

# 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

## November 2023



LET US  
GIVE  
THANKS

### **New Wednesday Night Zoom Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 7 pm

### **Lefse Making**

Saturday, November 4  
9 am

### **Philadazzle Ticket Sales Begin**

Sunday, November 5

### **Annual Bake, Soup and Quilt Sale**

Saturday, November 18  
9 am- 12:30 pm

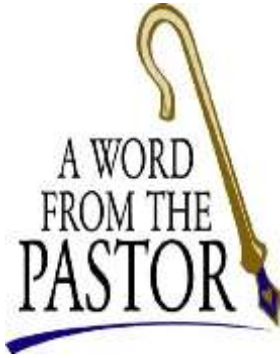
### **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Community Worship**

Sunday, November 19  
3:30 pm

*"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'"*

*Matthew 25:23*

*From the Gospel lesson for November 19*



Can there be any greater hope for any of us than to be in God's presence on that last day and hear our Lord say to us, "Well done!" To know that even in the midst of our many foibles and faults, God would find us trustworthy? Can there be any greater hope than to hear that God is pleased with

how we have managed the blessings with which we have been entrusted?

But can we really be expected to continue trusting God and being faithful in our giving with the economy going down the toilet? Luther Seminary recently sent me an article titled, "Biblical Principles for Surviving Uncertain Times", by Steve Scalici. He states "There are few certainties in life and one of them is that we will have economic uncertainty. As a matter of fact, if you look at history, you will see that not a year goes by that there wasn't something to be worried about ... since 1900 ... (I) can find at least three "scary" events each year that add to that year's uncertainty. There is a lot of fear out there right now which is no different than any time in history. So the question is, how do we respond in difficult economic times?"

Scalici then proceeds to identify five basic Biblical principles that can apply to any economic environment.

1. Spend less than you earn
2. Avoid the use of debt
3. Save money for provisional purpose
4. Set long term goals
5. Believe that God owns it all

(For the record, I would change the order so that number 5 was first as I believe that it sets the foundation for everything else.)

In the end, none of us can predict what tomorrow will bring, but we can be sure that these principles will put us in a position to survive any economic environment. We have to understand that the world is unstable and

none of us is immune from it. Human nature leads us to believe that we are insulated; however, God never promised we would be free from tough times. It is during these times that our faith is stretched and we have to choose between fear and faith. Living in faith does not mean we are free from responsibility, however; we must continue to follow God's principles. The difference is we can do so with the confidence that someone bigger and infinitely wiser is ultimately in control.

Even during times of anxiety, (and especially during times of anxiety,) we are called to be faithful and trustworthy with all that God has given us, however much or little it may seem to be. As people of God we do know that God does own everything and we are to seek nothing more than to be "good and trustworthy." I thank you in advance for your continued faithfulness in supporting Christ's work in and through (and beyond) our family of faith.

*Your Servant in Christ,*

*Pastor Geier*

---

## THANK YOU!

In one month...18,888 pounds for food sort rescue! The food rescue program at Hastings Family Service is making a difference. In August, 18,000 pounds of food were rescued from their landfill destination and given to folks in need in Hastings. St. Philip's volunteers have played a major role in this success!

Food comes in from three grocery stores and the food is generally still not expired. Volunteers sort through it and organize it by date to go out. Produce that looks a bit downtrodden and food that is expired is separated and now goes to a local pig farmer who is disposing of it by feeding his pigs. This is a win-win for everyone. Thanks to all who are helping with this effort! It is working more smoothly to have just four volunteers per Monday morning with a lead volunteer to answer questions. Watch for the SignUpGenius in your mailbox if you want to take a spot. It generally takes 1.5- 2 hours. The SignUpGenius email comes out around the 25th of the month.

If you have questions, please see Ron or Cindy Toppin.





## – Among Our Own –

*Congratulations to...*

**Thomas and Michelle (Willis) Ling** on the birth of their son, Jameson Joel Ling born September 28

**Amelia Odete Willis** (daughter of Sam and Lorena Willis) blessings on her baptism

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

**Aron and Allison Brown** on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 1

**Steve and LuAnn Rechtzigel** on their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 14

*Sympathies to...*

**Al and Patty Todnem** as they mourn the death of their son Eric

## Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 pm



St. Philip's Lutheran Church, along with the Hastings Ministerial Association is hosting this community event Sunday afternoon November 19 at 3:30 pm. (The Vikings don't play until 7:20 pm and the Packers' noon game should be over by then!). We are asking worshippers to bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank at Hastings Family Service. In addition, we will be receiving an offering that will be divided between our Hastings United Way and Hastings Family Service to support these ministries that serve our neighbors in need.

We are continuing to reignite a tradition of worshipping together to show the world that our commitment to Jesus goes well beyond whatever flavor we have listed on our church road sign. We gather to give thanks to the God who has blessed us with every good blessing and has provided everything that we call our own.

Come join our Thanksgiving tradition on Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 pm! See you there!

## Give a Turkey Dinner

Hastings Family Service is sponsoring the "Give a Turkey Dinner" event for Hastings families in need. We can help. Fill a grocery bag with: Stuffing (6 oz. boxes), Gravy Packets (.87 oz.), Mini Marshmallows (10 oz. bag), Fruit Cocktail (15 oz. can), Cream of Mushroom Soup (15 oz. can), Jell-O (3 oz.) OR purchase a turkey gift card at Cub. The grocery list and turkey coupon reminders can be found on the kiosk. Drop off your Turkey Dinner items and gift cards at St. Philip's in the box by the office. Deadline is Thursday, November 9.

## 20th Annual Bake and Soup Sale

It is November and that means the St. Philip's Bake and Soup Sale will be taking place soon. It is happening Saturday, November 18, 9 am-12:30 pm at the church.



There are many opportunities to be a part of this event. There is one more chance to help or learn to make lefse for the sale on Saturday, November 4 starting at 9 am until done. Help is needed for soup prep the day before the sale on Friday, November 17 at 9 am. Many hands are also needed the day of the sale. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.

Four different kinds of soup will be available this year: Ham and Bean, Turkey and Wild Rice (both gluten free), Hamburger Vegetable and Chicken Taco.

The soups will again be take-out only. Baked goods, candy, home canning, and fresh produce can be brought to church on Friday, November

17, 9 am-7 pm or by 8:30 am on Saturday, November 18. Please wrap items attractively in clear plastic wrap and label the items. Include in the label important information such as gluten-free, contains nuts or any other food allergies.

Proceeds go toward Bible story books for 3 year olds, Bibles for 3rd graders, a scholarship for a high school girl in Tanzania, Lutheran Social Service programs, and youth projects to name a few.

New this year will be a Do Days Quilt Sale on the same day as the Bake and Soup Sale.



## Do Days Quilt Sale

Need a baby gift or something for your cabin? Starting to think about Christmas presents? How about a quilt? We will have baby, throw and bunk bed size quilts and cute baby fidget burp clothes for sale during the WELCA annual Bake and Soup sale. There are two dozen quilts ready, with more coming in each week, so lots to choose from. Proceeds will go to Lutheran World Relief shipping and quilt making supplies and other special needs. Quilts left over will go to Twin Cities area charities or Lutheran World Relief. Look for us in the old narthex on the day of the Bake Sale. Need something sooner? Talk to Bernita Weber or Jennie Thomas any time.



## Poinsettias

It's time to order poinsettias for decorating the sanctuary at Christmas time. Sign up on the kiosk or call the office (651-437-6541) to order one in memory or in honor of loved ones. Choose a white, pink or red poinsettia. The cost is \$11.50. The **deadline is Wednesday, November 15.**



## Family Sunday School

Sunday, December 10 along with the stewardship pancake breakfast we will have a family Sunday school event with a variety of advent activities. See you there!



## Stewardship Campaign

St. Philip's Stewardship emphasis began September 17, when Al Todnem announced the opportunity of a mural being painted by members of the congregation. It was the beginning of living out Stewardship's theme, "Community Grows Here".



In October, the four panel mural was completed and will be on display the first Sunday in Advent. Tom Bullington offered a temple talk on October 22, with the final temple talk scheduled for November 19, by Carlos Villavicencio.

St. Philip's households will receive their annual Stewardship mailing around November 17. A response card with envelope, an informational brochure and a cover letter from Pastor Geier, will be included

Sunday, December 10, is slated as Stewardship Sunday with the receiving of response cards. Please be responsible about returning your card with whatever response is appropriate for you. The Stewardship Ministry Team likes to know you received the invitation to respond to St. Philip's ministry needs and outreach, along with its mortgage obligation. The response cards received remain totally confidential.

A complimentary pancake, and sausage breakfast will follow the service on December 10, immediately following the service. Be ready to enjoy the day.

## Request for Personal Hygiene Items for Refugees Coming in November

The St. Paul Area Synod's Women's Organization is asking for donations to help LSS of Minnesota receive the influx of refugees expected in November. St. Philip's women attending a soup luncheon on November 11, will take the donations with them and create kits for this expected need. Please place your donations in a labeled box by the welcome center. We thank you in advance.

Items needed are to be regular sized items such as: Shampoo, Hair Conditioner, Lotion, Deodorants for men or women, Bar Soap, Feminine Pads, Razors and Shaving Cream for men, and Toothpaste.

## Adult Spiritual Growth

As usual, look for some stimulating faith based conversation in the Learning Room each Sunday morning after worship. The topic for the week can be found in the bulletin emailed to you on Friday.

On October 15, our topic of "Good Grief" had excellent attendance and discussion. Look for a grief group meeting every two to three months starting soon.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday night Zoom Bible study group just finished studying Acts and will be starting some Old Testament history beginning with First Samuel on October 25. If you want to know more about how God's people did during the United Kingdom from Saul through Solomon, consider joining us for a 20-week journey through First and Second Samuel. If all goes well, we will then continue through the Divided Kingdom in Kings and Chronicles. Participants are expected to read about three Bible chapters a week and be prepared to discuss what we can learn from the text about God and ourselves as fallible human beings. Preparation besides reading the text is up to the individual. Some resources and background material are provided by email. No driving in the dark and snow for us, but some good fellowship and learning. If interested, please contact Dave Tank for the Zoom link and join us each Wednesday at 7 pm from the comfort of your own home.

## Christmas Program Sign-ups

This year we are excited to be doing a Christmas program titled *The Friendly Beast*. This program gives the animals perspective to the nativity story. We are looking for narrators as well as a wide variety of speaking and non-speaking parts. This year even our animals can have one or two lines if interested. Any youth age three through high school interested in participating please see the sign-up sheet which will be posted November 5 on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall or contact Becky Kaphing at [beckyk@splchastings.org](mailto:beckyk@splchastings.org) if interested in participating.



## It's Shoebox Time!

As the world continues to struggle with 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 19.

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 [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). Click on "Pack a Shoebox" to get started!

Questions? please visit us at the table in the narthex, give one of us a call (Robyn Tank at 651-437-2034 / Emily Preston at 437-3839) or visit Samaritan's Purse's website at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

## The Kids Are All Grown Up



At the recent funeral for former member Rod Van Vleet childhood friends and children of current members Pat Schultz, Earl and Kathy Stockman and former member Marcia Van Vleet, took time out for a picture.

(l-r) Lara Schultz LaCaille, Lynn Schultz Sutherland, Peter VanVleet, Julie Stockman Larson, Bob Stockman, Amy VanVleet Jehl, and Andy VanVleet



## Hello! from Diane Frederick



Diane Frederick sends greetings to St. Philip's friends. Pastor Ed Frederick served here from 2001 to 2014. Since his death, Diane has lived in Wyoming near her family. She said her health is "pretty good"

## Philadazzle 2023

Philadazzle 2023 is Almost Here! On Sunday, December 3 we will have our Second Annual Philadazzle! This year we will usher in Advent with an evening for adults with a Touch of Scandinavia. At 5:30 pm we will start the night with sparkling juice and fellowship in the narthex. We will then dine with a buffet of Swedish meatballs, ham, hot and cold vegetables, assortment of breads, other sides, finishing with rice pudding and sweets. (Sorry, no lutefisk!) Back by popular demand is the Eagan Men's Chorus, including our own Raul Jackson. We have also heard a very famous "Scandihoovian" may stop by and tell a story or two!



So find your favorite holiday or Scandinavian outfits and come for great food, fellowship, fun and wonderful entertainment. Invite a friend or relative to join us in the evening's festivities, too!

Tickets of \$20 (cash or check) need to be purchased ahead of the event after all services in November. You can also pick them up in the office during the week starting November 6. Questions? Contact Camille Nelson.

## Highlights of the 2023 Gathering of the Women of the ELCA



- ◆ The "Just Love" theme emphasized that many problems could be eliminated by loving others as Jesus taught. The Gathering focused on the increasing diversity of people in the U.S. and the need for greater empathy and compassion.
- ◆ Beginning and ending worship services increased our unity.
- ◆ Native Americans spoke of continuing struggles for respect in communities and government.
- ◆ Eight young women from countries in Europe, Asia and South America shared their experiences of non-acceptance and other hardships when they came to colleges (some Lutheran) in the Midwest.
- ◆ Three Bible studies used Matthew parables addressing Jesus' caring ministry. "Do you see the face of God in everyone you meet?"
- ◆ Lutheran World Relief addresses concerns around the world; it is not part of the ELCA. The school bags we send allow children to attend school; this also provides one good meal a day! [LRW.org](http://LRW.org)
- ◆ Lutheran Disaster Relief is "the humanitarian response ministry of the ELCA." It helps in disasters and other crises within the U.S. it works with other groups and assists with long term recovery efforts. [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org)
- ◆ Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has aided refugees for over 85 years. Part of their work is with the government and needed legislation. [LIRS.org](http://LIRS.org)
- ◆ Katie's Fund is an endowment fund to support women in mission and ministry development. [WELCA/Katie.org](http://WELCA/Katie.org)
- ◆ Over 1100 women from around the country attended the Gathering. The St. Paul Area Synod was well represented.

### Faith Statements

Final faith statements were heard by the congregation before Confirmation Day which will be on October 29. Faith statements are an assignment for all expecting to be Confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Their personal testimony is fully and respectfully received and appreciated by the congregation.



*Dakota Bauer and Lydia David*

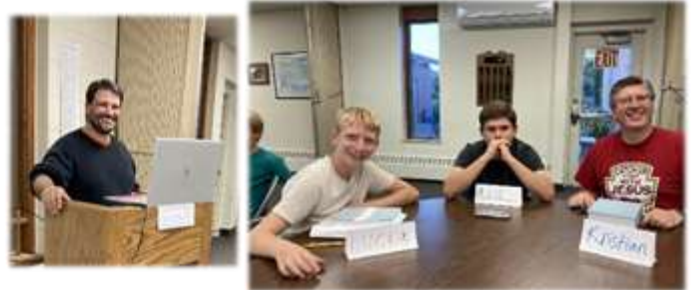
Danielle Thurmes addressed the congregation with her faith statement on October 15. Danielle reflected on her memories of St. Philip's in terms of the children's choir, and helping with Vacation Bible School. She expressed thanks to Ellen Diischer, Stephanie Becken, her mentor Melissa Campbell, and Julia Ronning for encouragement on completing her remarks.



*Danielle Thurmes*

### Wednesday Night Confirmation Classes

Confirmation is an important passage in faith development. Every Wednesday at 6:45 pm Confirmation classes are held for those in that age group. Kristian Ronning, Carlos Villavicencio, and Pastor Geier, work as a team to make each age group challenged.





## Grounds Clean-up

October 14 was a great morning with nine members responding to the call to cut down and trim summer growth. A huge thank you to them plus Al Todnem and Bruce Akins who did big tasks on the grounds prior to that morning. Those working on the 14th were Bill Vicki Pavlish, Steve Wolverton, Paul Swanstrom, Wayne Fahlstrom, Katy Lindberg, Dave and Robyn Tank, Patty Todnem and Glenda Schnirring.



*Patty Todnem, Katy Lindberg and Dave Tank working by the corner sign*



*Rest time at 10:15 am sees Wayne Fahlstrom, Steve Wolverton and Paul Swanstrom, who were ready for a break*



*Bill Pavlish, who had just put down his cutting device for all the pond's decorative grasses. Bill also hauls everything away for disposal.*

*Robyn Tank can always be counted on for grounds work*



## Since You Asked . . .

### What are the different prayer ministries at St. Philip's and how are they different?

St. Philip's Lutheran Church has a vital prayer ministry that is active in several ways. First, there is the Prayer Team that meets at 5:30 pm the second Tuesday each month at St. Philip's for devotion and prayers for specific members who have shared prayer concerns. Current members of this team are Jennie Thomas, Vonnie Olson, Geri Holmseth, Barb Jorenby, and Judy Werner. If you have questions or would like to consider joining this group, ask one of these awesome ladies. (Men are welcome, too!)

We also have the St. Philip's Prayer Chain, a group of over fifty members who receive prayer concerns shared with them via email and then pray daily for those on their list. All our Prayer Team members are on the Prayer Chain, but not vice versa. Things shared with the Prayer Team are not shared beyond that group unless permission is given, and matters shared with the Prayer Chain are not to go beyond that group without permission. If you would like to join our Prayer Chain, please contact Jennie Thomas at [jenniemot@gmail.com](mailto:jenniemot@gmail.com).

Our congregational intercessory prayers during Sunday worship is when we lift prayers of concern or thanksgiving in our public worship so that our entire community of faith can pray for those whom we list on our Sunday bulletins (with their permission.)

In addition to these prayer ministries, our Fellowship Ministry Team along with the Prayer Ministry Team and our Staff Ministry Team pray for six different member households each week. The Fellowship Ministry Team mails out cards to let the families or individuals know that they are being prayed for and if there are specific matters for us to lift up to notify us.

Finally, as your pastor, it is a privilege for me to pray with you and for you. When you share something with me, I will always ask what, if anything, I have permission to share and with whom.

**Thanks for asking!**



## Keeping Connected



We are the **Spence Family**, members of St. Philip's since 1995. Steve, Virginia, Kate and Vicki. We moved to Hastings from Apple Valley in 1991. Virginia was born in Worthington, Minnesota and raised on a farm in the Fulda/Avoca, Minnesota area for many years in southwest Minnesota. Steve was born in Hayward, California and his family moved between California and Wisconsin several times, but landed in Wisconsin and Minnesota in the 70s. Son Tom lives in Tennessee with his family. We are blessed that Kate and Vicki both live in St. Paul, not far away from us. Sisters and brothers live in Minnesota or Idaho.

Steve and I were married at St. Philip's, that is St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Minnesota, by Pastor Valerie Strand. (One of Virginia's sisters is a member of SPDLC.) It was our pleasure during COVID, to attend online services at the church that married us and also hear the message from the same pastor that married us decades ago! Pastor Valerie is still in our hearts. We would also attend St. Philip's Hastings as well, and occasionally Kviteseid Lutheran from Milan Minnesota where sister-in-law Kris is the Pastor for two churches. It may seem odd, but apparently we've had a connect to St. Philip for a long time so choosing St. Philip's in Hastings was meant to be.

We joined St. Philip's in 1995 after Kate was baptized at Avoca Lutheran in Avoca, Minnesota in 1994 as we wanted to have a local church family. After attending several churches, we chose St. Philip's due to the warm welcome from Jim and Vonnie Olson, and many others. Vicki was baptized at St. Philip's by Pastor Phil Walen and both were confirmed here as well. We have many great memories of Sunday school, working at Apple Fest at Gary and Alice McDougall's apple farm, Ellen's wonderful musicals and choirs, musical (flute) participation, Spaghetti dinners, Lenten soup suppers, Camp Amnicon, Operation Christmas Child, and many more. St. Philip's has always been a place for us to worship together, make good relationships with others, and keep us grounded with a church home and family.



Hello, let me tell you a little bit about the **Stewart Family**! Scott and Tiffany both lived in the New Ulm, Minnesota area growing up. After many years of being friends we started dating our sophomore year of high school, and the rest is history!

So, how did we get here?! In 2002, we graduated high school, and made our way north to the University of Minnesota Duluth. UMD was our college of choice for completely different reasons! Scott heard great things about the engineering program. Tiffany wanted to get the furthest distance from home, that was possible, without leaving the state. Four hours seemed like a great plan! At UMD Scott earned a Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering and Tiffany earned a Bachelor's of Applied Science in Psychology.

In 2006, we graduated from college, Scott started a new career as an engineer in Marshall, Minnesota at ADM, we got married, bought our first home together, and Tiffany started a special education paraprofessional position at the Marshall Middle School.

After a few years we decided we were ready to "grow up" and add more than just dogs to our family; however, God had a different plan for us. It took us over a year to get pregnant and were over the moon ecstatic to welcome this new bundle into our life. But again, God's and our plans weren't the same. In January 2011 at our 20-week ultrasound we found out that the special miracle we hoped and prayed for, for such a long time, was not as healthy as we were hoping for. After tons of medical/genetic testing we learned that our baby had a diaphragmatic hernia and a condition called Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome. From January to June, we have never prayed so hard for something good to happen. Many of our prayers consisted of, "please God, let this baby be born alive and let him be able to be baptized." On June 2, 2011, God answered our prayers, Jackson Scott was born living, was placed on Tiffany's chest, and surrounded by family our Pastor, at the time, baptized him. Jackson lived for 35 short minutes.



Our lives were forever changed by this precious little baby. We learned unconditional love in a way that many people will never understand and we learned what is like to have a child to only let them go immediately.

After being told it was okay to expand our family, we welcomed our precious daughter, Madison Helen into our arms on May 10, 2012. She quickly became the apple of our eyes! Madison is now 11 years old and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Hastings Middle School. She enjoys being on the Hastings Area Swim Team and running track with the school. She plays the clarinet and takes school extremely seriously!

On February 6, 2014, we added another precious bundle to our lives, Preston Larry. Preston was an extremely hard and vocal baby who had horrible colic but my goodness he sure was adorable when he wasn't crying! Preston is now 9 in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Kennedy Elementary. He loves the social aspect of school and still continues to make a lot of noise but only because he enjoys making friends! Preston will be starting his first year of Squirt hockey this year, with dad, as an assistant coach. Preston also loves playing any pick-up sports game he can find around the neighborhood. He will be joining the elementary choir this fall.

At the end of 2014 big changes were happening for us. We packed up our two young kids (2 and under) and moved across the state to Hastings so Scott could start a new career at Flint Hills Resources-Pine Bend in Rosemount. (Oh, we forgot to mention, that after the loss of Jackson, we decided without a doubt that Tiffany would quit her job as para and would stay home with any future children. So, when Tiffany became pregnant with Madison, she did just that, but throughout her pregnancy she still subbed as a teacher in the Marshall public schools, until May, when Madison was due.)

In the spring of 2015, we finally found the house we were hunting for in Hastings and moved in. Also, during this time, we were on the hunt for a new church home. We tried many different churches, but kept coming back to St. Philip's. Our biggest draws were that our ACTIVE children were welcome to sit with us in the sanctuary during service with people actually enjoying it and the amazing preschool; which all three graduated from.

After a couple years, we decided, what's one more kid, so on April 14, 2017 (Good Friday!) we welcomed Jameson Gary to our family. He is the perfect little charmer to round out our pack. Jameson is now 6 and

in 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Kennedy. Jameson will be in his second year of Mite 1 hockey, with dad, coaching.

We spend our school months running children to all their activities and fulfilling the mandatory volunteer hours. During the summer we like to spend as much time out of doors as we can, weather that be camping, fishing, swimming, or boating. Curious minds like to ask Tiffany, "now what, all your kids are in school." She simply says she spends her days preparing for the evenings of running, with an occasional subbing gig in our wonderful St. Philip's preschool.

Although we feel a book was written about our perfectly, imperfect family, this is just a glimpse at what makes us the Stewarts!

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24*

---

## Mural

The 18' x 18' Advent mural, "For Unto Us Is Born a Child", was completed October 12, less than a month from its September 20 start. While the core team, led by Al Todnem, is very happy to have the painting part of the project finished, it realizes that a number of people who expected to paint, were denied the opportunity.

Warmest thanks are extended to the roughly sixty members who did paint and to those who supported the project in general. The congregation will rejoice together when the four-panel mural, is in its fullness in front of the sanctuary beginning December 3, the first Sunday of Advent.



**ST. PHILIP'S STAFF**

Gregory Geier, Pastor

[pastorgeier@splchastings.org](mailto:pastorgeier@splchastings.org)

Noreen Swanson, Organist

[swansonhastings@centurylink.net](mailto:swansonhastings@centurylink.net)

Ellen Diischer, Coordinator of Worship Planning

[ellend@splchastings.org](mailto:ellend@splchastings.org)

LuAnn Roiger, Handbell Choir Director

[lroiger58@gmail.com](mailto:lroiger58@gmail.com)

Kelsey Wormley, Children's Choir Director

[kelseyw@splchastings.org](mailto:kelseyw@splchastings.org)

Christine Rydel, Business Manager

[christiner@splchastings.org](mailto:christiner@splchastings.org)

John Diischer, Sound Board Technician

[johnd@splchastings.org](mailto:johnd@splchastings.org)

Lista Klocow, Office Manager

[listak@splchastings.org](mailto:listak@splchastings.org)

Becky Kaphing, Preschool Co-Director

[preschool@splchastings.org](mailto:preschool@splchastings.org)

Lorelei Rein, Preschool Co-Director

[preschool@splchastings.org](mailto:preschool@splchastings.org)

Rachel Moritz, Assistant Teacher

[preschool@splchastings.org](mailto:preschool@splchastings.org)

Kari Vortherms, Assistant Teacher

[preschool@splchastings.org](mailto:preschool@splchastings.org)

**ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL**

1401 West 15th Street, Hastings, Minnesota

651-437-6541

[www.splchastings.org](http://www.splchastings.org)

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Sunday Worship Service:**

In Person and Livestream Worship at 9:30 am

(Livestream link on [www.splchastings.org](http://www.splchastings.org),

YouTube and Facebook)

**Sunday Education Hour:**

Adult Forum at 10:30 am in the Learning Room

Sunday School at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

affix label here

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit #148  
Hastings, MN 55033

St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
1401 West 15th Street  
Hastings, MN 55033  
\*\*Return Service Requested  
TIME DATED MATERIAL