St. Philip the Deacon LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partners IN THE Gospel

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Share your blessings by helping provide food baskets to families in the Phillips West neighborhood of Minneapolis. The distribution of holiday food baskets is a ministry in partnership with Messiah Lutheran Church, our sister congregation. Donations to purchase food may be given by check or online. Note Messiah Thanksgiving Basket on your check. A gift of $50 will purchase food for two families however, any amount is greatly appreciated. Checks may be placed in the offering plate in the lobby or given to the church office. You may also give a gift at spdlc.org/giving and indicate "food baskets."

A SPD family will match your contribution dollar for dollar up to $25,000, with the hope of providing holiday food baskets, and supporting the Community Bridge* programs. In addition, you can sign up to help pack and distribute Thanksgiving dinner baskets through Community Bridge at serve@spdlc.org.

Upcoming Holiday Food Basket dates

Thanksgiving Basket packing	Nov. 17, 18, 19, 20
Thanksgiving Basket delivery	Saturday, Nov. 21

*Community Bridge (CB) began as a partnership of Lutheran Social Service of MN (LSS) and Messiah Lutheran Church at the Center for Changing Lives (CFCL or the Center) to enhance hospitality and community outreach in the Phillips West Neighborhood.

Sign up for Sunday Worship Livestream Reminder

For those who wish to participate in the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service online, you may sign up to receive a weekly reminder, which will be sent on Sundays at 9 a.m. It will include the worship bulletin, the Partners in the Gospel and a link to giving. If you would like to opt into this email list, you may sign up at spdlc.org/Sunday.

SPD Shopping Event at Art2Heart

Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 3–7 p.m.

A SPD event at Art2Heart (95 Hamel Road, Hamel), in which 20% of the evening's proceeds will benefit the SPD Holiday Ministries.

Faith & Life with Jessica Hooten Wilson

Faith & Genius: Lessons from Flannery O'Connor

Thursday, Nov. 12 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.

The Conversation

Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.

"The Conversation" provides members of the congregation with an opportunity for community, care and connection. Join us for coffee and conversation, as we hear from Katie Weiland, a young person who grew up in the congregation, as she shares her journey into ministry. We meet in Fellowship Hall. No registration needed.

A special invitation: ***You are warmly invited to the ordination service of Katie Weiland to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Lutheran Church. The service is on Friday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church***. Katie has been called to serve as Pastor Weiland at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island, Minnesota.

Advent Preparation: *A Shoot Shall Spring Forth*

Tuesday, 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 Care 2026

Our Christmas Care ministries will serve a number of shelters in Plymouth, Minneapolis and St. Paul. They include Smith Lodge, Mission Lodge, Hart House, Mission Heights, Our Saviour's Housing, Home Free Shelter, Home Free Community Program and Anishinabe Wakiagun.

We will also have a children's book drive and provide Thanksgiving and Christmas Food baskets at Messiah Lutheran Church.

The shopping lists and instructions for some of the shelters are now available. You may sign up at the tables in the Narthex or online. Also find Christmas Care brochures in the Atrium. Questions? Please contact Pastor Valerie Strand Patterson at vstrand@spdlc.org or 763-475-7126. More information can be found on our website at spdlc.org/christmas-care-2026.

Feed My Starving Children
Saturday, Nov. 21 at 9:30–11:15 a.m.
Let's serve together at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. 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. Register at spdlc.org/register. **Spots are filling up - register today.**

Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Fellowship
Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.
Let us give thanks for all our blessings! Join us for our traditional Thanksgiving Eve service. Worship begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by our traditional pumpkin pie fellowship.

Advent Preparations and Decorating
Saturday, Nov. 28 at 9:30–11 a.m.
Join us as we decorate and prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent season. There are trees to fluff and light, garland and wreaths to be hung in place. All supplies are provided, we need your helping hands. Come and help us prepare for Advent. Questions, please contact Pastor Valerie at vstrand@spdlc.org or Cindy Carlson at ccarlson@spdlc.org.

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.

Spirit Beads—Christmas Gifts and Ornaments
Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
We're offering a few extra hours of time with the bead collection so that you can create Christmas gifts and ornaments as the holidays approach. — Note: Both the November (3rd) and December (1st) Spirit Beads Open Studio times (3–7 p.m.) will also be devoted to preparations for Christmas. — Let your creativity and gift giving flow!

Serve at the 3000 Acts of Kindness Event
Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
3000 Acts of Kindness is a one-day outreach event that ministers to those experiencing homelessness. 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.

2027 SPD Outdoors Winter Fishing Retreat
January 28–31, 2027 **Registration opens Nov. 15, 2026**
Join us for the 13th Annual SPD Outdoors Winter Fishing Retreat on beautiful Lake of the Woods. Accommodations and guide service will be provided by Border View Lodge in Baudette, MN. Adult - $675 | Child (18 and under) - $575. Scholarships available. Questions, contact Pastor Mark at mschmid@spdlc.org.

Worship Assistant Opportunities
Communion Servers, Readers and Procession Leaders
Communion servers needed—you may sign up either individually or as a pair for a particular date and service at spdlc.org/register in the Serve section. Look for "Worship Assistants." There is also a need for readers and procession leaders. Sign up at spdlc.org/register.

Sunday, Nov. 22 Christ the King Weekend	Wednesday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Eve
Sunday, Dec. 6 First Sunday in Dec.	Christmas Eve services Christmas Day service

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.

Help School Kids in Need
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 *"Winter Outerwear"*, then at the time of need, items will be ordered online for delivery

MUSIC AT SPD

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. 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. **Tickets available online and at the door at cantussings.org.**

Beer & Hymns—Advent and Christmas Edition
Sunday, Dec. 13 at 5:30–7 p.m. at Rock Elm Revival
Join us for an evening of music and fellowship as we sing the hymns of Advent and Christmas! Everyone is welcome, whether you like to sing, or just hum along. No registration needed. Questions: contact Cindy Carlson at ccarlson@spdlc.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.

First Communion Preparation

Saturday, Nov. 14 at 9:30–11 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.

Reader and Acolyte Training

Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5 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. If you have questions, contact Pastor Makayla at mdahleen@spdlc.org.

Kids Drop-off Night

Friday, Dec. 11 at 6–8:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 weeks through grade 5 are invited to watch a Christmas movie, eat pizza, and make a Christmas gift for your parents at church. Come in your pajamas, if you'd like. Bring a pillow and blanket and get comfy while you watch a movie on the big screens at church. Cost $12, includes food, drink, dessert, and craft supplies. Register by Dec. 7 at spdlc.org/register.

Virtual Bible Study for Parents

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

Gather 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.

Advent Event: *A Piece of Christmas*

Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 5–7 p.m.

An Advent "open house", families are invited to explore a variety of stations to help prepare for the Christmas. The evening will include dinner, service projects and Advent/Christmas focused activities. The event is for all ages. For planning purposes please register at spdlc.org/register by Tuesday, November 24. Questions, contact Pastor Makayla 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.

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, 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.

Leaving a Legacy for St. Philip the Deacon

Does your estate plan include a legacy gift to St. Philip the Deacon? If so, please let us know by completing a Letter of Intent so we can thank you and add you to the rolls of Rejoicing Partners, our honorary legacy giving society. Learn more—and find a downloadable Letter of Intent at spdlc.org/legacy.

2026 Year-End Giving Guidelines

Thank you for your faithful support of St. Philip the Deacon! Your generosity makes our mission and ministry possible. As the year concludes, please follow these guidelines for your final 2026 contributions.

Five Ways to Deliver Your Year-end Gifts
For a gift to be considered a 2026 contribution, there are five ways to deliver your gifts. All of these methods must be completed before midnight on Dec. 31, 2026. Offerings received or postmarked after Dec. 31 will be recorded as 2027 offerings, regardless of which year's envelope is used.

1. Place your gift into the offering plates in the narthex before or after worship services.
2. Deliver to the church office. (Office hours: M–Th, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and F, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.)
3. Place in the black mailbox outside Door B entrance. (Office door, west entrance)
4. Give electronically at spdlc.org/givenow.
5. Send via U.S. Mail, postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2026.

Gifts of Securities

- If you wish to transfer securities to the church's Schwab account, please inform us in advance about your gift, as donor names are not disclosed by Schwab. Contact the Finance Office for transfer instructions.

- When transferring assets to the SPD Schwab account from firms other than Schwab, processing times typically vary from two to six weeks. Assets must be deposited into our Schwab account on or before Dec. 31, 2026 to be considered a 2026 gift.

Prepayment for 2027 Giving
If you wish to prepay your 2027 contributions, please make a notation on the envelope, write in the check memo "Prepayment for 2027," and give us instructions on how to designate the funds.

To receive credit on your 2026 year-end statement, 2027 prepayments must also be received on or before Dec. 31, 2026. If you want to record an electronic gift as a 2027 prepay, the gift must be initiated on or before Dec. 31, 2026. Please be sure to choose the correct year and fund for your desired 2027 prepay gifts (i.e. to prepay General Fund 2027, make sure to choose that fund).

If you have any questions, please contact Moe Hagestuen, Finance Administrator, at finance@spdlc.org or 763-475-7124.

We are grateful to you for your part in helping us continue to Reach Out, Proclaim and Inspire.

Remember: Your gifts make a difference.
Ephesians 1:15-19

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.