

St. Philip Lutheran Church

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Dear St. Philip Lutheran Church,

Over the past year, I have spent much time reflecting on the importance of building a strong foundation of faith. I was blessed to grow up in a family that attended church every week, and my own foundation was shaped throughout my childhood. That experience has made me deeply aware of how vital it is to raise children in the faith, and I want to encourage families today to continue nurturing that same foundation in their lives.

For those of us who already stand on this foundation, our calling is to keep building upon it—growing closer to God, serving the church, and reaching out to those in need.

One of the most meaningful ways we grow in faith is by staying connected to God through worship, Bible study, devotions, or even listening to Christian music. These practices strengthen not only our personal relationship with God, but also the life of our church. Another beautiful gift the church offers is community. In gathering together, we form relationships of care, support, and love. This kind of fellowship is invaluable, especially because life is often filled with trials and struggles. To have someone walk alongside us in those moments is truly a blessing. When we support one another in this way, we embody what it means to *be the church*—for each other and for the world.

Flowing out of our faith, we are called to respond by loving and serving the Lord. God has entrusted each of us with unique gifts, and we are invited to use them for the good of the church and others. We give of ourselves and of what we have received—through our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings sustain the ministry of St. Philip and allow us to do the work God has placed before us.

Thank you for the many ways you share your blessings. You are, indeed, a blessing to St. Philip and to the work God is doing through this community.

These are some of our goals as a church and I invite you to join us in the mission God calls us to. Right now, I invite you to support this mission by considering your financial contribution to St. Philip for 2026. When you give to St. Philip Lutheran Church, you are giving to God and God's mission for us as a church. **Your generosity makes an enormous difference. Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. Philip Lutheran Church.**

I invite you to fill out a Statement of Intent card. This helps us as a church to determine our budget and plan for 2026. You can fill out a digital Statement of Intent card on our website at www.stphilip-co.org/stewardship or you can fill out the Statement of Intent card (below) and bring it to church on **Stewardship Sunday, October 19, 2025**. We are inviting you to either have submitted your online statement of intent card by that day or bring your Statement of Intent card to worship to offer it up to God.

In gratitude,

Pastor Brad Doty, Senior Pastor