

SPD Hub

This summer we are transitioning to a new system for our church calendar and registrations. At spdlc.org/hub, you will be able to:

- **View the SPD Calendar:** See all upcoming events, services, and activities in one easy-to-navigate calendar.
- **Register for Events:** Easily register for classes, retreats and more!
- **Find a Group:** Discover and join small groups that align with your interests.
- **Update Your Info:** Update your address, phone and email along with other information in your personal profile.
- **You also have the option to download an app to your phone, making all of this available at your fingertips.** To download the app, look for "Church Center" on your iPhone or Android app store.

Summer Morning Prayer

July 23 and 30 at 8 a.m.

You are invited to attend a quiet service of Morning Prayer each Wednesday morning in July, at 8 a.m. We will gather by the baptismal font, and share in a brief order of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer. All are welcome.

MUSIC AT SPD

Summer Organ Concert Series Wednesdays in July

Mark your July calendar for SPD's next Summer Organ Concert Series. Note that the last two concerts will be at 7 p.m., for those who cannot attend a midday event.

July 23 at 7 p.m.	David Cherwien (Minneapolis)
July 31 at 7 p.m.	Celina Kobetitsch (SPD)

Suggest A Hymn

Do you have a favorite hymn? We want to know what you would love to sing on a Sunday morning! Send one or two of your favorite hymn titles to hymns@spdlc.org, or fill out this form on our website at spdlc.org/hymns2025 or you may scan the QR code.



We may not be able to use every suggestion, but we will do our best to include your hymn selections within the next few months of worship at SPD. If we are unable to include some of them this year, we will try to use them next year!

Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry Needs

The food shelf 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. The full list of food shelf donation needs can be found at iopc.org/outreach-services/food-shelf, or [pick up a Shopping List reminder slip at the hospitality desk](#).

Share your Garden Produce with the Food Pantry

If you have an abundance of fresh garden produce please remember the Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf. The Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf is located on Hwy. 101 and County Road 6, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Fresh garden produce is greatly appreciated!

Faithful Adventures with Flat Philip

This summer, wherever you roam, bring Flat Philip with you on your faithful adventures, whether on vacation, to a game, or even somewhere as simple as your backyard! You can pick up a Flat Philip at the Hospitality Desk in the Atrium. (You can also [download a Flat Philip PDF](#) and print him out to take with you.) Wherever you travel, take a moment to engage in a simple spiritual practice such as a prayer or reading a Bible passage; then snap a photo with your Flat Philip. Email your photo to social@spdlc.org so we can share it on SPD social media.

Habitat for Humanity Summer Build

Monday, July 28–Friday, Aug. 1

You are invited to join us as we use our gifts to make a difference in our community by participating in our 9th Annual Habitat for Humanity Summer Build.

Dates:	Monday, July 28–Friday, Aug. 1
Time:	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Wed)
Location:	9034 Park Ave S., Bloomington
Build Type:	New Build, Single-family home

Please sign up for your volunteer day and complete our online waiver at: [Sign up on the Habitat website](#), or rb.gy/137qyv. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark Schmid at 763-475-7127 or mschmid@spdlc.org.

Habitat Lunch Crew

If you would like to help prepare and/or deliver lunch to the job site in Bloomington, please contact Renee at serve@spdlc.org. There are selected menus for each day, you may also help provide homemade goodies for the crew.

Family Wednesday Night Light

July 23 and Aug. 20

5:30–7 p.m.

Gather outside around the campfire for food, fellowship and fun in the church backyard. There will be games and activities for the whole family, ending with a vesper service at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome, no registration needed.

Kids Adventure Week *Register at spdlc.org/register*
WEEK TWO—July 28–31, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

At each gathering, we will have a jam-packed list of activities evolving around a daily theme. Get set for crazy adventures, fun memories, friends made, and a better understanding of God's presence in our lives! For kids who have completed grades K–5.

Featuring: At the Beach Day, Superhero Day, Marvelous Minnesota, Discovering God's Creatures

Minnesota Twins vs. Boston Red Sox

Monday, July 28, Bus departs SPD at 5:15 p.m.

Join us to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Boston Red Sox 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. If you are interested in being on a waitlist, contact Cindy Carlson at ccarlson@spdlc.org.

The Conversation

Tuesday, Aug. 12 at Noon

"The Conversation" provides members of the congregation with an opportunity for community, care and connection. **Please note the early time this month—Pastor Mark will be grilling for lunch.** Nancy Bixby will also join us to provide information about the new **SPD Hub**. We meet in Fellowship Hall; please use the west parking lot and Door A. No registration needed.

Walking with Benedict

Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Amanda Berger in reading through the Rule of St. Benedict. The Rule of St. Benedict is over 1500 years old, still providing a framework for people who are seeking to balance their faith practices and the way they show up in the world. Purchase your own copy of *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century*, by Joan Chittister. Questions? Contact Amanda Berger at aberger@spdlc.org.

Funeral Reception Team

Please consider how you might help with this tremendously supportive ministry. The ways to help include: baking cookies or bars, or helping with either the set-up or serving of the reception. There are options to help during the week, as well as weekends. Contact Cindy Carlson at ccarlson@spdlc.org or 763-475-7115, if you would like to be **added to the on-call list** to help with funeral receptions.

Children's Summer Music Camp

Aug. 11–14 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, Aug. 19.

Camping with Trish

Tuesday, Aug. 19–Wednesday, Aug. 20

Baker Park, Maple Plain, MN

Kids who have completed grades 2–5

Gather at Baker Park in Maple Plain for a fantastic overnight of fun in God's great outdoors! We will cook over the fire, pitch tents, bike the 6-mile loop, swim in the lake, play some games, explore nature, have a Bible lesson, and make new friends. Register at SPD Hub.

YOGA OPPORTUNITIES

Embodied Prayer: Yoga @ SPD

Thursday 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.

We meet in the CFL. Enter at Door E on the east side.

Chair Yoga is a program for folks with limited flexibility or anyone who needs to take it easy on their joints. Payment is by free will donation. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Questions: contact Kathy Hagedorn at 763-475-7138.

Opportunities to serve in Children's Ministry

Sunday School 2025–2026

The program year will kick off on Sunday, Sept. 7 during the 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. We are currently looking for adult and high school leaders to create community with our children. We provide a Christian learning environment to the children through large group, small group, music, and a host of other methods. Materials, background information, and lessons are provided. Share your gifts, talents, and faith with our children! For more information contact Kathy Hagedorn at khagedorn@spdlc.org (Preschool & Kindergarten) or Norah Long at nlong@spdlc.org (Elementary 1st–4th grade).

Sunday School Buddy

St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church Children's Ministry offers a buddy system to children with individual special needs to introduce them to the love of Jesus and make God's word come alive. Children are connected with a buddy who will build a relationship and assist them with learning opportunities within large, small or individual settings. For more information about being a buddy, please contact Kathy Hagedorn at 763-475-7138 or khagedorn@spdlc.org.

SERVING AT SPD

Blood Mobile at SPD!

Monday, Aug. 4 from 1–6 p.m.—[Sign up online!](#)

We're pleased to welcome Memorial Blood Centers back to St. Philip the Deacon for another **Blood Drive**. You can sign up to donate blood and help save lives! It's easy to do, and is a meaningful way to be there for your neighbors in need. Blood supplies are always critically low in the spring and summer months. All blood types are needed. [Make an appointment today!](#)

Back to School Supplies

Each year just before school begins, both Interfaith Outreach (in the local community) and Messiah Lutheran, in the Phillips neighborhood distribute school supplies to children in need. You are invited to help by donating school supplies.

Messiah Lutheran—Phillips neighborhood

Backpacks (heavy duty—solid colors)

Loose-leaf paper and spiral notebooks

Composition notebooks

Washable Markers

Crayons and colored pencils

Pocket folders

Scientific Calculators

Highlighters

3-ring binders

Watercolors

Glue Sticks

Ball Point Pens

Dry erase markers

Scissors (blunt and/or regular)

#2 Pencils and Erasers

Tissue Boxes (full-sized for the classroom)

Disinfectant Wipes

Please drop off school supplies for the students in Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, Aug. 10.**

Interfaith Outreach

Through Interfaith Outreach there is the option to assemble grade specific kits. The link to the IOCP Back to School Shopping page is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/BTS24#/>. Please follow Interfaith's instructions included on their sign-up for details on drop off.

Socks and Underwear Donation

We will be collecting the following items for the clients of IOCP through Aug. 10. There will be a donation box in Fellowship Hall. With the beginning of a new school year, these donations will help children get off to a good start.

All items need to be NEW!

Underwear for children (kids sizes toddler and up)

Socks—all sizes and varieties

Sports bras

Underwear and bras (women's and teen sizes)

Bridging: Welcome Home Kits

Bridging opened a new facility right here in Plymouth! They serve the community of people who are transitioning from homelessness into stable housing. To help welcome families to their new homes, St. Philip the Deacon will collect kitchen **NEW ITEMS** for Welcome Packs. Bring your donations to the table in Fellowship Hall (near the elevator). Questions, contact Renee Putnam at serve@spdlc.org.

WHAT GOES IN EACH BUNDLE? All basic kitchen packs include:

- Can Opener
- Mixing Spoon—standard and/or slotted
- Spatula—rubber and/or slotted turner
- Kitchen/Utility Scissors or Pizza Cutter
- Dish Towel/Cloth
- Hot Pad/Oven Mitt
- Measuring Spoons/Cups

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER: Ladle, Whisk, Vegetable Peeler, Tongs, handmade Welcome Home cards

Bundle Welcome Home Kitchen Packs for Bridging Thursday, August 7 at 10 a.m.

Join us to help pack up the Welcome Home Bundles. We will plan to meet in the Learning Center. No registration is needed.

Can you sew?

Are you wondering what you could do with your leftover fabric scraps? Well, here's an idea—pot holders! SPD is collecting kitchen items to assemble Welcome Home kitchen kits for Bridging. Are you able to make a hot pad or two? Heat resistant batting is available at St. Philip the Deacon. Please contact Renee Putnam to arrange pick up at serve@spdlc.org or call 763-475-7162. Please drop off your completed hotpad(s) on the table in Fellowship Hall by Aug. 7. There are no specific patterns or size specifications so be creative!

Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) collaborates with synods, congregations, Lutheran ministries and other faith-based partners to accompany communities impacted by floods, hurricanes, wild fires, severe storms, and tornadoes. Since these natural disasters require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response and our partners support communities on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management and emotional and spiritual care.

100% of Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response are used to equip them to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Donate at [ELCA.org/LDR](https://www.elca.org/LDR). Gifts may also be designated to help in a specific area—for instance, hurricane, wild fires, severe storms, tornadoes, flood response or to provide assistance internationally.

You can also give online through SPD at spdlc.org/giving; choose the Angel Fund. Be sure to designate **"Flood"** in the note section.

Connect @ 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 (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](#), or call the church.

Childcare Center (offered year-round)

Childcare is available during the Sunday morning worship services (8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.)
Children 6 weeks–2+ years old

Baptism at SPD

We welcome baptisms of infants, older children and adults at St. Philip the Deacon. This sacrament is gladly offered 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.

Growing Families

Have you recently found out you are expecting? Or are you adopting a child into your family? 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 or 763-475-7138.

Interested in joining St. Philip the Deacon?

Our next new member class will be offered this summer. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about this faith community and our mission and ministry, you are welcome to contact Pastor Tim Westermeyer at twestermeyer@spdlc.org or Cindy Carlson at ccarlson@spdlc.org.

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. www.mhconnect.org. Call or text 612-642-1220.

West Suburban Grief Coalition

Thursdays, 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.

*This summer the West Suburban Grief Coalition is meeting at St. Bartholemew Catholic Faith Community
630 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata, MN 55391*

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.