

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 2021



Sunday School
Sundays at 10:30 am

WELCA Meeting / Circle Bible Study
October 14 at 9:30 am

Confirmation Retreat
October 15-17

Open the Bible for 3rd Graders
October 30 at 9:30 am

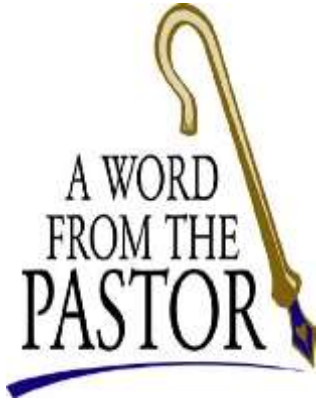
Leaf Raking
October 30 at 1:00 pm

Bible Presentation to
3 year olds and 3rd Graders
October 31 at 9:30 am

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John
8:31-32

Gospel Lesson for
Reformation Sunday



Many of you know this about me, but I like words. I like trying to understand their different meanings and how those meanings evolve over time. I find it especially interesting to see how the editors of

various Bible versions translate our holy Scriptures. Take, for instance, the first few verses of our Gospel lesson for Reformation Sunday. The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible translation records Jesus saying, "If you *continue* in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

That is well and good. It is a fine translation. However, that same word we read as "continue" may be translated as: "remain," "stay," "dwell," "abide," "persist," and "continue to live." Do Jesus' words take on a different meaning for us if we exchange one of these for another? I don't know about you, but the only time I really use the word "abide" is when we sing "*Abide With Me*".

But how about if we were to read this, "If you dwell in my word" or "persist in my word" or even "stay in my word"? What would our lives look like if those of us who claim to be modern day disciples really tried to dwell or remain in Jesus' word?

What really intrigues me is the ongoing nature of all these words. Whether it is dwell, persist, remain, continue or stay, it is clear that Jesus is not talking about a one-time event. It is also clear that there is no completion date with this commission.

Jesus did not say, "continue in my word until you finish Sunday School..." Neither did he say, "If you remain in my word through confirmation..." or "If you dwell in my word for an hour on an occasional Sunday..." No, Jesus spoke to those who believed in him then and he speaks to us now. We are to CONTINUE TO LIVE in

his word. We are to PERSIST in his word and DWELL in his word and always STAY in his word. And yes, we are to ABIDE in his word. Like those first listeners, we generally try to convince Jesus that things are fine just the way they are and we are as free as free can be. However, for them and for us, as we stray from the word of God, our bondage to our sin becomes more and more evident.

As we begin a new year of Sunday School and confirmation and adult education I am looking for different ways to assist and equip each of you on your faith journey so that our Savior's word may dwell in you even as you dwell in it. Please do not hesitate to share what has been helpful to you that I may share it to help others.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Geier

GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE

	Actual 08/21 YTD	Budget 08/21 YTD	Actual 08/20 YTD
<u>General Income YTD</u>	\$286,688.99	\$313,333.36	\$323,481.94
<u>Capital Fund YTD</u>	\$109,421.32	\$113,333.36	\$105,149.86
<u>Other Income YTD</u>	\$70,635.59	\$16,488.64	\$39,268.54

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 3	Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
October 10	Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
October 17	Isaiah 53:4-12 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
October 24	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
October 31	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

Preschool Chatter

We are Back! What an amazing few weeks we have had getting back into the swing of things. While numbers are a bit lower this year we are so happy to be serving forty-two families. We have four students that come five days a week, meaning we have forty-seven of our spots filled for this school year so far.



September themes included: Welcome to school, families and pet, Rainbow fish (friendship), and apples. We enjoyed learning some new songs, had chapel time with Pastor and Sarah for the first times, and had a Rio Gran dog agility show for pet's week. The children adjusted to being part of a classroom

community and what that means. As a staff we were excited to get back into the classrooms and start teaching new things to these very eager learners!

We hope that all members of St. Philip's congregation are making a smooth transition into fall with whatever that looks like for you and your family!



Blessings,
Becky Kaphing and Lorelei Rein
Preschool Co-Directors

- AMONG OUR OWN -

Congratulations to...

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

Carl and Marlys Vedders as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on October 9

Matt and Julie Larson as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on October 19

Kent and Linda Inman as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on October 25

Sympathies to...

Farid and Diane Saed as they mourn the death of Farid's brother Dr. Amir

Katy Lindberg and family as they mourn the death of her Granma Jeanne Austin



A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Lutheran World Relief Backpack Kits. Thanks to your donations and effort to assemble the bags, we were able to send out 141 bags to children who need them! An EXTRA big thank you to Gerry Cardinal and his Wisconsin friend Mary Kay Lanners, who made almost all of the bags we used this year!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The confirmation retreat will be here before we know it! This year the retreat will be at Mount Olivet Retreat Center from Friday, October 15 through Sunday, October 17. Information and packing lists will be sent out to families in early October, and we are continuing to keep a close eye on CDC and Minnesota health guidelines so we can make sure we take the right safety precautions during our trip.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE IN SESSION AGAIN!

We kicked off the new school year with Rally Day on September 12, and while attendance was small, we all had a great time!

“OPENING THE BIBLE”

Class for Third (and some Fourth Graders) and their Parents on Saturday, October 30!

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



On Sunday, October 31 the children will be awarded Bibles during worship. Our WELCA at St. Philip's has generously provided these Bibles that we pray will continue to nurture them throughout their lives. This event serves as the formal beginning of our confirmation program and is a way for families and the whole church to celebrate together!



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

We will be practicing safe distancing between households and wearing our masks. Please call the church office if you have a child in the third grade (or an older child who has not yet received a Bible) to let us know your family will be participating!

LEAF RAKING DAY



The leaves on the trees are starting to fall, and you know what that means! It's almost time for our annual leaf raking day! This year, Leaf Raking Day will be on Saturday, October 30 at 1:00 pm (weather permitting). We will meet at St. Philip's before heading out. If it rains that day, we will reschedule.

If you would like us to come rake your yard, contact Sarah Bennett at sarahb@splchastings.org or 651-437-6541.

MILITARY FAMILIES

If you have a family member in the military the fellowship/caring ministry team would like to keep their listing of military families up to date so they can keep in touch with them to let them know we are praying for them. If you have someone that you would like added or removed from the list, please let Camille Nelson, fellowship ministry chair, or the office know.

BAKE AND SOUP SALE

The 18th SPLC Bake Sale and Soup Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, November 20 with a few modifications:

- Soup will be available for take-out only
- There will be no lefse making at church. Individuals may make it at home and bring it to sell in packages of 3-4 rounds
- The entire fellowship hall will be used for the Bake Sale in order to allow for extra spacing of tables
- Wearing masks and gloves will be required

SPLC members are asked to bring baked goods, candy, jams/jellies, canned fruit/vegetables, produce, etc. as in previous years.

Please watch for sign-up sheets in late October/early November to volunteer. Any questions? contact Susan Cruse at 651-437-1767.

THANKS FOR CARING AND WEARING!



A reminder that we are again wearing face masks inside our church facility.

GREAT NEWS! NATHAN GRINER IS (KIND OF) RETURNING!

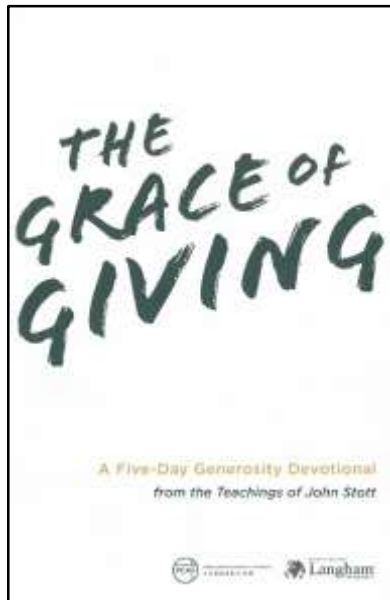
Although Nathan won't officially be rejoining our staff ministry team, he has agreed to lead music for our worship one Sunday a month as a substitute musician when our organist, Noreen Swanson takes her week off.



Not only that, but he will also lead our music for the corresponding recording for our online worship. That way everyone who worships with us will be able to enjoy Nathan's gifts as we gather in-person or online to grow closer to God.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM AT WORK

The congregation can look forward to 2021's beautiful stewardship theme as expressed in a gift book everyone will receive in November, along with an inspiring brochure, showing the many ways St. Philip's members have been giving of themselves along with their time, talents and treasure during 2021. It's in prayer and confidence that we press on in faithful readiness for our next year in united ministry.



COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

The St. Philip's Columbarium and Garden was dedicated on September 19. When the 9:30 am worship service ended, the congregation was invited to exit the main doors and follow the sidewalks to the east side of the church property. During the short dedication service, Pastor Greg Geier talked about John 14:2, Jesus preparing a place for us. Our church strives to meet its members' needs from cradle to grave. Many thanks to a few generous donators for providing a final resting place option for our members and their families!



A columbarium is a beautiful structure, containing niches (compartments) to hold the ashes of our loved ones. At the February 2020 annual meeting, the congregation approved to appoint a team to make the columbarium become a reality. June 2021 was a busy, productive month when all the pieces came together: foundation, sidewalk, 80-unit columbarium, brick work, patio pavers, a large planter, trees, plants and shrubs. Two curved benches added the final touch. So far, nine niches have been leased. The first ashes were inurned the middle of September.

Sell sheets and application folders for those who are interested in leasing a niche are available at the welcome center. Let us know if you prefer to have the application US 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 on page 15 in this newsletter. For more information, call Gary McDougall at 651-216-7213 or Judy Hansen at 612-600-1209.



ST. PAUL AREA SWO ANNUAL SOUP LUNCHEON



A panel discussion with members of Advocates for Racial Equity work group of the St. Paul Area Synod will be held Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church, One North Road, Circle Pines, Minnesota.

Help find ways for our women's group and our congregations to engage in the critical task of becoming more anti-racist. Enjoy good food, good conversation and lots more.

A brief time of devotion will begin the program, followed by the panel discussion and question/answer time. A free will offering will support the efforts of the Advocates for Racial Equity work group.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to tricia.niesche@gmail.com.

ADULT FORUMS HAVE BEGUN



Adult Spiritual Growth kicked off a new season of adult learning offerings in September with a multi-part series on "Caring for God's Creation: Climate Change, the Church and You". On October 3 Chuck Clanton will be discussing the "Impact of Agriculture on Climate Change and the Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture". Highlights of future offerings will include a Sunday evening book study on C.S. Lewis's "The Screwtape Letters" led by Cindy Toppin in November and a pastor-led series on "How To Be An Anti-Racist" beginning in the new year. Please join us for these exceptional growth opportunities.

Adult Forums are Sundays at 10:45 am in the Learning Room.

IT'S ALMOST SHOEBOX TIME!

As the world continues to struggle with the coronavirus, worldwide natural disasters and wars, packing a shoebox is a simple and quick way to reach boys and girls around the world with the Gospel. This is your chance to be a missionary from the comfort of your own hometown! Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Will you partner with us and Samaritan's Purse to share that glorious hope with boys and girls around the world -- many of whom have never heard the name of Jesus? Look for the red and green shoeboxes in the narthex late October. You can also use your own shoebox from home, if you prefer. Additional information, Girl/Boy labels and packing tips can also be found on the table in the narthex. The last day to drop off a filled shoebox this year will be November 21. If packing a traditional shoebox isn't an option for you this year, consider building a shoebox online! Directions on how to do this can be found at samaritanaspurse.org/occ. Hover over the "Pack a Shoebox" tab for the drop-down list and then click on "Build A Shoebox Online" for more information and directions. If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit us at the table in the narthex, visit Samaritan's Purse's website at samaritanaspurse.org/occ or give one of us a call (Robyn Tank at 651-437-2034 or Emily Preston at 651-437-3839). Thank you for partnering with us this shoebox season to bring Good News and Great Joy to children around the world!



THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Children in attendance on September 12 were invited forward for the prayerful blessing of their backpacks and upcoming school year. We hope to see many more of our children in worship with us as they feel more safe. The congregation's prayers are with them all.

RALLY DAY OFFERED UNIQUE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Giant inflated play objects gave the children present an exciting morning of physical almost daredevil experiences as they entered a maze and had a long fall to the bottom. Quieter activity was offered for the younger children.



Jared Hanson and Lily Meier are ready with colored chalk and bubbles



Kasilu Evans and Nathan Barker stand ready to help kids through the events



Tor Ronning shoots baskets with his dad Kristian



Mom, Lizbet Ronning takes full part in all the "big stuff"

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF RECEIVES 141 SCHOOL KITS FROM ST. PHILIP'S

The assembly of 141 school kits was organized and coordinated by Jennie Orr Thomas as an important outreach to the many children who need this kind of support.

Donations of notebooks, rulers, crayons, pencils, scissors, erasers and sharpeners were placed in fabric bags which had been sewn by volunteers. Gerry Cardinal, Jennie Orr and Darla Kimmes being some of the bag makers.



Gerry Cardinal was the sewer of many bags



Parents and a child would sometimes share in the task

Members would repeat going through the line of goods until all 141 bags were stuffed



Sam Willis and son Elijah, managed to pack some school kits with one hand

ST. PHILIP'S WELCOMES FIRST GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS FOR 2021



It's a great day at St. Philip's as it adds to its church family. On August 22 four households were received into membership. It's with a unified sense of joy that the congregation warmly welcomes them all into our fellowship of believers.

Janice Dahl moved to Hastings about five years ago, having moved here from Winona, Minnesota. She lives in a twin home with her daughter Beth, with each having their own independent space. Janice has two daughters, one son, three grandchildren and two great grandsons.



Janice and her husband farmed near East Chain, Minnesota before becoming managers of Dakota County campgrounds. Upon their retirement Janice and her husband toured the country extensively. They were both very active in their church.

In her free time, Janice enjoys reading, adult coloring and baking. In addition to that, she enjoys hiking and taking care of her flowers.

Before Janice's husband passed away they had been attending a larger church some distance from Hastings. Following her husband's passing Janice decided to seek out a church closer to home. Pastor Geier and other welcoming members gained Janice's favor by making her feel at home, and be in a smaller congregation. In Janice's short time as a member she has given a number of days working in the apparel department of the recent garage sale, and has attended the first fall meeting of WELCA. Bob and Sue Cruse are her sponsors. The congregation welcomes Janice into the congregation.

Donna Bexell has lived in Cottage Grove since 1977, where her husband Joel, became the Pastor Developer of St. Luke Lutheran Church. Her growing up years were in Denmark Township near Afton State Park. Donna graduated from Hastings High School. She has four daughters, four sons-in-law and eleven grandchildren



which include three sets of identical twins. Donna joined St. Philip's because her daughter Julie Sieben and her family are SPLC members and she loves seeing her girls participate in the music program.

Donna taught English for 39 years, retiring in 2006. She now enjoys spending time gardening, quilting, reading and putting together jigsaw puzzles. Pam Hoffman was Donna's sponsor, having had her as a teacher during her high school years. The congregation warmly welcomes Donna Bexell into its fellowship.

Katie and John Nye



Katie (Zuzek) Nye, was born and raised in Hastings. John moved to Hastings four years ago from Eagan, having grown up in Illinois. Both Katie and John are graduates of St. Mary's College, but they met at a later time.

Katie and John enjoy living in Hastings where Katie's immediate family also resides. Katie is a 3rd grade teacher at Kennedy Elementary and John is a Growth Marketing Manager for a HVAC and Building Automation company.

Both Katie and John enjoy their Aussiedoodle named Graham. Their hobbies can find John playing hockey or softball or any other sport with friends, while Katie enjoys painting and woodworking. They both enjoy visiting breweries and playing games of all kinds.

The Nye's first visit to St. Philip's was for brother Alex and Aleah Zuzek's wedding. They loved the small feel of the church and had come to know Pastor Geier through Black Dirt Theater. They enjoyed getting to know him and knew they could anticipate good messages on Sunday morning. Alex and Aleah Zuzek are sponsors for the Nyes. A warm welcome to John and Katie Nye.

Dave and Barb Fry moved to their home on Century Drive in south Hastings in May of 2021. Worship at St. Philip's had just begun following a Covid imposed recess.

Dave has adult children living in Apple Valley and Siren, Wisconsin. In their spare time, Dave enjoys playing golf, working out, and biking. Barb's preference is sewing and more specifically, quilting.

The Frys are retired from long careers. Dave was in Maintenance Management with Northwest Airlines for 32 years and in the same role with SW Airlines for 10 years. Barb worked for Northwest Airlines for 15 years followed by becoming a data analyst with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. Barb was both born and raised in Minnesota. Dave in Baltimore, Maryland.

Coming to feel St. Philip's was a good fit for the Frys came easy. They enjoy a traditional model of worship and the messages of Pastor Geier. Having come from a Catholic background and Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the St. Philip's worship experience helped them decide to become members. The Frys do spend a portion of the winter months near Dallas, Texas. They will depart in early November. We will miss their regular worship attendance during those months but will happily welcome them back in the spring. Dan Strehlow is their St. Philip's sponsor. Welcome Dave and Barb Fry as new fellow members.

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

The Rev. Darrel Peterson



Stewardship is about:

- Caring for and managing God's abundant gifts
- Counting your blessings intentionally
- Giving as you have received—and the giving of "first fruits"
- Allowing your passions for mission to take flight
- Focusing on abundance rather than scarcity
- Developing your charitable portfolio
- Passing on committed giving to the next generation
- Talking about money positively in the church, in concert with your values
- Walking your talk
- Sharing, saving and spending

BAD NEWS/GOOD NEWS

I hear from people who feel overwhelmed and hopeless in the face of human suffering, whether in their own lives, the life of the nation, or the world. I feel this way too sometimes.

In addition to a worldwide pandemic that has killed more than 4.7 million people, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti killed more than 2,200 people and created need for aid for over 650,000 people. Even closer to home, wildfires have burned more than 5.7 million acres along with thousands of homes and structures. Hurricane Ida devastated much of the gulf coast and brought deadly flooding to the Northeast. Around the globe there is an ever present need to assist refugees who have been displaced from their homes due to war or persecution.

As Christians, we know that Jesus Christ on the cross shows God's complete solidarity with human suffering. Who are the suffering ones? God is surely there among them, with them and in them. We are drawn to care for those who suffer, and work towards relief and new life. This feels overwhelming at times and can even feel impossible.

However, I write this article as a reminder that we are not alone in working toward life for all our neighbors. We do not need to turn off the TV and just feel bad or numb to the realities of pain in our world. **THERE ARE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE!** The ELCA is connected to every part of the globe, already at work with US Disaster Recovery, earthquake recovery in Haiti, and working to get Afghans to safety just to name a few ministries.

If you want to do something, look to your church! The following organizations provide some options to take action.

Lutheran World Relief: If you are concerned about global disasters including Haiti earthquake relief, go to the website (lwr.org). Likewise, Lutheran Disaster Response, (elca.org/disaster) is providing aid and assistance to both national (wildfires, hurricanes) as well as international crises. You can be as specific as you like. Finally, is our Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, (lirs.org)

OR you can write a check to St. Philip's and include where you want your contribution to go on the memo line and we will make sure it gets to the right place!

KEEPING CONNECTED

Hello everyone at St. Philips Lutheran Church. We



are the Villavicencio family. My husband Carlos and I (Lacey) have been married for 21 years on October 14. We met at school in September of 1998. I was 18 and he was 24. We were engaged by February of 1999 and married October 14 of 2000. Carlos and I are basically polar opposites personality wise. I was born with a giant lack of a filter. I am

outspoken, highly opinionated, and I wield a sharp tongue when provoked. Carlos is about as humble and steady as they come. He is so gentle, warm, and kind always. Why do we work? Well, probably because at our core, we believe in the same basic things and we have the same essential goal and direction we want to see our lives go. We purchased our first twin home in Hastings in 2003. This was when Carlos had found SPLC and had started attending. Church had never really been a thing for my family growing up and I didn't feel the need to join Carlos initially. My family considered itself Christian and believed in God but we were not what you might call devout.

My first real feeling of wanting to be in a church environment came after the birth of our first child, Micah Daniel on June 20, 2010. Like any new parents, we wanted all the best things in life we could give him. A solid foundation and a beginning in his faith journey was important. I felt comfortable and I connected easily to Pastor Ed. I'm not sure I would have given the church more than a 5 second glance without him. The sanctuary felt small but comforting and humble. We started attending as a family pretty regularly. Carlos was part of several committees and activities. He was often at church 3-4 nights out of the week for one thing or another.

When our second baby arrived (11 months after our first) we were thrilled but a little surprised. We named her Sophia Maria and she was born May 31, 2011. This was about the time I put the kibosh on Carlos's heavy church activity. Sorry y'all but with two babies at home, I needed him after work so I could just catch my breath. I was involved with a really wonderful group of families with little ones for a period of time.

During the transition, it sadly dissolved but the nice thing is, I still enjoy seeing those moms in and around the community as our children are growing up together.

Over the past 10 years our family moves in stops and starts where it comes to church in general. We are constantly on the go and value spending time with our family especially. We travel often to places like Ecuador to see Carlos's side of the family or to wherever my brother and his family is living. In the past few years, they have lived in North Carolina, Texas, and currently Georgia. While we have always considered SPLC our home base, we also occasionally attend other area churches. Each setting is different and has gifts to share. I personally spiritually engage best in low lighting and with more modern music. It really helps me click in to the headspace I need when I am worshipping. For this reason, prayer alone in a quiet place also is a thing for me. Carlos is very comfortable and enjoys the sunlight and the more traditional settings. He can slip into the right place just about anywhere.

Though I appreciate and love the families of SPLC, I do have a favorite. Remember.....no filter. My favorite SPLC member is Ellen Diischer. I love all that she has brought to the table with my children and I cannot thank her enough for the time, energy, and love she has shown them. The fastest way to my heart will always be through them. SPLC has been a part of our lives for a long time and likely a long time to come. Thank you for always being the soft spot to land.

We, Edward and Jonlee Brown, started coming to St. Philip's to attend church services when our grandchildren were involved in part of the church services whether it was just in the choir or part of the church service. The people here at St. Philip's have always been so friendly, that you feel welcome.



We have three children – Rosemarie Zietlow, Justina McDaniel and Aron Brown, along with their families.

Growing up in a rural area, the importance of church was the main focus in a family and attending church together was a part of our lives that we still enjoy attending St. Philip's as a family. We are both originally from south western Minnesota – rivalry towns (Sanborn and Jeffers). We own some farm land and do still farm with the help of a grandson along with family members that are supposed to do four hours of rock picking in the spring. Lately it is only the grandkids that show up to help pick rocks. The first time the entire family went out I packed sandwiches for breaks and my daughter told me that we are only going to be out for a short time that they would not need those. But first round everyone was eating those up.

Edward owns a car repair shop in Hastings and slowly is retiring from that business by cutting down the days that the shop is open. Jonlee works with an insurance company in the finance/claim areas.

We did travel more years ago than now. Edward comes from a large family that is spread across the United States so it is easy to use their homes as base to stay.

We look forward to sharing Christ's love with one another and thank and praise God for the church family here at St. Philip's.

Hello everyone! We are the Warnecke Family: Derrick, Sammi, and Eli. I am originally from Kimball, Minnesota and Derrick is from Halstad, Minnesota. We moved to Hastings in the spring of 2019, and by the fall of that year we had become members of St. Philip's. Our son, Eli, was born in 2020 and we recently celebrated his first birthday. We also have a cat who is approximately 10 years old named Stewie, and an 8-year-old border collie name Abby. We have really grown to love Hastings and feel that it is home. We hope to become more involved in the church and community we have come to call home as the situation with the pandemic becomes better.



We met in the spring of 2009 at Minnesota State University Moorhead through mutual friends, and we began dating soon after. During our time at MSUM we were both very busy with classes, work, and extracurriculars. I majored in Chemistry and in addition to a full class load was involved in undergraduate research, Chemistry Club, Cheer Team, and was a Dragon Ambassador. I also worked as a Student Orientation Counselor, chemistry tutor, tour guide, chemistry lab teaching assistant and laboratory assistant, as well as for the Student Payroll Office and Chemistry Office front desk. Derrick majored in Criminal Justice and took extra classes each semester in order to graduate early. He also took part in many of the events sponsored by the Chemistry Club as an honorary member and held a full-time job with MSUM Campus security in addition to his already busy schedule for school.

After graduating from MSUM I went on to graduate school in Manhattan, Kansas at Kansas State University for Analytical Chemistry. Derrick followed me to Kansas a year later after gaining some work experience in the Cass County Jail in Fargo, North Dakota. When he moved to Kansas he went to police training in Hutchinson, Kansas and then began his work as a Deputy for the Geary County Sheriff's Office, based in Junction City, Kansas. After only a couple of years working patrol, Derrick was promoted to the position of Detective. Along with his new role came the opportunity for more training and advancement, including work in digital forensics. After I graduated from KSU I continued working for the university in the Division of Biology conducting research and acting as a Laboratory Manager.

In 2017 an opening for a Forensic Scientist became available at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a career path that had always been in the back of my mind, but I thought unlikely since there weren't many positions available. I decided to apply, hopeful the position could also help Derrick and I move back to Minnesota to be closer to our families again. I was hired and began my new position several months later. Due to the skills he gained as a Detective in Kansas, Derrick was able to secure a position in the Electronic Crimes Unit for the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. We have held these same positions since and both enjoy our work very much. We are also so glad to finally be near family again after multiple years living so far away.

We hope that by sharing our story some of you may find we have common ground and reach out. We would love to make some more connections and build lasting relationships in our new home!

We are the Twedts—Lance and Lois.



Lance grew up in Grand Forks, North Dakota and graduated from UND. Lois grew up in Henderson, Minnesota and graduated from Mankato State.

We met as teachers at Armstrong Elementary in

Cottage Grove and were married in 1975.

We joined St. Philip's in 1980, shortly after building a home south of Hastings. Both our sons, Luke and Logan, were baptized at St. Philip's and attended Sunday School here. The members of St. Philip's provided us with many babysitters during the boy's younger years!

In 1995, we moved into Hastings, and David and Geneva Weisser bought our home in the country! They were wonderful to us as they allowed us to rent back from them while our new house was being completed!

In 2015, we returned to St. Philip's. It was like coming home again. It is so great to be greeted by old friends and smiling faces each time we come to church. Lance has served as usher, lector and council president. Lois is active with the church landscape, bake sale, lefse making, garage sale and Meals on Wheels.

Our sons are grown and live nearby. Luke and Allie, with 3 children, live in Inver Grove Heights. Logan and Molly have one son and live in Rochester. We watch grandchildren every chance we get!

In 2015, we decide to downsize and moved to a town home in Inver Grove Heights.

Lance fills his free time with golf, pickleball and fly fishing. Lois tutors and enjoys golfing, biking, snowshoeing.

We spend a piece of our winters in Fort Myers, Florida enjoying the Twins Spring Training, golf, pickleball, warm weather and the beach.

Whenever we come to St. Philip's, we feel the warmth and support from all. We are happy to call St. Philip's our church home.

ANNUAL PIE AND ICE CREAM AT HISTORIC LeDUC ENJOYED BY MANY

A totally beautiful evening was a welcomed experience for St. Philip's pie servers on August 29. The crowd grew to 187 to hear the music of the "Double Down Daredevils" in which St. Philip's member, Mary Ellen Fox, participates. Proceeds from the evening's efforts totaled \$754, which help St. Philip's support of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.



Deborah Dreher and Jim Cowee served beverages and scooped ice cream



Sue Cruse and Patty Todnem cut and served pie



Carolyn Schaar, Jeanne Cowee and Vonnie Olson helped cut and box up over 250 pieces of pie and brownies



Cashiers Sue Karnick and Pat Schultz do the math and collect from the happy eaters



Double Down Daredevils

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS ADD EXTRA MEANING TO WORSHIP

As Confirmation Day approaches each confirmand had the opportunity to express their faith through a spoken statement before the congregation. Some of the students we heard during September are seen below.



Maddy Chandler



Brody Anderson



Lauren Jenkins



Devin Hampl



Ty Mares



Logan David



Roland Zietlow

Worship Leaders					
October 2021					
	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31 Reformation
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Worship Coordinator	Bruce & Brenda Arndtson	Jay & Becky Raimann	Connie Ball Mary Rock	Judy Hansen Michelle Carlson	Pam Hoffman Michelle Carlson
Greeter	Barb Jorenby	David & Geneva Weisser	Lisa Bergert	Bernita Weber	Connie Ball Mary Rock
Usher	Steve Wolverton Lois Wroge	Michelle Carlson Glenda Schnirring	Marita Legreid Katy Lindberg	Jennie Orr Thomas & Dan Thomas	Lance & Lois Twedt
Lector	Barb Jorenby	Maria Gathje	Lisa Bergert	Darlene Olson	David Weisser
Sound Board	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Prayer Chapel	Geri Holmseth	Paul and Sue Severson	Judy Werner	Sue Retka	Jennie Orr Thomas
Music Leader/Cantor	Darlene Olson	Ryan Hummel	Jan Kochendorfer	Becky Raimann	Maria Gathje

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 8:30 am Online Worship 9:30 am In-Person Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Adult Forum 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm CMT 7:00 pm Faith Formation Ministry</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm Fellowship 6:00 pm Community Ministry 6:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry</p>	<p>6 6:45 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>7 1:00 pm Do Days</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>10 8:30 am Online Worship 9:30 am In-Person Worship / Nicholas Baptism 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Adult Forum 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Preschool Ministry 6:30 pm Finance Ministry</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm Prayer Team 6:00 pm Stewardship Ministry</p>	<p>13 6:45 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>14 9:30 am WELCA Meeting / Circle Bible Study 11:00 am Meals on Wheels 5:15 pm PEO 7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting</p>	<p>15 Confirmation Retreat</p>	<p>16 Confirmation Retreat 8:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>
<p>17 Confirmation Retreat 8:30 am Online Worship 9:30 am In-Person Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Adult Forum 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Council</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 No Preschool 1:00 pm Do Days</p>	<p>22 No Preschool</p>	<p>23 7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>24 8:30 am Online Worship 9:30 am In-Person Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Adult Forum 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm Adult Spiritual Growth 7:00 pm AALW</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:45 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>28 Preschool Halloween Party. 11:00 am Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>29 Preschool Halloween Party</p>	<p>30 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Open the Bible (3rd Graders) 1:00 pm Leaf Raking</p>
<p>31 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 am Online Worship 9:30 am In-Person Worship / Bible Presentations for 3 yr olds and 3rd Graders 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Adult Forum 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>						

St. Philip’s Lutheran Church Columbarium

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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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
A																
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.

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