

SPD New Member Orientation

Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in membership at St. Philip the Deacon, you are invited to attend this informational class to learn more about this faith community, our mission and ministry. We will plan to receive new members on Sunday, Nov. 8 at the 9:30 a.m. service. You may register online at spdcl.org/register or by contacting Cindy Carlson at ccarlson@spdcl.org.

Fall Habitat for Humanity Build

Monday, Oct. 19–Friday, Oct. 23

You are invited to join us as we use our gifts to make a difference in our community by participating in our Fall Habitat for Humanity Build. No experience necessary. 12-15 volunteers needed each day of the build. Must be 16 years old or older.

Dates: Monday, Oct. 19–Friday, Oct. 23

Time: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: Minnetonka Mills

Build Type: New build, single-family home

You may register at spdcl.org/register. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark Schmid at 763-475-7127 or mschmid@spdcl.org.

Corey Koskie: Faith & Baseball

Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

The Faith & Life Lecture Series exists to create welcoming and accessible public forums for members of the Twin Cities community to hear nationally known speakers reflect on how Christian faith is related to different dimensions of everyday life. The talks are always free public events.

Corey Koskie is a Canadian former professional baseball third baseman, who played in Major League Baseball for the Minnesota Twins, Toronto Blue Jays and Milwaukee Brewers.

Worship Assistance Opportunities

Communion Server

In the next month, we will be receiving communion on the following dates. You may sign up either individually or as a pair for a particular date and service at spdcl.org/register in the Serve section. Look for "Worship Assistants." In addition, communion is served each week on Saturday evening and at the 10:45 a.m. services.

Sunday, Nov. 1
All Saints' Weekend

Sunday, Nov. 22
Christ the King Weekend

Wednesday, Nov. 25
Thanksgiving Eve

Sunday, Dec. 6
First Sunday in Dec.

Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10–11:30 a.m.

A family Fall Festival which will include Trunk-or-Treat. Families can come to SPD and enjoy Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot out of people's cars. In addition, there will be food, bounce houses and games for the whole family! There is no cost; however, for planning purposes please register at spdcl.org/register by **Thursday, Oct. 22**. Questions? Contact Jana Blomberg at jblomberg@spdcl.org.

We Need Your Trunk for Trunk-or-Treat!

You are invited to set up your trunk and help hand out candy to the kiddos. Register your car at spdcl.org/register!

Funeral Planning at SPD

Monday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to do some advanced planning for your end-of-life wishes, we invite you to this workshop. We will talk about what goes into planning a funeral at SPD. Register for the class at spdcl.org/register.

Men's Ministry—Pumpkins & Generations

Thursday, Oct. 29 at 6–7:30 p.m.

Men, you are invited to bring your son, daughter, grandchild, nephew, niece, or another young person in your life for an evening of pumpkin carving, laughter, food, and fun. We'll provide the food and carving tools—you bring your pumpkin and the creativity! It's a great opportunity to spend time together, have some fun, and make some memories. Register at spdcl.org/register.

A Day Away for Moms of Young Children

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Blessing House in Victoria

Enjoy an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and create connections with other women who have young children (birth–Pre-K). The guest presenter will be Merri Guggisberg, a Parent Coach and Family Connection Advocate, who will join us in conversation with moms on the topic "Grounded in Jesus' Love." Register at spdcl.org/register. The cost is \$50 per person. Questions, contact Kathy Hagedorn at khagedorn@spdcl.org.

Processional Leaders

Individuals, couples and families are invited to register to serve as a processional leader at the 9:30 a.m. service. Sign up at spdcl.org/serve.

**Pathfinders—*Walking Together in Your 20s and 30s*
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.**

Spirit Beads with Pastor Valerie

Pathfinders is a group of young adults experiencing life together. We worship, serve and enjoy fellowship together, twice a month. To receive updates and reminders, join the Pathfinders group at spdlc.org/explore/groups (under Fellowship). Questions, contact Olsen Pancoast at opancoast@spdlc.org.

**Advent Preparation: *A Shoot Shall Spring Forth*
Thursday, Nov. 10 at 6:30–8 p.m.**

In conjunction with Gustavus Adolphus College, we are thrilled to invite you to an Advent preparation class and a *Christmas in Christ Chapel* preview event, that will be held at SPD. This year's theme for the annual Christmas concert is "A Shoot Shall Spring Forth."

The event will include a Bible study on the prophet Isaiah led by Religion Department Chair Dr. Blake Couey. And joining the conversation will be John Hermanson, an award-winning songwriter and composer of the Storyhill. This preview event 'prepares the way' for Advent. Please register for the event at spdlc.org/register.

**Christmas Tea at Nicollet Island Inn
Thursday, Dec. 3 at 12:30–3:15 p.m.**

Join us for a Christmas Tea at Nicollet Island Inn in Minneapolis. The cost is \$80 per person, which includes the tea, motorcoach transportation, service fees and taxes. Register online at spdlc.org/register by Monday, Nov. 23, or contact Cindy Carlson at 763-475-7115 or ccarlson@spdlc.org.

Help School Kids in Need

Throughout the school year we receive a variety of requests from several of the area elementary school social workers for students and families who have specific needs. For a number of years we have been a resource in the community to help ensure children had warm winter outerwear. Beyond the obvious of keeping kids safe in the winter weather, proper outerwear also allows kids to fully participate in outdoor recess and activities.

Email Renee Putnam at serve@spdlc.org if you would like to be on an on-call list to help. As we receive requests, you would receive an email with information for a specific child. There is generally a quick turn to help the student. An alternative option is to provide financial support for this project with a gift to the *SPD Angel Fund* (either by check or online). Please indicate in the memo line "Helping Kids"; then at the time of need, items will be ordered online for delivery.

Winter Jackets

We are collecting warm, gently used winter jackets of all sizes (children and adult), as well as children's snow pants. There is a particular need for jackets for teens, as well as men's and women's larger size coats (**XL and XXL and larger**). **Coats can be used, but should be clean and in good condition.** Please drop them off in Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT SPD

Cantus Chorus—*Simple Gifts*

Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

In *Simple Gifts*, Cantus weaves together personal stories of gratitude along with beloved tunes including "How Can I Keep From Singing" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", timeless classics from Jean Sibelius and Jennifer Higdon, and contemporary gems by Bobby McFerrin and Sydney Guillaume. **Tickets for the concert will be available at the door.**

MPLS (imPulse)—*"We Hold These Truths"*

Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.

MPLS (imPulse) celebrates and recognizes the power and significance of music and politics as we present our Fall 2026 performance "*We Hold These Truths*." Our featured repertoire is Paul Winchester's *An American Mass*. It is not a piece about policy or platform—it is about our shared humanity and our relationship with one another and the United States. Our mission with this project is to usher in more opportunities for people to build connections and learn from one another. Pay-what-you-can tickets required. Tickets available in advance or at the door. **Ticket information at mplsimpulse.org.**

**National Lutheran Choir—*To Remember Is To Begin*
Friday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

This opening program centers on memory as sacred practice, featuring Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, blending Biblical Hebrew text with Christian choral traditions. Through music of Jewish and Christian traditions, the choir holds space for grief, resilience, and shared humanity. In a world where forgetting can perpetuate harm, this concert insists on remembrance as the first act of reconciliation. **Tickets for the concert are available at nlc.com.**

Herald Music Series—The Roe Family Singers

Sunday, Nov. 15 at 3 p.m.

Bonfire Music Group recording artists the Roe Family Singers are a Hard-Core Old-Time band from Minneapolis. Led by wife and husband Kim and Quillan Roe, the band marries old-time sounds from barn-dances, fiddle pulls, and county fairs with a punk rock delivery. The Roe Family Singers mix original music and contemporary takes on old-time and traditional tunes into one roiling & rollicking river of fresh yet familiar American music. Every performance raises a ruckus. **No tickets needed.** There will be a free-will offering.

**Cantus Chorus: *Lessons and Carols for Our Time*
Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.**

Christmas with Cantus: Lessons and Carols for Our Time invites audiences to a rich, contemplative holiday experience that merges tradition with timely resonance. Cantus reimagines the beloved format of Lessons and Carols, exploring themes of hope, peace, and unity through classic carols, music from around the world. **Tickets available online and at the door at cantussings.org.**

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Youth Ministry on Wednesday Nights

- 5:15 p.m. SPD Singers
- 5:30 p.m. Pizza and Play
- 6:30 p.m. 6th–8th Grade Confirmation
- 7:30 p.m. Koin (Senior High Youth Group)

Register at spdlc.org/register. For more information contact Charlie Olson at colson@spdlc.org or 763-475-7129 or Olsen Pancoast at opancoast@spdlc.org.

Beloved: A Day Retreat for High School Girls Friday, Nov. 6, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

A day retreat for young women in 9–12th grades led by Amanda Berger and Jen Galley. This retreat will invite young women to know their belovedness as daughters of God, as well as offer opportunities for creativity, prayer and connection with other young women. Register by Nov. 1. Open to both SPD members and non-members—invite your friends!

First Communion Preparation

Saturday, Nov. 14 at 9–10:30 a.m.

Young people in 2nd grade or older who have not yet received their First Communion are invited to sign up for this special workshop, which teaches us about the importance of Holy Communion. The workshop is designed for both student and parent to attend together. Young people who attend the workshop will be invited to **receive their first communion on Sunday, Nov. 22 at the 9:30 a.m. service**. Register at spdlc.org/register. Questions, contact Pastor Makayla at mdahleen@spdlc.org.

Youth: The Sleep Out 2026

Saturday, Nov. 7 starting at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.

Middle School and High School youth plan to join The Sleep Out 2026, in support of the Interfaith Outreach Sleep Out campaign. You will hear more about housing instability, its impact on individuals and families in our community and how Interfaith addresses their needs and how you can support this campaign.

- Register at spdlc.org/register
- Adult volunteers are needed (must pass a background check if staying overnight)
- \$20 per youth, scholarships are available.

Reader and Acolyte Training

Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.

Children in grades 2 and up are invited to be trained on how to acolyte, or read during a worship service. Register at spdlc.org/register.

Virtual Bible Study for Parents

2nd and 4th Monday evenings at 8–8:45 p.m.

Gathering on a video call with other parents to dwell in God's word together (using the Gospel for the coming weekend). It's a low-key, come as you are, drop in time for Christian fellowship. Questions, contact Pastor Makayla Dahleen at mdahleen@spdlc.org.

YOGA OPPORTUNITIES

Embodied Prayer: Yoga @ SPD

Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the CFL

For more information, contact Amanda Berger at aberger@spdlc.org, or by phone at 763-475-7139.

Chair Yoga

Mondays and Thursdays

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in the CFL

Chair Yoga is designed for people with limited flexibility or anyone who needs to take it easy on their joints. Questions: contact Kathy Hagedorn at 763-475-7138.

Chair Yoga Retreat at the Landscape Arboretum

Thursday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Join us at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for a chair yoga practice on "Reflection." Take time for yourself to enjoy a chair yoga practice, a walk in the arboretum, box lunch, tram ride, and time with friends. Cost: \$60 per person. Early Bird Cost \$50 by Thursday, Sept. 24.

Retreat includes transportation, practice, box lunch and tram ride. Questions: contact Kathy Hagedorn at 763-475-7138 or khagedorn@spdlc.org.

CONNECTED AT SPD

Help us keep our contact information up to date.

Please let us know using our [online Update Contact Information form at spdlc.org/contact](https://spdlc.org/contact), or you may contact our membership coordinator, Nancy Bixby, with any changes at 763-475-7166 or nbixby@spdlc.org.

Prayer Requests

You can make a prayer request online by visiting our information request form at spdlc.org/contact. All requests will be held in prayer and kept in confidence. If you would like a pastor to call you please include your contact information.

Altar Flowers

You are invited to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year to beautify our sanctuary for worship. Cost is \$75 per bouquet. Your commemoration (for instance, to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one) will be shared in the worship folder and on the livestream slideshow before worship at 9:30 a.m. [Sign up online to sponsor flowers](#), or call the church if you need assistance at 763-475-7100.

Baptism at SPD

We welcome baptisms of infants, older children and adults at St. Philip the Deacon. This sacrament is gladly offered for you and your family, regardless of membership status at SPD.

In preparation of a baptism, we have created a baptism video at spdlc.org/life-events. To schedule a baptism, please complete our [Baptism Information Form](#), which is available online at spdlc.org/life-events. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Bixby at nbixby@spdlc.org, or 763-475-7166.

SERVING OTHERS

3000 Acts of Kindness Donation Drive

3000 Acts of Kindness is a one-day outreach event that ministers to those experiencing homelessness. We are collecting the following items to help supply the 3000 Acts of Kindness event. Drop off your donations at SPD through Oct. 25, 2026.

Winter Coats—new or gently used—heavy, big, and bulky are most requested. Adult size XL and up and all kids' sizes

Warm Winter Boots—new or gently used—Adult size 9 and up and all kids' sizes

Hats, gloves, and mittens

Sleeping Bags/Blankets—new or gently used

Long Underwear—**new** all genders/sizes

Socks and Underwear—**new** all genders/sizes

Washcloths—**new**

Sweatshirts/Hoodies—new or gently used all genders/sizes—the bigger the better

Packaged protein: Sardines, pouches of tuna, beef jerky, or other meat in packaging that is shelf stable and easy to open without utensils.

Serve at the 3000 Acts of Kindness Event

Monday, Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Let's serve together at the event. There will be bus from SPD for people serving during the morning shift. Register at spdlc.org/register. Spots are filling up, so register soon.

Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, Nov. 21 at 9:30–11:15 a.m.

It is National Family Volunteer Day! Let's serve together as a group with Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. In the packaging room we can help "turn the hunger into hope with your own two hands!" Families with kids ages 5 and up are invited or come by yourself and serve with your SPD family. We will meet at the Feed My Starving Children location—18732 Lake Dr. E, Chanhassen, MN.

Finance Office—Quarterly Statements

After our financial platform conversion this year, we now have the ability to send giving statements via email—saving the church large fees for postage, paper and envelopes. Watch your inbox for an email from SPD with a secure link to your 2026 first through third quarter giving statements.

The report will include your total contributions by giving fund, as well as progress toward any pledges. The email will also contain our giving guidelines for year-end 2026.

NOTE: Please log onto the SPD Hub at spdlc.org/hub to confirm that we have your preferred/correct email address. If you prefer to receive your statement via snail mail, we will happily accommodate. Please contact Moe Hagestuen, Finance Administrator, to let us know of your mailing preference, or if you have any further questions, at finance@spdlc.org or 763-475-7124.

Thank you, as always, for your faithful generosity. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

There is an AA chapter that meets at St. Philip the Deacon in the CFL on Tuesday evenings. Park in the lower level parking lot, and use Door E. For questions, contact Matt Geurink at mdgeurink@yahoo.com.

Caregivers Support Group

Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.

This is a weekly meeting of people who are currently the primary caregiver for another adult. In many cases, members are spouses or adult children of someone who is living with dementia or other long-term illness, though the group is not specifically aimed at any single care scenario. Members gather to take a break from their setting, share ideas and support one another. Contact Susan Path, Parish Nurse, for more information: spath@spdlc.org or 763-475-7168.

Thrive Cancer Support Group

1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m.

Thrive is a support group for those who have been diagnosed with cancer. We will be addressing our fears and journey for hope. You will find support, emotionally and spiritually, in a confidential environment. The group **meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1–2 p.m.** Contact Susan Path, Parish Nurse spath@spdlc.org or 763-475-7168 with questions or zoom link.

Sanctuary of Survivors (SOS)

1st and 3rd Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

Sanctuary of Survivors is a faith-based support group for those who have lost a loved one by suicide. All emotions, all questions will be heard and honored by this group. All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey, including questioning or having a crisis of faith. Please contact Pastor Valerie Strand Patterson at vstrand@spdlc.org for information on how to join the group, including on Zoom.

Mental Health Connect

If you need help finding appropriate mental health care, there are resources available to help at Mental Health Connect at mhconnect.org. Call or text 612-642-1220.

West Suburban Grief Coalition

Thursday afternoons, 4–6 p.m.

The West Suburban Grief Coalition is an extension of 15 area churches to help provide caring support and education for persons who are grieving the death of a loved one.

*The West Suburban Grief Coalition meetings during the fall are being held at **Messiah Church at 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447**. All individuals are welcome, and no registration is needed. There is a brochure with more information available at the Hospitality Desk.*