



Partners in the Gospel

New Member Orientation

Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in membership at St. Philip the Deacon, or know someone who is, 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, April 21 at the 9:30 a.m. service. You may register online at spdcl.org/register or by contacting Cindy Carlson at [ccarlson@spdcl.org](mailto:c Carlson@spdcl.org).

SPD Hymn Madness!

We're holding a friendly bracket tournament to find out our favorite hymns. SPD's Hymn Madness tournament pairs 32 of the ELW's most popular hymns in a multi-round bout determined by popular vote. The top eight hymns will be sung during worship as a Liturgy of Hymns later this summer. The winning hymn will claim the title for SPD's Hymn of the Year! Learn more at spdcl.org/hymn-madness.

Pastor Cheryl Mathison's Retirement Celebration

Thursday, May 2 from 5–7 p.m.

You are invited to an open house at Wayzata Country Club to help celebrate Pastor Mathison's retirement and to recognize her years of ministry and service. Her final Sunday at St. Philip the Deacon will be May 12, which will include a reception in Fellowship Hall between services.

HERALD MUSIC SERIES

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

Uptown Brass

Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m.

The Uptown Brass will present an eclectic, entertaining, and virtuosic program featuring songs of joy from around the world inspired by dance rhythms of many cultures. The program will include the music of Bernstein, Piazzolla, and Paquito D' Rivera as well as African American spirituals. Come enjoy the fun with these virtuosic friends from the Minnesota Orchestra! No tickets required; free will offering.

Register for Summer Programs

Check out our schedule of summer events and programs for all ages! You'll find plenty to keep you engaged with the St. Philip the Deacon faith community this summer. Visit our website at spdcl.org/summer2024 to learn more and download a PDF of our summer brochure. Then register for these events at spdcl.org/register!

Church Pictorial Directory Update

We would like to update our church pictorial directory, and we need your help! Rather than scheduling photography appointments with an outside vendor, we are asking you to send in an updated photo of you/your family. It may be a casual photo, but keep in mind we would like to be able to see your faces clearly. If this is your faith community we would like to include you in the new directory. **Please send photos to Nancy Bixby at nbixby@spdcl.org by Friday, April 12.** This is also a good opportunity to **double check that we have your contact information correct** in the directory. Please let us know if you have any updates to your address, phone numbers or email address.

The Post Resurrection Appearances Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30 p.m.

In this class, we will spend time with scripture readings which describe how the risen Jesus made himself known in the 40 days from Easter to his Ascension. We will also meditate on artwork that depicts the resurrection appearances and contemplate what the resurrection means for our lives. Register at spdcl.org/register. This will be an in-person only class.

The Conversation

Tuesday, April 9 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. We meet in Fellowship Hall. No registration needed. Our presentation will be:

Wolfs in the Wilderness

*A photo journey from 25+ years roaming the Boundary Waters
Canoe Area Wilderness
Presenters: Mark and Danelle Wolf*

Faith & Life Series: Kevin O'Connell

Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

The 2023–2024 Faith & Life lecture series continues with a presentation by Kevin O'Connell, head coach of the Minnesota Vikings. His talk is titled, *Faith & Leadership, Coaching in the NFL*. The presentation is free and open to the public. This event will also be livestreamed at faithandlife.org/livestream.

EVENTS, CLASSES AND GATHERING

5K Training Meeting

Sunday, April 21 at 9:10 a.m. between services

We welcome all who have always wanted to or now would like to or are curious about:

- running or walking a 5K (3.1 miles)
- adding more movement in your day
- shaving off some time on your run
- connecting with more people
- supporting Music in Plymouth

At the meeting we will assess your individual needs and discuss training and training tips for all levels. The goal is that you will be able to walk or run the Music in Plymouth 5K on June 29 at 8 a.m. or another 5K you for see in your future. We have allowed a 10-week training period and look forward to meeting you on April 21st. Show up or sign up online. Contact [Olsen Pancoast](#), Senior High Ministry or [Susan Path](#), Parish Nurse. There is no cost.

Minnesota Twins vs. Boston Red Sox

Friday, May 3, Depart SPD at 5:45 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 seating area, which is located down the left field line. Your reserved seats in this area will include your ticket to the game plus all-inclusive ballpark fare, which includes hotdogs, burgers, chicken tenders, popcorn, chips, soda, water, juice, and milk. The cost is \$55 per person, which includes the game ticket, all-inclusive ballpark fare (in the Legends Landing) and transportation. Register at spdlc.org/register.

Midsummer Lawn Bowling

Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Are you looking for a fun way to connect with others in our faith community this summer? Enjoy an evening of lawn bowling. It's not hard to play, and it is great fun. No experience is necessary, and all equipment and instruction will be provided. This event is for all adults, singles and couples. We will meet at Brookview Golf Course in Golden Valley (Hwy 169 and 394). The cost is \$10 per person, register at spdlc.org/register. Questions, contact Cindy Carlson at ccarlson@spdlc.org.

Summer Fishing Retreat

June 28–July 1—[Register at spdlc.org](http://spdlc.org)

Join SPD Outdoors for a time of faith, fellowship, fun and fishing at 9th annual Summer Fishing Retreat on Lake of the Woods. You will enjoy two full days of guided fishing aboard a 27-foot guided boat. (All angling equipment is included: rods, reels, bait, tackle, ice, on-board restroom, fish processing and freezing). Lodging and guide service provided by Ballard's Resort. Meals provided by SPD Outdoors. Scholarships available. Questions contact Pastor Mark Schmid at mshmid@spdlc.org,

Children, Youth and Family Programs

Fifth Grade Bridging Night

Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m.

All current 5th graders are invited to join us on Wednesday night for a preview of middle school ministry and confirmation. Come and eat from 5:30-6 p.m.—Pizza & Play will include bingo with great prizes! At 6 p.m., you'll join Trish Arndt for Verse 5 before meeting up with the rest of the middle schoolers at 6:30 for large group. From 6:45-7 p.m. you'll meet with Trish and Charlie to learn all about what to expect in confirmation, as well as getting to know the leaders and other students. We're done at 7:30 p.m. for parent pick up. **No cost or registration—just come.**

Eighth Grade Bridging Night

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Current **8th graders and a parent/guardian** are invited to join Olsen Pancoast for an introduction to senior high ministry and what to expect for the Rite of Confirmation. This is an important first look at what comes next for students as they transition to high school. Please plan to attend. You are welcome to join us for Pizza & Play at 5:30 p.m. as well.

First Communion Workshop

Monday, April 29 at 6–7:30 p.m.

This is an informative session designed for children around 3rd–5th grade to help them understand what the sacrament of Holy Communion is all about. It is for children to attend together with a parent or guardian. This class of children will receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 5 at the 10:45 a.m. service. You may register at for the class at spdlc.org/register.

Verse 5

Wednesday, April 10 and 24 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.

Summer Events—[Register at spdlc.org](http://spdlc.org)

Vacation Bible School

June 10–13 from 9–11:45 a.m.

Join us for four days of adventure-filled learning at "Scuba" VBS, where we will dive into friendship with God! The days will be filled with music, stories, games, experiments, friends, learning, growth and more. We will be both indoors and out. For kids age 3 through 4th grade. Cost is \$30 per student with a max of \$75 per family. Please register by May 15.

Kids Adventure Week

June 24–28, 8 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! Kids will bring their own lunch. Cost \$335 per child (all activities, bus, and snacks). Register by May 31.

Holy Grounds

Next Series: April 15–May 13 at 9:45–10:45 a.m.

We study a variety of devotional and prayer practices. No registration necessary. Questions? Contact: Amanda Berger, aberger@spdlc.org or Pastor Cheryl Mathison, cmathison@spdlc.org.

April Book Club

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work by Matthew B. Crawford. It became an instant best seller, attracting fans with its radical (and timely) reappraisal of the merits of skilled manual labor. This book brings alive an experience that was once quite common, but now seems to be receding from society—the experience of making and fixing things with our hands. Note: Book Club will meet both in person and via Zoom. The host is Pastor Mark Schmid.

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

Bible Art Journaling (BAJ)

Guided Practice from 6–8 p.m.

Enjoy the devotional practice of Bible Art Journaling, learning how to illustrate your own Bible in a meditative expression of your faith.

Monday, April 8	Washi Tape
Monday, April 22	Lattice Journaling

BAJ Open Studio

Friday, April 19 from 10 a.m.–Noon

Open Studio provides an opportunity of for you to work in your Bible finishing up pages you have already begun or trying new techniques on new pages.

Spirit Beads Open Studio

Monday, April 29 from 3–7 p.m.

YOGA OPPORTUNITIES

YogaFaith

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

YogaFaith Vinyasa

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. [on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 190 431 409 Passcode: DOWNDOG

Thursday at 9 a.m. in the CFL

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.

Energize your body and mind with Chair Yoga! 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. If you have questions about chair yoga, contact Kathy Hagedorn at 763-475-7138.

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@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

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 Oak Knoll Lutheran Church, 600 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka, MN 55305.

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.

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 iocp.org/outreach-services/food-shelf.

The most needed items this week:

- Name-brand boxed cereal
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Vegetable oil (24 oz. bottles)
- Salad dressing
- Hearty soups
- Paper bags (for packing food shelf goods)
- Paper towels
- Feminine hygiene products (i.e. maxi pads, and tampons)

Shopping List

Pick up a Shopping List reminder slip at the hospitality desk. It's got all the "most needed" items that IOCP needs, to help you remember the type of things you can add to your cart when grocery shopping this week.

Funeral Reception Team

At the time of a funeral, we as a faith community assist the family with the arrangements for the reception that follows the service. 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.

Please 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.

Prayer Shawl Guild Monthly Gatherings 4th Thursdays at 1 p.m. Next Meeting: April 24

The Prayer Shawl Guild will meet monthly at SPD. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join this time of community, creativity and support. To learn more, contact Susan Path at spath@spdlc.org.

Moms In Prayer—Wayzata High School, Orono High School, College and Career Group Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

All moms of WHS students, OHS students and adult children (college or career) are invited to meet on Thursdays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. to pray for our schools and kids. We welcome you whether you are brand new to praying or a seasoned prayer warrior. For more information about this group, contact Beth Albright at albri003@umn.edu. For more information about Moms In Prayer, visit momsinprayer.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.

Baptisms 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. To schedule a baptism, please complete our [Baptism Information Form](#), which is available online. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Bixby at nbixby@spdlc.org, or 763-475-7166.

Altar Flowers

You are invited to sponsor altar flowers 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. You can also find the online form at spdlc.org/register.

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.