



# VENTURA VILLAGE



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## KRSM Looks To The Future

Mike Brooks has been the Station Manager at KRSM Radio since last October. A radio station doesn't stop for anyone - it's on the air every day. So Mike has had to learn on the job. He compares it to jumping on a moving train and now he is the engineer and gets to steer that moving train and decide where it needs to go. Mike started as a volunteer host on KRSM and now depends on support from his fellow hosts. Every First Tuesday they meet to discuss common themes. February was Black History Month so many of the DJ's talked about their experiences and what Black History means to them.

While KRSM will retain a studio at the Phillips Community Center, its main studio will be part of the Pillsbury Creative Commons. This PCC will be a partnership with the Pillsbury House and Theatre next door at 35th and Chicago. Formerly what used to be Halvey's Body Shop, the new building will be part of an expanded arts and economic development hub for South Minneapolis. It is scheduled to be finished this summer.

Developing youth interns and on air talent is still an important part of the station. You can listen to them at 5 PM Wednesday on the "Youth Frequency Program". Personal Community Mixes can also be submitted to be aired on the station. KRSM continues to be an important part of our neighborhood. - Article by Steve Dreyer



Rendering by Jessie Bauldry

## Neighborhood Churches Working Together

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC) has been recently awarded a \$1.24 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to launch "Praying in the Spirit: Nurturing Children in Three Communities, One Neighborhood." This five-year initiative will bring together OSLC, All Nations Indian Church (ANIC) UCC, and St Paul's San Pablo Lutheran Church (SPLC) to create faith formation programs tailored to their diverse communities while fostering inter-congregational collaboration in worship and prayer around Phillips neighborhood.

This collaborative initiative will support children's spiritual growth through culturally grounded worship and prayer practices. Each congregation—representing Native, immigrant Latine, and European heritage—will lead its own programming while gathering for shared learning, prayer, and celebration. Resources developed through the initiative will be made available to other congregations nationwide. - Article by Pastor Esther K. Sianipar, ThM - For more information go to [venturavillage.org](http://venturavillage.org).

## Ventura Village News

- Our March Neighborhood Membership meeting will be Wednesday the 12th at 7 PM. We'll meet in person at the ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue. A Zoom Link is available on our website.
- Hope Community will be having their 2025 Garden Planning Night, Tuesday, March 11th, 5:30 PM at the Hope Commons, 611 E. Franklin. See our website for more info.

## MIWRC Sharing With The Community

The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC), among other services, offers a Monday through Friday drop-in center for women who are without shelter. The program, Wawokiye, offers common daily supplies, and works to find housing and other resources for those who participate.

After fires at 2 encampments on January 6th displaced many residents, MIWRC opened their facility at 2300 15th Avenue to those needing temporary shelter. People were allowed to stay overnight. Many Shields, along with other community-led organizations helped support the effort. MIWRC then reopened their doors overnight during several extreme cold spells in the following weeks. About 80 community members took advantage of the shelter.

The neighborhood is appreciative of the organizations and individuals involved in this work, but what we need are real and permanent solutions to the housing and responsibility shortages in our city. - Article by Steve Dreyer