm Campfire Bible Study</p>	<p>28 Bible Camp 6:00 pm Adult Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>22 2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>23 6:00 pm Campfire Night</p>	<p>24 11:00 am Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>
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