

The Philippian

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

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

September 2022

September Events

Register Today for Sunday School and Confirmation

Confirmation Class

Begins September 7 at 6:45 pm

Circle Bible Study

Thursday, September 8 at 9:30 am

Opening the Bible Class

Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 am

Rally Day

Sunday, September 11

- * Bible Presentations to 3-year-olds and 3rd Graders
- * Blessing of the Backpacks
- * Assembly of Lutheran World Relief School Supplies Backpacks
- * Fun Events

JoyPhil Ringers Begin Rehearsals

Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm

500 Card Club

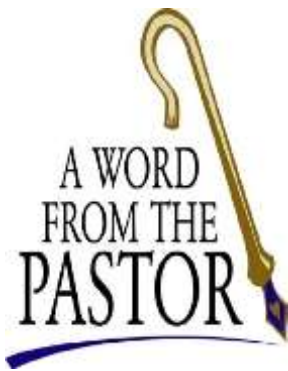
Saturday, September 17 at 6:30 pm

Sunday School and Adult Forum Education

Begins Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 am

6 *Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.*

1 Timothy 6:6-10



"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. . ." This verse from First Timothy is one of the most misquoted verses in the Bible. Nine times out of ten it seems that when someone means to quote this verse, they will instead say that "Money is the root of all evil." Money is not inherently evil. Neither is it

inherently good. Money is something that we ascribe value to because in our society it can be exchanged for goods or services that we need or want.

The problem comes when we start thinking of money and possessions as something we own rather than gifts we have been entrusted with. "God Owns It All" is the chapter heading in a book by a Christian author who presents this statement as the foundation for money management and giving. Psalm 24:1 proclaims that "The earth is the Lord's". Scripture tells us in Haggai 2:8 that God even owns the silver and gold in all the mines.

Now God allows us to use what rightfully belongs to Him, but everything still belongs to God! We are managers and stewards of what God has blessed us with and entrusted to us. Someday, when we stand before the throne, we will have to give an account of what kind of job we have done.

That is one reason scripture warns us of the "eagerness to be rich." In seeking wealth or asserting ownership as a means of achieving contentment, we cannot help but wander away from the faith. God has

blessed us and entrusted us with more than we could ever hope to earn or deserve. That is why every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision.

Back in Wisconsin I was once asked, "Pastor, isn't it kind of self-serving for you to talk about giving money to the church since part of that money is used for your paycheck?" Well, it is self-serving but not for that reason. It is self-serving because when the day comes that I am standing before Jesus, I don't want Christ to ask me, "Why didn't you tell the people I called you to serve that what they do with their blessings is a reflection of their priorities and their faith?"

It is our faith in Christ that provides true contentment. We pray for daily bread. Everything else is pure blessing. Once we are content with what we have and who we are as children of God, our eyes are opened to the wonders of God's grace. We are then able to rejoice and live our lives as God would have us do. Thanks be to God!

*Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Geier*

GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE

July 2022

Actual	Budget	2021 Actual
<u>General and Miscellaneous Income YTD</u>		
\$310,122.86	\$301,070.82	\$301,833.99
<u>Capital Fund YTD</u>		
\$96,775.50	\$103,269.23	\$96,975.82
<u>Operational Expenses YTD</u>		
\$377,098.13	\$406,529.48	\$364,892.30
<u>Over / (Short)</u>		
\$29,800.23	(\$2,189.43)	\$33,917.51

**OFFICE CLOSED
LABOR DAY MONDAY**

The office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in honor of Labor Day. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Geier.



Thank You!

Thanks to Steve Wolverton! As property needs arise, it's often Steve who gets the call. Steve repairs and solves problems on many aspects of the building and grounds operation. When a major limb fell during July, Steve agreed to come with his equipment, cut it up and haul it all off our site. A hearty "thank you" goes to Steve for this task and many others.



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 4	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33
September 11	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
September 18	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
September 25	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

September is here and that means the starting of Circle Bible Study meeting the second Thursday of each month at church beginning at 9:30 am in the Youth Room. The first study will take place on September 8. Questions? call Susan Cruse at 651-437-1767.

CHOIR DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN

Part time choir director position, approximately 7 hours per week. Must have some music background but no degree required. If interested, contact Pastor Geier for more information.

– AMONG OUR OWN –

Congratulations to...

- Art and Kathy Luedtke** on their 54th wedding anniversary on August 31
- Edward and Jonlee Brown** on their 51st wedding anniversary on September 4
- Mike and Kelly Ehlenz** on their 10th wedding anniversary on September 8
- Dean and Lista Klocow** on their 40th wedding anniversary on September 11
- Justin and Emily King** on their 1st wedding anniversary on September 18
- Keith and Brenda Johnson** on their 40th wedding anniversary on September 18
- Merle and Eloise Arndtson** on their 65th wedding anniversary on September 22

HOW DO I JOIN ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH?

It's a joyous day when St. Philips' congregation receives a new household. Being a member brings you into a circle of believers where prayer, congregational activity, and the regular fellowship of worship enriches daily life. If you would like to formally join our community of faith: (1) Complete the form found on the Welcome Center. and place it in the confidential slot by the church office door. (2) Pastor Geier will make a follow-up contact. (3) An informational packet will be provided and reviewed with you by a volunteer at your convenience. (4) You will be received into membership at a Sunday worship service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Shoebox Season is almost here! Which means we once again have the privilege to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls around the world!

Start shopping sales now for fun toys, school supplies and personal care items to fill your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Red and green shoeboxes will be available later in October. National Collection week this year is November 14-20.

If you have any questions, you can visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ or talk with Robyn Tank or Emily Preston.

INSTALLATION OF NEW HANDBELL DIRECTOR

St. Philip's is proud to announce that long time member LuAnn Roiger was formally installed as the new director of both the youth and adult handbell choirs during a July worship service.



Special music has been noticeably missing during the pandemic and the absence of Ellen Diischer, due to Ellen's health challenges. LuAnn has announced rehearsal times, which means that special music by a handbell choir will happen soon. The congregation warmly welcomes and thanks LuAnn as she enters this new role in St. Philip's ministry.

NEW HANDBELL DIRECTOR

Hi, I'm LuAnn Roiger, St. Philip's new handbell choir director. I have been a member of St. Philip's since I married Rich Roiger in 2000. I am excited to start a new adventure at St. Philip's leading the handbell choirs. I have been a part of the adult bell choir for several years and I believe it is an important ministry to be continued for our children and adult members. It is a ministry which requires all members to work together to accomplish one goal – playing music to glorify God. No one person can play all the notes of a song – it takes everyone to do their individual part to make the music sing. Like all the hands and feet of the church members, no one person can carry the load for all. It takes a team effort.

Music has been a part of my life since I can remember. I began taking formal piano lessons when I was five years old. I was soon accompanying my mother singing at church events and then played for the Sunday School morning worship. I took piano lessons through high school and took a couple of years of organ lessons (even one week of concentrated instruction at St. Olaf College). During high school I played three different instruments in band - alto saxophone, trumpet, and oboe. I received star ratings at various state level competitions and

was part of a select band. When I went to college I took a semester of bassoon, just for the fun of learning a new instrument.

In 1978 I graduated from Mankato State University with a two-year Associate Degree in Business Administration. After college, my home church, Spring Garden Lutheran Church, a rural church south of Cannon Falls, needed a choir director. No one would step up and help so I volunteered. It was a learning experience for all of us. Not all choir members could read music, but all wanted to participate, and that was all that mattered. We practiced music, sometimes note by note, and line by line, until everyone knew their part. Everyone excelled, no matter their musical background.

I moved to Hastings in 1994 and joined Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Soon thereafter I began singing in the adult choir, leading Sunday School morning worship, teaching confirmation, and playing handbells under the direction of Marilee Anderson. I also started giving piano lessons.

For several years I accompanied the choir at St. Philip's under the direction of Ellen Diischer. In 2012 I had a job change requiring me to drive to Red Wing each day, which cut into my practice time, and I was unable to continue accompanying the choir. When the chimes and then bells were started at St. Philip's I would fill in as a substitute when needed. For the last few years, I have been a regular ringer.

A year ago, I reduced by work hours to only three days a week, which gives me some extra time to pursue some other interests (like HANDBELLS!). Last fall I was asked to audition for the Bells of the Bluffs bell choir in Red Wing under the direction of Marilee Anderson. I was accepted as a member. In the last year Bells of the Bluffs have performed two Christmas concerts, two spring concerts, and this summer we attended the Area 7 Handbell Festival in Duluth. A wonderful time to take classes and play handbells with a couple of hundred other ringers. I also participated in a select bell choir at the festival.

I encourage anyone who is interested in playing handbells to join us. The JoyPhil Ringers will have rehearsals Mondays at 7:00 pm. The YouthPhil ringers will start in September.

Please consider joining us and becoming a bell ringer!

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS AVAILABLE

There are openings in the St. Philip's Preschool for the upcoming school year. If you have a child or know anyone looking for preschool this upcoming school year, we would love to have them sign up. Check out all St. Philip's preschool has to offer or email us at preschool@splchastings.org or you can also follow us on Facebook @StPhilipPreschoolHastings.



OPENING THE BIBLE CLASS

Third graders... on Saturday, September 10, at 9:00 am you and your parents/guardians will come and learn all about the basics in how to read and find passages in the Scriptures. Then the next day (September 11) during Sunday worship, the 3rd graders (and 3-year-olds) will be presented with their very own Bibles! Hope to see you there.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Have you registered your child(ren) for Sunday School and/or Confirmation yet? You can register today by filling out the online form on SPLCHastings.org or picking up a paper form at the welcome center!

We are also looking for awesome volunteers to make Sunday school the best it can be for our awesome kids! If you are interested, contact the St. Philip's office!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

If you are going back to school, whether you're a student or teacher, you are invited to bring your backpacks for our Blessing of the Backpacks on September 11 during worship at 9:30 am. We will pray for your upcoming school year and hand out clip keychains.



Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 am (after worship) as we kick off the new Sunday School year. Watch for details as we finalize plans for a fun Rally Day.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Also happening on Rally Day is our School Supply Drive! We are asking for school supply donations that we can send to Lutheran World Relief for students in need. We also need volunteers on Sunday, September 11 to assemble the backpacks!



Our school backpack kits need...

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper)
- 30-centimeter rulers (since we're sending these outside the US, the rulers can have inches on one side, but they MUST have centimeters!)
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Blunt and/or safety scissors
- Black and/or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2 1/2" erasers

Thank you for supporting this great ministry!

SEPTEMBER ADULT FORUM - WOMEN IN CHRISTIANITY



Learn about amazing women, from a long time past up to today, who shared the Gospel around the world. We will travel through the centuries from ancient Palestine to current America discovering how many insightful, persevering, and loving women loved God and their neighbors despite the barriers, rules and laws in their way. Join in after worship on Sundays on September 18, 25 and October 2.



SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION!

Nurturing the faith of our young people is one of the most important callings in the church. We do this through our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and we do this through our youth ministry and confirmation programs. God uses faithful adults to help grow faith in our youth. The more faithful adults teens have in their lives, the stronger their faith becomes.

That is where you come in! Our ministry needs four or five adults who are willing to serve as small group leaders. The only requirements are caring about youth and loving Jesus. Each week during confirmation, there will be a time for some guided discussion and reflection. This will be a great opportunity for you to get to know 3 or 4 of our young brothers and sisters and help them on their faith journey! If you think that God may be calling you to this ministry, please let Pastor Geier know.

Come Join the Adventure!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS...

SAVE THE DATE: Youth Lead Conference for high schoolers, middle schoolers, and adult leaders on November 5!

The Youth Lead Conference is presented by Peer Ministry, which is coincidentally led by Lyle Griner (Nathan Griner's father!). Here's the description of this exciting conference from peerministry.org:

"Warning!

If you are looking for that conference with the big-name motivational speaker and that polished musical act, this is not your conference.

However!

If seeing and experiencing other youth leading, modeling, and mentoring the many ways leadership can look in churches, then keep reading!

"Youth are either leading or they are leaving." If the church is to survive, now is the time to say to youth, **"We need you!"** We are often quoted for saying, "Every youth, active or not, needs to hear the words 'We need you,' at least twice a year." YOUTH LEAD features youth and the ways they feel valued for meaningful leadership!"

Tickets are \$47 per person!

500 CARD CLUB

Join the 500 Card Club which meets on the third Saturday of the month (September-May, excluding December) at 6:30 pm. First night is Saturday, September 17 at Denny and Tricia Kohn's home. Couples and singles are welcome. Questions? call Tricia Kohn at 651-428-6065. Sign up on the kiosk.



ADVENT CANDLELIGHT DINNER?

Remember the Candlelight Dinner Advent Tradition? Some members of the congregation have voiced a request to go back to a tradition from the past at St. Philip's with a beginning of Advent Dinner. For many years Bert and Margaret Goderstad organized and emceed a fun night of fellowship on the first Sunday of Advent with the Candlelight Buffet.



Would you be interested in starting a new form of this special night the first Sunday of Advent (this year, November 27.) We're looking for folks who would be on a steering committee to brainstorm ideas, to revise the tradition in a new way. Would we cater? Have entertainment? Door prizes? We need your input!

Please sign up on the kiosk. If we have enough people interested, we'll move forward with pursuing the event.

Thanks for considering being part of this fellowship participation.

Questions? Contact Camille Nelson, Fellowship Ministry Chair at 651-437-2742.

HELLO
my name is

**Please Wear Your
Nametags!**

THEOLOGY OF ENOUGH!

by Linda Rozumalski

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

I heard a new term the other day -- the "theology of enough." We've heard of scarcity thinking and abundance thinking, and that God is all about abundance ~ *"I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly."* (John 10:10) Indeed, abundant, abundantly and abundance are mentioned 146 times in the Bible ~ an abundant number of times! But I've been considering this idea of the "theology of enough." God has blessed us with enough. The practice of this theology goes against the ideology (and idolatry) of consumerism and consumption. It goes against the competitive spirit of acquisition. It frustrates the false glory of self-importance (I am what I own, what I control). To declare "Enough" seems radical.

Actually, I have a hard time coming to terms with it. For starters, I'm a collector by nature and Enough is a difficult concept for collectors. I have stones that I think are pretty, lots of them, tucked here and there...and interesting coins. I have enough boxes for any occasion, but it's still hard to let a new size or shape go into the recycling bin. (We've moved more than enough times – I value sturdy boxes!) I have an abundance of stuff – well past the Enough mark – actually too much to keep track of and organize and utilize and clean and value properly.

But the theology of enough isn't about feeling guilty and overburdened – that's just the point. It is to recognize the blessing of having Enough. I have enough people in my life who love and care for me (therefore I don't need to struggle with problems or loneliness on my own). I have enough material goods to be able to share and enough to keep (and in sharing could better appreciate the value of what I choose to keep). I have enough time to spend some of it on others in fellowship and affection (which would bring me out of my self-centered tendencies and help me actually see others).

I have enough to do, enough to contribute, enough to be content. And the glory of life, I think, is found in being content, at peace, appreciative, attentive, observant.

"[God's] grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

God's grace is enough. It is sufficient. It will last. And, though there is most certainly an abundance of grace, in that symbiotic relationship, we are blessed to be a blessing – to share – to bear the burdens of one another – to count the cost of our abundance. Proof of blessing is not abundance. Perhaps the proof of blessing is the grace and humility and radical self-limitation of declaring Enough.

SUNDAY WORSHIP MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP



College student William Matzek and cello instructor, Margaret Cox provided numerous cello selections during a recent worship service.



Longtime member, Elaine Wilbur (right) enjoys refreshments with her daughter Patricia (left) and Patty Todnem. Elaine's new address is now 1008 1st Street West, Hastings.

COLUMBARIUM GARDEN IN FULL BLOOM



St. Philip's Columbarium Garden is especially beautiful right now with most of its flowers in full bloom. Al and Patty Todnem have been keeping the flowers watered during Gary McDougall's absence.

GREETINGS FROM EL SALVADOR

Camille Johnson Oster, and Laura Zabel visit with Julie Ronning who brought an enthusiastic greeting to the congregation from El Salvador, where she had gone with her mother, Dr. Lizbet Ronning and her sister, Linnea, to learn and do service work among the people of that country.



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Twenty-six St. Philip's fans attended the August 2, Twins game against Detroit, with the score not in the win column. It was a very warm night, and transportation by rail fell far short of getting us there so it was a rough start. Seeing our name up on the board is always fun. Raul Jackson hosted eleven of his family for the game. Note daughter Kari and daughter-in-law Megan, plus son Eric, who's sitting in front of Dan and Jennie Thomas, and sitting alone is Jacob Redding, one of Raul's grandsons. In the red shirt is our congregation's treasurer, Deborah Dreher who looks like the heat doesn't bother her a bit.



HONORING THE SERVICE OF SARAH BENNETT

On August 14, the St. Philip's congregation provided a farewell reception for Youth and Family Coordinator, Sarah Bennett. Sarah came to St. Philip's in early 2020, before the onset of the pandemic. As time passed, developing and sustaining ministries of any description became extremely challenging. The congregation showed its appreciation for Sarah's service during the past two and a half years through a reception of thanks.

A service of Thanksgiving for Ministry and Blessing was led by Pastor Geier during the worship service with a congregational response. A reception followed worship with a special table of refreshments and a basket which held cards of thanks from church members. Sarah will return to her home in Dayton, Ohio, before pursuing a new position.



KEEPING CONNECTED

In March of 1981, my husband, Merrill, and I moved to Hastings due to a job transfer to Continental Can Company in Eagan. We found St. Philip's close to our home, to be a welcoming church with Pastor Thompson. We joined St. Philip's in 1982.



I was born near Rake, Iowa - 8 miles south of the Minnesota/Iowa border. I was raised in the Lutheran faith in a family of eight children - I'm #4. There are seven of us blessed to be living yet!

We moved to the Willamette Valley in Oregon as Dad purchased a small ranch to raise peppermint for the extract and vegetable crops. I was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Albany, Oregon. I enjoyed the young people's league and friends. I went to Jefferson Oregon High School. We moved back to the midwest where Dad purchased a business in Frost, Minnesota, so on to Frost High School.

I met Merrill in Frost. We were married in 1950 in South Blue Earth Church, between Frost and Briceyn, Minnesota. We have two sons and one daughter, and all were baptized at that same church. We have eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren and the in-laws of all. We celebrated our Golden wedding anniversary at St. Philip's in 2000.

We moved to Cherokee, Iowa in 1962, where we managed the Singer Sewing active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Machine Store until we were transferred to Mankato, Minnesota in 1964 where Merrill was employed at Continental Can Company from 1965-1990 (including Eagan, Minnesota). I started a day care business for seventeen years until our move to Hastings. We were active members of Bethlehem Church in Mankato. Our children were confirmed there. They graduated from Mankato West High School and Mankato State.

We enjoyed camping and using our timeshare in the midwest. We also enjoyed flights and train trips to major cities on the west coast and Hollywood, California - to the Gulf coast - to Texas and Arizona - St. Louis, Missouri - The Arch - Maine - Boston,

Massachusetts - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Canada.

Merrill and I enjoyed dancing at the Kate Ballroom, etc. We also joined and danced with Circle 8 Square Dance Club for a few years.

Merrill passed away in 2004 due to lung cancer. I survived rectum/colon cancer after surgery and many treatments. Many friends from St. Philip's assisted in many kind ways to help me through those years.

Throughout the forty-one years here, I've found blessings in many church activities including being Circle Chair, leading the prayer chain. Also doing greeting, welcome center, Bible study, lefse making and packaging, garage sales and helping with funeral luncheons.

I enjoy reading, gardening, baking and making memories with my family, especially at Christmas.

Geri Holmseth

When Gerri asked me to tell my story, I thought sure, as it is one of our jobs as Christians to share the light.



My story begins in Richfield. I was born into the Rock family on one hot July day. John, my brother anxiously awaited my arrival. As he was only 15 months older, we were close growing up and many thought we looked like twins!

I was baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minnesota. Shortly after I was baptized our family moved to Bloomington and I eventually started school. I enjoyed many sports such as tennis, softball and competitive swimming. We were busy with academics, sports and church activities.

I toured all the Lutheran Colleges in Minnesota and chose Augsburg in Minneapolis. My major was physical education with a teaching certificate. While at Augsburg I played softball and most intramural sports. I was lucky enough to attend a sailing course in the Caribbean for a semester and I still graduated in four!

I still had student teaching to complete. My work life started at Washburn Child Guidance Center as a

teacher. I learned many life lessons and some of my co-workers are still friends.

I landed a full-time job with benefits at the State of Minnesota Hastings Veterans Home. My first assignment was to lead veterans back to good health. I was young and enthusiastic, and things went well. I went through many varied job assignments and job titles ending up with Senior Rehabilitation Counselor. After 32 years, I retired to my now favorite game GOLF.

One year I decided to go on a mission trip with community churches. Off to Rushford I went and met Pastor Ed. He invited me to check out St. Philip's and then I met Glenda. I'm now a happy Lutheran exploring what I can do to help the world.

I will see you around as I volunteer at most things like, garage sale, Meals on Wheels (MOW), usher, worship coordinator, committee member, vacation bible school worker, clean ups, Third Thursday, holiday events, pie sale, WELCA bake sale and lefse making. Connie Ball and I joined St. Philip's in 2008 and have fully integrated into church life.

Hello, we are Tony and Carole Sieben. I spent the first seven years of my life in the tiny town of Wyoming, Minnesota. My parents, my sister, and I belonged to St. Paul's Lutheran Church where my sister and I were baptized. We went to Sunday school in the basement of this very small church, and I remember ice cream socials and church suppers. The summer before third grade we moved to Forest Lake where my parents had a new home built. We joined Faith Lutheran Church, a large congregation compared to what we were used to. My sister and I were both confirmed and married there.



Tony was born in New Trier, just south of Hastings, the fifth of seven children. His family lived there for about eleven years and belonged to St. Mary's Catholic Church. They moved to Hastings and joined St. Boniface. When he was twelve his father died leaving his mother with seven children to raise. Everyone in the family had to work to keep things going. I know his mother's faith was a big part

of getting through all the difficult times she had to face.

Tony and I met at a dance at a ballroom in rural Withrow. My parents went to old time dances, so it was only natural that my sister and I danced also and had great fun. Two years later after meeting, we were married in 1969 and I moved to Hastings where we joined St. Philip's. I remember the first time we visited. Vonnie Olson walked up to us and introduced herself and welcomed us. At that time St. Philip's was all young families with children to raise.

We built a house north of Hastings in Denmark Township. After about four years we started our family and had three sons, Todd, Dean, and Evan, all of whom were baptized and confirmed at St. Philip's. Todd and his wife, Julie, and three daughters, Megan, Greta, and Violet (three of the sweetest and best behaved girls ever) are members of St. Philip's. Todd works at Washington County. Dean works for the State of Minnesota and he and his wife, Jenny, hope to build a new home in the next year or two on property they own in Wisconsin. Evan lives outside of Prescott with his wife, Sarah, and he works for the City of Woodbury.

I retired from the Dakota County Sheriff's Office after 24 years. Tony worked at Con Agra and developed asthma from all the flour dust which has advanced to COPD. He has had a number of health problems because of it. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1998. We both have been raised as church goers and feel very comfortable at St. Philip's as a church with many wonderful people and special pastors over the years.

SOUND BYTES

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



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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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