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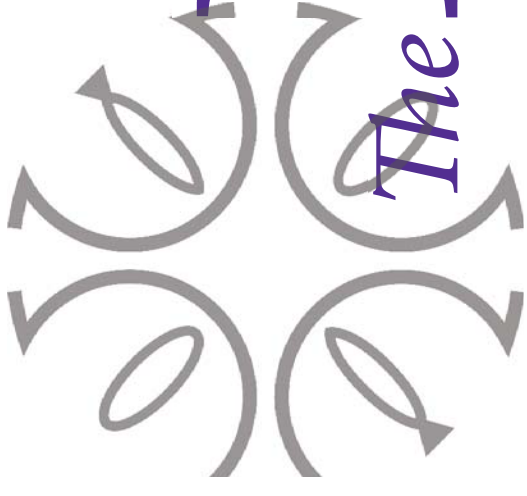
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August 2014

The Friend

Come as you are to Worship, Wonder, and Work in Jesus' name!

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"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in everyone of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." ~Philippians:1:3-4

My friends,

It has been such an honor for me to be called to St. Philip's in ministry with you. I thank God for this opportunity.

Retirement is an exciting next step, but I will miss all of you greatly. Many have asked me what my plans are now – well, I'm not sure! I am waiting for God to call me to new opportunities.

I thank all of you for your talents, energy, and generosity that you have shared in the ministry of St. Philip's. As I looked back over these 18 years, I am amazed at what this congregation has done in the name of Christ – through worship, education, music, healing ministries, mission trips, fellowship, and outreach. You have been a compassionate congregation, caring for those here at St. Philip's as well as those around the community and the world.

I also know that you individually have shared your faith and talents in so many ways outside the walls of St. Philip's. And that truly is a blessing to the community.

Thank you for your friendship, for the laughter and the tears we have shared together. I will be forever grateful for what I have learned from you as well as being able to share my faith with you.

My prayers will continue to be with you. God's spirit has enlivened this congregation since its beginning in 1958 and I know the Spirit will continue to lead and guide you into the future.

God's blessings to you as you continue to share your love, to grow in faith, and to be led by God's Word.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jan



Friend deadline: 1st Tuesday of August (8/5) for September Friend

E-mail typed copy to: nancyln@splcmn.org (250 word max)

The Things They Are a Changing (again)

Jerry Jensen, Congregation President

According to the dictionary change means "to make things different, to alter or to modify". That sure sounds like things so far this year at St. Philips!

My peaceful life in the padded pew was changed this January by a request to consider being a candidate for President of the Congregation. So far it has been quite a change, but a good change. Along with all the meetings comes increased opportunities for fellowship, discussion, interaction, prayerful reflection and deepening of one's faith life.

Another person who will soon be having a big change in her life is Pastor Jan. She has reached the time of retirement in youthful fashion. She soon will no longer have a schedule and will have unlimited time to enjoy her children, grandchildren, husband Phil and extended family. She will have time for hobbies and for socializing with her many friends. She has served at St. Philips for the past 18 years during which time many changes have occurred from pastors to pews, staffing to signage and hymnals to highway 65. All of these changes were greeted by anticipation and excitement and for the most part turned out to be good changes. We all are appreciative of Pastor Jan's years of service and wish her the very best as she retires on August 31st.

Other recent staffing changes are the hiring of Sara Quarberg as our

new Youth Director and Eva Jensen, an ELCA Pastor with a PhD in Developmental Studies, as our new Visitation Ministry Leader. Worship Music & Arts Committee has recently recommended expansion of the Worship Band Director position to that of a more comprehensive and higher level position as Director of Worship Music & Arts. (This recommendation is currently being studied.) Of course there will be the hiring of office staff to replace Wanda Benson on her retirement and the eventual calling of a new Associate Pastor. All of these highly trained staff members are sure to bring us many exciting ideas for improvements in things as St. Philips.

As these improvements are made things are sure to be different, altered, modified or maybe even discontinued. Sometimes we will feel anxious and unsure about these new ideas. For me, I think that most of my favorite "old things" are pretty good and feel anxious about changing them. I usually discover however that the "new models" are much better. I am looking forward with anticipation and excitement to these changes - even if I have to make 13 turns to get to church vs 5 before the highway 65 road construction. Even so, I am looking forward to eventually having a "smooth ride" to St. Philips. ♦

“For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver.”

~ Martin Luther



AUGUST 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>Pastor Jan Hartsook's Retirement Celebration Join us in celebrating her 18 years at St. Philip's Saturday, August 30th at 5:00 ~ Worship Service & 6:00 Reception/cake Sunday, August 31st at 9:30 ~ (One) Worship Service, 10:30 Short Program in the Sanctuary, Reception/Brunch to follow in Fellowship Hall</p>						
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St. Philip's 55+ Retirees

**Wildlife Science Center & Lunch
Thursday, September 11
9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

It's time to explore the wild side! We will travel by school bus to the north metro area and tour the **Wildlife Science Center (WSC)**. Meet at church on **Thursday, September 11th by 9:30 am**. The WSC tour will be inside and outside, dress according to the weather; if it looks like rain, bring an umbrella or raincoat. Some walking involved; places to sit and rest.

The WSC serves as an educational resource by providing exposure to a variety of wild animals, including the largest resident wolf population in the U.S. Home also to, mountain lions, lynx, fox, bears, raptors and other wild animals. WSC calls attention to and inspires relationships with the wild through training, research, education and conservation. Come and engage your curiosity!

Following the tour we will bus to Forest Lake and have lunch at **Norman Quack's Chophouse**. Please select one of the following entrees: Hamburger with French fries, ½ grilled chicken Caesar salad, BBQ pork served over French fries, or grilled salmon melt sandwich with French fries.

The cost of **\$20.00**/per person includes transportation, tour, lunch, beverage tax & tip. Sign up by Sunday, Sept. 7th. Please make (**non-refundable**) check payable to St. Philip's Church.

Any questions, contact Tom or Marlene Schonebaum 763.786.2483. ♦

June 2014

	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$383,518	\$390,492
Expense	(\$406,902)	(\$410,092)
TOTALS	(\$23,384)	(\$19,600)

Endowment Fund

An investment in the future ministry of St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Giving till it feels good!

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### Memorials

May and June gifts to the Endowment Fund were received

in memory of:

*Jerry Seeman, Reuben Nordin,  
Donald Smith, Gordon Jeppson, and*

*Harvey Flesberg; t*

...to celebrate the birthdays of

*Bette Blair, Char Fauteck,  
and Mary Seekamp;*

...and in honor of

*the retirement of the  
Reverend Vervle Henriksen*

### Legacy Circle

A gift was received from the estate of Ruth Furst, who had designated the Endowment Fund to receive the residue of a charitable annuity.

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Thank you for your support.

Special thanks to those who made the June fundraising brunch such a success, raising more than \$700, and to those who use the special endowment fund envelopes and/or the gift and memorial enclosure cards available in the church office. ♦

Children & Family Ministry

Carly Tappe, Director

*"Rejoice in the Lord Always and again I say rejoice!"
~Philippians 4:4*

We have so much to rejoice and celebrate! It has been a great summer; it is hard to think it is almost over. Take advantage of the next month and enjoy the last bit of summer. Take time to have fun together as a family this summer. Play together. Be silly together. Find ways to connect in creative ways.

Vacation Bible School Recap

In June 115 kids participated in our VBS program. This year our theme was WEIRD ANIMALS: Where Jesus love is one-of-a-kind! It was a wonderful, fun, faith-filled week! Thank you to the 45+ adult and youth that volunteered to help make it such a GREAT week.

As part of our VBS we also took part in a missions project through the ELCAs World Hunger Project for clean water. During VBS children gave a "noisy" offering. This offering was given in all change into metal cake pans – thus the "noisy" part. During the week of VBS children filled a giant water glass with blue balloons to represent clean water. The children of VBS collect a total of \$235.00 just in change! Additional gifts were also given for a grand total of \$428.25. GREAT JOB St. Philips!

Sunday School Update

You should have received Sunday School registration information in the mail the end of July. If you did not get something in the mail, you can visit our website to get all the information and download a registration form. Please note forms are due Sunday, August 17th.

****NEW** this year for Sunday School - Preschool parents will join their children in large group for music and prayer in Room 17C at 10:10 am until the end of the hour.

Invitation to Serve

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of our many Children and Family Ministry Opportunities. Opportunities include: Sunday School Lead, Sunday School Teacher/Co-Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Piano Player, Kid's Time Leader, Nursery Care, and Rainbow Bags. In accordance with our Child Safety Policies and Procedures we try to have at least 2 volunteers with each group at all times, and at least one of the volunteers must be age 19 or older.

Here is what one volunteer had to say:

The most rewarding thing about helping with Sunday School was "knowing the impact that we're making in the kids' lives--teaching them about Christ and God's Word. The kids remember the stories we read and the lessons we do and relate back to those stories as we learn more. I also love the relationships that we develop with the kids."

Faith Journey Events 2014 - 2015

Remember those promises you made at Baptism? Faith journey events will help you as parents, sponsors, and grandparents, keep those promises.

What is a Faith Journey Event you ask? A Faith Journey Event is a parent/child event that will help you, your child, and your family, grow in your faith and help you along in your faith journey. There will be Faith Journey Events offered each month for children and families ages birth-Grade 5. Each Faith Journey Event will concentrate on a different part of your child's and your family's Faith Journey.

The FIRST Faith Journey Event for this year will be *Sunday, August 24 from 9:30-10:30am*. This event is for children ages 2,3,or 4 that are just starting in our Sunday School Program. Activities and childcare will be offered for siblings that are not participating in this particular Faith Journey Event.

While Sunday School doesn't start until September 7th, we want these young friends to see and hear what Sunday School is all about. Along with their parents, children will get to see the Sunday School Rooms, meet some of the teachers, sing songs, hear a Bible Story from our SPARK Storybook Bible, and even get a SPARK Bible of their own. If you have a child between the ages of 2 and 4 and are just starting Sunday School please RSVP to Carly at carlyt@spicmn.org. ♦



“The whole course of human history may depend on a change of heart in one solitary and even humble individual - for it is in the solitary mind and soul of the individual that the battle between good and evil is waged and ultimately won or lost.”

~ M. Scott Peck



St. Philip's Disaster Relief

Befriender Training for Disaster Relief Workers

All past and potential disaster relief team members are invited to a special Befriender training session next month. This training will help you know what to say to a disaster victim and understand what they are going through emotionally.

During this three hour session you will learn intentional listening skills, the emotional stages of loss, practical ways to express support, and self care as you listen to the many heartbreaking stories that you will hear. We will have a brief Bible Study on Job and end with a "Befriender Prayer Service for Hope, Guidance, and Healing". The training will be led by Pastor Jan Hartsook and by the two coordinators for the Befriender Program, Ann Westby and Randee Arfmann (all have been on Disaster Relief trips).

Choose one of the following sessions. (The two sessions are the same.)

Session 1 - Tuesday, August 5 ~ 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Session 2 - Saturday, August 16 ~ 9:00 am - noon

If you would like to attend either of the sessions, email Mike Anderson at flooddo97@gmail.com stating by Friday, August 1 for the first session and Tuesday, August 12 for the second session. (We plan to have Skype or Facetime available for those who can't be at St. Philip's.)

Fall Trip

The next weeklong Disaster Relief trip will be October 4-12, 2014. The location has not been determined yet but the possibilities include rebuilding in the Boulder, CO area following floods there last year as well as several areas in the Midwest and the South that have experienced tornadoes and floods. Registration material will be available in August. Watch the various St. Philip's publications for more information. ♦

Pastor Jan Hartsook's Retirement Celebration

Join us in celebrating her 18 years at St. Philip's

Saturday, August 30th at 5:00

Worship Service & 6:00 Reception/cake

Sunday, August 31st at 9:30

(One) Worship Service, 10:30 Short Program in the Sanctuary, Reception/Brunch to follow in Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Memory Book for Pastor Jan

As a part of Pastor Jan's retirement celebration we are creating a memory book. There will be "Joys & Memories" cards available in the church office for people to write memories, thoughts, and best wishes. The cards will then be compiled in a memory book. Beginning August 1 you can pick up cards in the church office. There will also be a closed, slotted box (for privacy) in the office in which to deposit your messages. It is our hope that many people will participate in this special gift for Pastor Jan as we celebrate her presence among us during the past 18 years.

Events & Opportunities @ St. Philip's

Worship DVDs Available

A DVD of the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday worship is available through the church office. All sermons are available on the church website. The DVDs are free. ♦

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet the 1st Thursday, every-other month, at 1:00 pm at the Old Country Buffet, 6540 University Ave., in the Holly Shopping Center, in the party room. Our next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, August 7, 1:00 pm. Don't arrive early, as the Senior Citizen discount of \$7.99 begins 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there! ♦

Meals on Wheels Thanks

Meals on Wheels Thank You
"Love is a bridge from heart to heart and hand to hand." Thanks to all those compassionate people who connected their hearts and hands with others in delivering Meals on Wheels on May 27- 30. They included Bob Johnson, Earl Hatten, Kathy and Chuck Eichelberger, Gayle and Jerry Mattison, Bev and Wally Holmbrecht, Camilla and Ken Mueller. We deliver meals again the week of July 28- Aug. 1 at 11am. ♦

Save the Date!

5th Annual Holiday Market is coming!

On November 8, 2014, Fellowship Hall will be filled with vendors and crafters, from St. Philip's congregation and the surrounding communities. Parish Fellowship Committee sponsors this fun, festive shopping event. Funds raised go toward special projects at St. Philip's. We are looking for crafters and vendors to sell their wares at the Holiday Market. Members can commit to participating in the Market beginning now! We will begin to solicit crafters and vendors from the community beginning August 8. Contact Kathy Swenson, 763.574.9836 or Julie Small, 763.767.2392 for more information. ♦

Old Cell Phones Help Others

We now have a home for those old cell phones. After you delete your personal information, deposit them in the St. Philip's office. They will be donated to a women's shelter and used for 911 calls or recycled for parts. Questions: contact Carol Baumgartner 651.464.6049. ♦

Late Summer Yoga classes

Sue Montague, CYT, RYT, will teach Late Summer Christian Yoga classes at St. Philip's in the Lounge. Monday @ 5:50 pm, 8/4- 8/25—One-hour class is appropriate for all levels. Cost is \$7 per time. Monday @1:30 chair yoga 8/4- 8/25—\$5 per time. ♦

Thrivent Action Teams

Eligible Thrivent members have an easy way to take action when they see an unmet need in their community. Thrivent provides funding, t-shirts, and promotional materials for a fundraiser, an educational event, or a service activity. The online application is simple and quick. The intent is to bring people together to take action and help others. Check it out at <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam/>. Lead a team, make a difference. ♦

UNICEF Change for Good

Thanks to all who donated foreign coins and currency, we sent twelve pounds of foreign money to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund for its Change for Good program. They use the funds for programs benefiting children in the areas of education, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS and child protection. Some international airlines, including American Airlines, offer to collect for the program on flights returning to the U.S. Change for Good was established in 1987, and collected more than \$120,000,000 through 2012. You may send additional currency to: U.S. Fund for UNICEF, ATTN: Change for Good Program, 125 Maiden Lane, New York NY 10038.

~ Global Missions Team ♦

"The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change, the way I see it, is service to a fellow human being."

~ Lech Wileasa

"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays."

~ Soren Kierkegaard

Greetings from Sara

*Sara Quarberg
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*

*“I read and walked
for miles at night
along the beach,
writing bad blank
verse and searching
endlessly for someone
wonderful who would
step out of the
darkness and change
my life. It never
crossed my mind
that that person
could be me.”*

~ Anna Quindlen

Happy August!

First of all, I want to thank you for the extremely warm welcome to the St. Philip's community! I have deeply enjoyed getting to know the youth and the entire community of St. Philip's and witnessing how God is acting amongst this community of believers.

This summer has brought many Wednesday nights of fun and fellowship, including bonfires, game nights, exploring God's Word and our Mission Trip to Kentucky.

So, here we are in August already! As you might be thinking about the school year starting, so are we with fall ministry opportunities. Be sure to 'like' St. Philip's Youth Group on Facebook to stay up-to-date on the happenings with youth group or check out the Youth page on the SPLC website. Both will stay up-to-date with current happenings of the youth program.

But before we think about heading back to school, there is some summer left to enjoy!

Coming up in August!

Here are a few opportunities for fun, fellowship and engaging in God's ministry for the month of August:

AGAPE* concert at First Lutheran in Columbia Heights!

Wednesday August 20, 6:00 pm. This is a free event! Bring your friends! If you'd like to carpool from church, we will meet here at 5:45pm. Let me know if you'd like a ride.

Middle School Mystery Lock-in:

August 15, 6:00 pm-8:00 am. Come for what will be a BLAST! This is the only clue I'm giving you for the evening! Cost is \$3 to cover food.

Youth Bonfire night:

Wednesday August 27, 6:30-8:30 pm at church. Bring your friends for s'mores!

The **young adults** of St. Philip's are in a time of discerning where and how God is acting in their lives here and in this community. Please continue to pray for us as we dream, tinker and discern where God is leading us! This summer has begun a conversation regarding Young Adult Ministry and we're excited to go from here! If you are between the ages of 18-35ish, please let me know if you have any ideas for YAM at St. Philip's!

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe rest of your summer! I am looking forward to a great school year at SPLC! ☺

Greetings from Pastor Eva Jensen

*Pastor Eva Jensen
Visitation Ministry Leader*

What a joy to meet you in worship on July 13th! Thank you for your welcome and invitation to serve as Visitation Ministry Leader among you.

Twenty-five years ago I was ordained as an ELCA Pastor. In my first five years of ministry I served as a parish pastor in two congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. In parish ministry I especially enjoyed visitation and ministry among home bound and vulnerable members; small group education and ministry programs; as well as worship, liturgical planning, and preaching. I then entered a "Development Studies" Ph.D. program at the University of WI-Madison focused on a sociological approach to community-based development. I carried a particular interest in strengthening the role of congregations and faith organizations in community development and social change.

Following my university studies, I served in two specialized ministry calls: I directed an ecumenically supported international community-based development ministry program of Church World Service, based in New York City; and I served in the Global Mission Unit of the ELCA, directing ELCA relationships and programs in West Africa.

When I returned to the Twin Cities to locate home and work in the same place, my goals were to examine current issues and challenges in congregational life and faith as well as community-based organizations and to explore how my skills could be applied in service to the church.

I have taken time to focus on work in the area of pastoral care and spirituality. It is exciting to begin ministry with you to shape a ministry of pastoral and congregational care that will support people in spiritual pain in order to support healing, physical and emotional well-being, and improved relationships. In conversation with many of you on Sunday morning, I heard of your concern for many people and your passion for ministries of healing, health and wholeness as well as companionship in life and faith. With eight hours per week to be dedicated to Visitation Ministry Leadership, I look forward to getting to know home bound members and focusing on ministry program development that will strengthen your prayer and care as ministers.

*“You change your
life by changing
your heart.”*

~ Max Lucado



“If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change your attitude.”

~ Maya Angelou

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” SUNDAY

Get ready to serve!
“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people. St. Philip’s will be one of those congregations.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it’s that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference.” — ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

We are organizing activities geared for the ages and abilities of **all** members of St. Philip’s. These activities will likely include assembling Kids’ Kits for Camp Noah, making sandwiches for the Sandwich Project, cleaning up local parks and bike trails, serving food at a homeless shelter and a senior living center, distributing batteries for smoke detectors, and building/rehab projects. Most will make a difference in the lives of those right here in our local community.

Watch for more details and sign up information. If you have any questions, talk to Thelma Nash, Myron Nash, Sue Rosholt, or Renee Johnson.

Plan to sign up for one of these activities and be a part of the church together. ♦

Events & Opportunities @ St. Philip’s

Sharing and Caring Hands

After August St. Philip’s will no longer provide a monthly meal at Sharing and Caring Hands. Thank you to all the volunteers who have served so faithfully the past 25 years. We will look for other avenues in which to serve. There are certainly many opportunities ahead and the Benevolence Committee will look carefully at how best to serve the community. ♦

CEAP School Supply Drive

We are collecting K-12 school supplies for CEAP for distribution in our community. St. Philip’s has four, marked collection containers. Supplies requested include: backpacks, lunchboxes or bags, 2-pocket folders, pencil cases, colored pencils, #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, ball point pens, erasers, white glue, facial tissues, hand sanitizer, 3-ring binders, USB flash drives, weekly planners, and combination locks. Thank you for helping to grow a strong community! ♦

St. Philip’s Staffing Update

It is an exciting time of transition for the staff at St. Philip’s. In the front office, the staffing arrangement has been shifted from one full-time position to two half-time positions. There will be a Front Office & Membership Coordinator and a Front Office & Publications Coordinator. Each position will have its own responsibilities and there will be some shared responsibilities, too. The front office will continue to be staffed during all business hours and this new arrangement will allow for more flexibility both for the people in the positions and for the church. Both of these positions are currently posted and applications are being accepted.

The Worship Band Leader position is also posted as we look for a new musician to lead the 10:30 worship band and work with some other music ministries.

Finally, with Pastor Jan’s retirement, St. Philip’s will contract with an interim associate pastor as the call process begins. The interim associate pastor will help with pastoral care, confirmation, worship leadership, and other ministries. Early in the fall, a congregational meeting will be called to elect a Call Committee and the work of calling a new Associate Pastor will begin. The date and time of that congregational meeting will be publicized as soon as it is set.

Please pray that God would lead the right person into each one of these important roles in the life of St. Philip’s. As these new staff people come on board, please offer a warm welcome and share the generous hospitality of this faithful congregation!

~ Gilda Radner

“Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next.”

Jim and Carol Sack will be visiting St. Philip’s August 2/3

Our missionaries from Japan, Jim and Carol Sack, will worship with us on Saturday/Sunday, August 2/3. It has been two years since they were back on home visit from Japan. On this visit their daughter, Bethany, will be getting married. Many wonderful things for them to enjoy.

During our Mission Festival this year, we focused on the Sack’s and their ministry in Japan. We collected \$1,500 for them during our special offering. It will be good to hear how the monies will be used in their ministry in Japan as well as how their ministry has been going.

The Global Missions Team invites you to visit with Jim and Carol during their visit either with a coffee/cookie/punch get together after Saturday evening service or between services at the brunch on Sunday. We look forward to their visit. ♦