



**LENT 2025: COMING TO OUR SENSES**

**Wednesday Evenings in Lent  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9**

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

**5:30–6:30 p.m.**

Lenten Soup Suppers began on Wednesday, March 12. Soup will be served between 5:30-6:30 p.m. Note, we have mac & cheese on the weekly menu. There will be a free will offering for the supper.

**Midweek Lenten Worship Service**

**Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.**

We will once again use the Holden Evening Prayer for the Wednesday evening Lenten worship services.

**Daily Devotional**

Our pastoral team has chosen for our Lenten devotion a work co-written by our own Pastor Makayla Dahleen called, *Coming to Our Senses: Returning to God*. It comprises a series of daily scripture readings and prayers that will help us awaken our senses to God's presence. These booklets are available at the hospitality desk, or can be [downloaded as a PDF file from our website](#).

**Holy Week Worship Assistants**

You are invited to sign up either individually or as a pair for a particular date and service at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register) under Communion Server.

- Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday)
- Saturday, April 19 (Communion and Candlelighters)
- Sunday, April 20 (Easter—at all services)

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m.**

Held outside at SPD, lower (east) parking lot. Families are invited to come and hear the Easter story before heading outside to gather hidden eggs! There is no cost for the event, but for planning purposes, we ask you to register online at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register) by **April 17**. Questions, contact Trish Arndt at [tarndt@spdlc.org](mailto:tarndt@spdlc.org). Register at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register)

*Help stuff the eggs for the Egg Hunt. All supplies to be provided and available for pickup the weekend of April 5–6 and need to be returned to church by Thursday, April 10. This is an "at home" project.*

# Partners in the Gospel

**Easter Food Baskets**

We hope to provide Easter Food Baskets and support the many Community Bridge\* food programs in the Phillips neighborhood. \$50 is a suggested amount; however, a gift of *any size* is greatly appreciated. You may give a gift online, indicating *Food Basket* as the designated fund. Watch for more information about how to register to help with the food basket assembly and distribution. Give online at: [spdlc.org/egiving](http://spdlc.org/egiving). We will be packing bags during the week of April 14. We will need volunteers with vehicles on Saturday, April 19 for deliveries. If you would like to help, please contact Renee Putnam at [serve@spdlc.org](mailto:serve@spdlc.org).

*\*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) to enhance hospitality and community outreach in the Phillips West Neighborhood.*

**Easter Flowers**

Easter weekend, we will have a beautiful display of flowers, including Easter lilies, yellow mums, pink azaleas, calla lilies and pink and blue hydrangeas. You are invited to sponsor one or more in someone's memory or in their honor. You may pick up a plant of your choice to take home following the 11 a.m. Easter worship service.

Flowers are \$20 each, and they may be ordered using this form or online at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register). The deadline to order is **Sunday, April 6**. If you use this form, please include your commemoration as well as your name and phone number. Sponsors and their commemorations will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin.

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter flowers \$20 each

**Commemoration: (Please print clearly)**

- In memory of
- In celebration of
- In honor of

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Given by (list names as you want them to appear in the bulletin):

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## Spring Activities at SPD

### Cribbage, Cards and Chili

**Sunday, March 23 at 3–5 p.m.**

We had so much fun at our first gathering of *Cribbage, Cards and Chili* that we are offering it again in late March. At the first gathering, in addition to cribbage, there were games of Uno, SkyJo, bridge, and Battleship. You are welcome to bring a cribbage board, or game you would like to play. Questions, contact Cindy Carlson at [ccarlson@spdlc.org](mailto:ccarlson@spdlc.org).

### Faith & Life with Thomas Wagner

**Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.**

The 2024-2025 Faith & Life lecture series continues with a presentation by Thomas Wagner, *Faith & Resilience: Finding Hope in Challenging Times*. The presentation is free and open to the public. This event will also be livestreamed at [faithandlife.org/livestream](http://faithandlife.org/livestream).

### How to Know a Person Class

**Monday, April 7 and 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

In this 2-week class, we'll explore, and practice skills highlighted in the book, *How to Know a Person* by David Brooks. The class will be led by Pastor Westermeyer and Jen Galley.

"There is one skill that lies at the heart of any healthy person, family, school, community organization, or society: the ability to see someone else deeply and make them feel seen – to accurately know another person, to let them feel valued, heard, and understood." – David Brooks

**David Brooks will be the guest speaker for Faith & Life on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

### SPD New Member Orientation

**Monday, April 28 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, May 4 at the 9:30 a.m. service. You may register online at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register) or by contacting Cindy Carlson at [ccarlson@spdlc.org](mailto:ccarlson@spdlc.org).

### Mental Health is a Family Affair

**Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund**

St. Philip the Deacon, as a vital organization in our community, is resolved to be a leader in the struggle for more resilient families and improved mental health. Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund, a nationally speaker on mental health will help to raise our community's awareness of how we can lead this march on improving our nation's mental health by arming us with information, stories and ideas to improve and maintain our own mental health and those struggling around us. This event is in collaboration with Mental Health Connect. Contact Susan Path, Parish Nurse [spath@spdlc.org](mailto:spath@spdlc.org) with questions or interest in helping. Note, there will be a Community Resource Fair beginning at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

## Stay Connected @ 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](http://spdlc.org/contact), or you may contact our membership coordinator, Nancy Bixby, with any changes at 763-475-7166 or [nbixby@spdlc.org](mailto:nbixby@spdlc.org).

### Prayer Requests

You can make a prayer request online by visiting our information request form at [spdlc.org/contact](http://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.

### Updated Church Directories

We've updated the SPD pictorial directory with new members and contact information changes, so be sure to stop by the hospitality desk in the atrium and pick one up!

### Altar Flowers

You are invited to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year (except during Lent) 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](http://spdlc.org/register), or call the church. During Lent we do not have altar flowers in the sanctuary.

### All-Congregation Band

Do you play an instrument? Perhaps it has been some time since you've played? Well, dust off that old saxophone—we're seeking musicians of all ages to help lead worship in our first All-Congregation Band. There is no age limit, although a basic proficiency and ability to read music is expected. All musicians should supply their own instrument. All band and orchestra instruments are welcome. To make the experience accessible for all, there are only two required rehearsals: Register at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register). If you have any questions, please contact Samuel Grace, Director of Music Ministry at [sgrace@spdlc.org](mailto:sgrace@spdlc.org) or 763-475-7142.

#### Rehearsals

Wednesday, May 28 (7–8:30 p.m.)

Saturday, May 31 (10–11:30 a.m.)

#### Play for Worship:

Sunday, June 1 (Worship at 9:30 a.m.—Call time at 9 a.m.)

### SCROLL & CHARIOT PRESS

**Right Here, Right Now, by Amanda Berger**

We are delighted to announce our first offering from SPD's new publishing imprint, Scroll & Chariot Press: **Right Here, Right Now**, by Amanda Berger.

The book is available for purchase in person at SPD for \$20 at the hospitality desk on weekends; ask at the main office during the week. It is also available online at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register) (look under products) for \$25, which includes shipping and handling right to your home.

## Children, Youth and Family Programs

### Weekly Programs for Children and Youth

You are invited to join any of our children's and youth programs: Sunday School, Children's Choirs, the Childcare Center, Verse 5, Confirmation and High School ministry.

#### Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Preschool (3 years–K)

Elementary School (1st—4th grade)

#### Childcare Center

Childcare is available during the Sunday morning worship services (8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.)

Children 6 weeks–2+ years old

#### Verse 5

##### Wednesday, March 19 and April 9 at 6 p.m.

Meets twice a month on a Wednesday at 6–7:30 p.m. Verse 5 is a ministry program of faith and fellowship for 5th grade students. They gather twice a month throughout the school year. Questions, contact Trish Arndt at tarndt@spdlc.org.

#### High School Ministry (Koin)

Meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Our purpose is to build "Koinonia"—Christian fellowship.

Questions, contact Olsen Pancoast at opancoast@spdlc.org.

#### Baptism at SPD

We welcome baptisms of infants, older children and adults at St. Philip the Deacon. It is in the waters of baptism we are named and claimed as God's own. 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](http://spdlc.org/life-events). To schedule a baptism, please complete our [Baptism Information Form](#), which is available online at [spdlc.org/life-events](http://spdlc.org/life-events). If you have questions, please contact Nancy Bixby at [nbixby@spdlc.org](mailto:nbixby@spdlc.org), or 763-475-7166.

#### Growing Families

Have you recently found out you are expecting? Or are you adopting a child into your family? Let us share your joy and walk beside you as a faith community. At St. Philip the Deacon, we want to support you and your family as it grows and develops. Let us know your big news! [Get in touch with us online](#) or Contact: Kathy Hagedorn, Early Childhood and Children's Ministry at [khagedorn@spdlc.org](mailto:khagedorn@spdlc.org) or 763-475-7138.

#### A Day for Dads with Young Children

##### Saturday, May 3, 9a.m.–4 p.m.

This men's retreat will be in the Center for Faith and Life here at SPD and is designed for dad's with young children. We will explore some of the rewards and challenges of this season of your life, and what it looks like to build community to support and encourage each other. The cost is \$20, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch and retreat materials. Questions? Contact Pastor Makayla Dahleen [mdahleen@spdlc.org](mailto:mdahleen@spdlc.org) or Pastor Mark Schmid [mschmid@spdlc.org](mailto:mschmid@spdlc.org).

## SUMMER @ SPD

### Vacation Bible School (Kids age 3–4th grade)

#### June 9–12 from 8:45–11:30 a.m.

Join us for four days of adventure-filled learning! Our theme this year is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Each day will be filled with music, stories, experiments, learning, snacks, games, friends, laughter, and more! We will adventure through the "True North" thick forests, experience the stunning northern lights, and explore with curious woodland animals as we learn more about Jesus and his unending love for us! We will be both indoors and out. Cost is \$35 per student with a max of \$80 per family. Please register by May 16.

### Midsummer Lawn Bowling

#### Wednesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m.

This event is for all adults, singles and couples. We will meet at Brookview Golf Course in Golden Valley (Hwy 169 and 394). Questions, contact Cindy Carlson at [ccarlson@spdlc.org](mailto:c Carlson@spdlc.org). The cost is \$10 per person.

### Summer Fishing Retreat

#### June 26–29

Join SPD Outdoors for a time of faith, fellowship, fun and fishing at 10th annual Summer Fishing Retreat on Lake of the Woods. Registration is now open. Questions contact Pastor Mark Schmid at [mschmid@spdlc.org](mailto:mschmid@spdlc.org).

### Kids Adventure Week

**Week 1 July 14–17 from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**Week 2 July 28–31 from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

A jam-packed week of outrageous adventures. Each day will have a theme. We will do some things at church, and take a bus to other adventures. Each day will include a devotion, friendships, adventure, new experiences, and all-around fun!

### Children's Summer Music Camp

#### August 11–14, 2025 from 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

St. Philip the Deacon is kicking off a vocal music camp led by Celina Kobetitsch and Samuel Grace. Activities will include singing, games, musical guests and a field trip. The campers will help to lead worship on Sunday, August 19, 2025.

### Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Guardians

#### Monday, May 19, Depart SPD at 5:15 p.m.

Join us to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Cleveland Guardians at Target Field. Our seats are in the Legends Landing. The cost is \$55 per person, for your game ticket, all-inclusive ballpark fare (in the Legends Landing—which includes hotdogs, burgers, chicken tenders, popcorn, chips, soda, water, juice, and milk. ) and transportation.

### SPD Summer Programs and Activities

For more summer programs pick up a *SPD Summer brochure* at the Hospitality Desk. There are programs and activities for all ages. **Registration is open at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register).**



## Interfaith Outreach

The Interfaith Outreach food pantry is a valuable resource to families in our local community. Hunger in the suburbs is not always visible, but it is no less real. The Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf serves over 250 households per week and 44% of the people served are children. The food shelf is a safety net and supplemental resource for families and seniors who live on low and fixed incomes. A list of the most needed items include:

**Healthy snacks** (granola bars, trail mix and dried fruit), **Baby food and formula, diapers, cooking oil, hearty soups, papers bags** (for packing food shelf goods), **paper towels, toilet paper, toiletries, and feminine hygiene products.**

Also can also help our neighbors celebrate special traditions.

Passover, March: Matzo bread

Easter, April: Ham, potatoes, Easter candies

Eid al-Adha, May: Dates

## Used Crayon Collection Through April 13

You are invited to bring gently used crayons which will be recycled and given new life. In partnership with Minnetonka Girl Scout Troop #18993, we'll be collecting used crayons throughout the season of Lent. Check out the display and donation area in the lower-level entry. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our community!

## Collecting Used Eyeglasses

We are a collection site for used glasses! You can bring them to the church office entrance, Door B. You'll find a collection bucket on the coat rack inside the door. They will be recycled by the Lions Club International. They will be happy to receive **used hearing aids, too!**

## MUSIC AT SPD

### Organ Concert by Celina Sunday, March 30 at 4 p.m.

Enjoy an organ concert by Celina Kobetitsch, featuring works by Bach, Reiger and Rorem. This is a free concert, and open to the public.

### Herald Music Series

The Herald Music Series is a community service of St. Philip the Deacon. The Series is a reflection and extension of St. Philip the Deacon's long commitment to outstanding music.

### Cantus Vocal Ensemble Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m.

Tickets available at [cantussings.org](http://cantussings.org)

### SPD Sanctuary Choir, Meeting House Choir and Artaria String Quartet Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.

This is a free concert, and open to the public.

## 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 Mike Conley at 612-619-6448.

### 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@spdcl.org](mailto:spath@spdcl.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@spdcl.org](mailto:spath@spdcl.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@spdcl.org](mailto:vstrand@spdcl.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. [www.mhconnect.org](http://www.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 is meeting at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins. The address is 715 Minnetonka Mills Road, Hopkins, MN 55343.*

All individuals are welcome, and no registration is needed. There is a brochure with more information available at the hospitality desk. For more information about Grief Coalition, contact Harley Feldman at [harleyfeldman@gmail.com](mailto:harleyfeldman@gmail.com).