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**Passionate Spirituality in the Life of St. Philip's**  
*by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem*

God is up to so many incredible things in and among St. Philip's. This issue of *The Friend* is filled with example after example of God's goodness and ways that we can faithfully respond to the One who creates, redeems, and makes holy. From the "God's Work. Our Hands." Day of Service to the "Building for the Future" capital fund appeal, from the kick-off of Sunday School and confirmation to the many ongoing ministries of the congregation, God's grace is apparent.

In the midst of all this activity and ministries, it is essential that our efforts are coordinated with one another and aligned with the unique mission and identity God has given to St. Philip's. That's one key role for our Natural Church Development goals in the area of Passionate Spirituality.

To recap: following a survey of a representative sample of members of the congregation and several focus group opportunities, the Healthy Church Team has been diligently working to assemble the ideas and feedback from those efforts into goals that will lead us collectively to a deeper place in our Passionate Spirituality. (Passionate Spirituality was the area identified as our "minimum factor" in the Natural Church Development process.)

Passionate Spirituality is the well-spring of effective ministry. Spiritual intimacy leads to a strong conviction that God will act in powerful ways. The important

issue here is not the way spirituality is expressed, but the fact that faith is actually lived out with commitment, fire, and enthusiasm. Passionate Spirituality involves our practices of Bible study, prayer, devotions, stewardship, and the willingness to articulate our faith.

The Healthy Church Team developed the following five goals:

1. To become a church that is inspired and enthusiastic about Bible study.
2. To become a church where people openly and comfortably talk about their faith with one another.
3. To become a church where our daily lives clearly reflect our Christian faith.
4. To become a church that lives and gives abundantly in response to God's abundance.
5. To become a church that embraces and engages the changing neighborhood and community.

Everything we do in the coming year in the life of St. Philip's will connect to these five goals. The hoped-for result is that an increase in the quality of our Passionate Spirituality will both enrich our lives of faith and draw newcomers into the life of the congregation.

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Our efforts will kick-off on the weekend of September 6 & 7, as we begin a five-week worship series that focuses on our identity as a congregation and God is calling us to deepen our Passionate Spirituality through our tagline **“Come as you are to Worship, Wonder, and Work in Jesus’ name!”**

To learn more and stay updated about the Natural Church Development process, please visit [healthychurchteam.wordpress.com](http://healthychurchteam.wordpress.com). Many thanks to the ongoing efforts of

the members of the Healthy Church Team: Neal Anderson, Becky Becker, Judith Bergeland, Diane Felton, Norm Schultz, and Joel Young.

I am consistently amazed at the wonderful work God does through the people of St. Philip’s and I am truly excited about how God will increase our commitment to Bible study, prayer, devotions, stewardship, and the willingness to talk about our faith in Jesus Christ with one another! ♦

## Building for the Future Kick Off

Have you ever stopped to think about what a blessing our church building is for so many different groups? Think of the variety of services that take place in our beautiful sanctuary. Think about the many different ways in which the kitchen and Fellowship Hall are used. Think about the children that learn of God’s blessings in the Education Wing during Sunday School and VBS, and the youth preparing for their first communion and confirmation. How about the many “outside” groups from the community that use our rooms for their meetings, as well as the other churches that worship in our building. God truly blessed us when he provided us with the resources to construct our beautiful church home!

However, the building and grounds require a great deal of work and financial resources to keep maintained. Katie Swenstad (our custodian), the Women on Wednesday and the Wednesday Work Crew dedicate many, many hours cleaning the church and repairing the many things that break down over time. Since the church was built in phases, it seems that there is always something that is due to be replaced. In addition to the many projects that we do ourselves, some of the bigger and unexpected repairs require us to pay professionals with the special skills and talents required for the job.

Your Property & Grounds Committee feels that God has blessed us with our facility and that we are obligated to preserve it for those that come after us! For that reason, during the weekend of September 13th/14th, we will be kicking off a fund appeal called Building for the Future. We chose this name not because we are building something new, but because we want to restore and improve our building for those that use it now and in the future. It is our building for the future!

Please plan on attending the Forum presented by the Property & Grounds Committee on Sunday, September 14th, at 9:35 in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this appeal and to take a virtual tour of our church building and grounds. We will also be providing additional information concerning this appeal in letters to the congregation, the Sunday bulletins and in future issues of the Friend.

The Property & Grounds Committee



# SEPTEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2 Friend Deadline</b> 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>4</b> 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 6:30 pm Bells Polishing	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Small Grp. Book Club	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Parish Fellowship 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
<b>7 Rally Sunday</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fall Picnic 12:30 pm "God's Work. Our Hands." Activities	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Glory Circle 1:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Benevolence 7:00 pm All Committees Mtg. 7:00 pm So Write! 6:00 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm HR Committee Mtg.	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 4:30 pm Worship Planning 6:30 pm Parish Fellowship 6:30 pm Property & Grounds	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am Women's Book Club 6:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 7:15 pm Gr. 9 Confirm. 7:45 pm Gr. 10 Confirm. 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>11</b> 9:30 am 55+ to Wildlife Science Center	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 pm Saturday Supper
<b>14</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum Sunday School 9:30 am Sharing & Caring Hands Celebration 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Gr. 6-7 Confirmation Retreat	<b>15</b> 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Genealogy Small Grp. 6:00 pm Worship Band	<b>16</b> 9:00 am LEAFs Meeting 9:00 am Library Committee 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:00 pm Baptism Class	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Confirmation, Gr. 6-8 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm Game Time 6:30 pm Bells of Praise 6:30 pm North Metro Photo	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Comfort & Joy Quilt Retreat 7:00 pm Small Grp. Book Club	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Comfort & Joy Quilt Retreat 12:00 pm High School Youth Lock-In Begins 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
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~Pastor Joel WightHoogheem

## St. Philip's 55+ Retirees

### Mystery Outing

**Thursday, October 9, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm-**

Due to popular demand, another "Mystery Outing"! Meet at church on Thursday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 am. We will be going to...oops! Can't tell you where. A unique outing has been "pieced together" for our group.

Clues: We will leave the metro area and travel by coach bus to the country side; approx. 45 miles from church. This is the first time the 55+ group will be touring/visiting this area and sites. Other random hints: Log Cabin, At the Farm, Apples, Tulips (yes, Tulips) and much more! Dress casual, minimal walking; we will be getting on and off the bus to look at..... yikes! Almost told you.

H'mmmm, a good idea to bring your camera. Yes, we will have rest stops and lunch along the way.

The cost of only \$22.00 includes coach bus transportation, the tour, lunch, beverage, tax and tip. Sign up and pay in the church office by Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make (non-refundable) check payable to St. Philip's. Limited seating on the coach bus, so sign up early! Questions: Contact Joan Kruse 612.251.3908. ♦

### Garage Sale Thanks!

Not only did we raise money for charities and for our building, we had a mother come in with her 2 sons asking about information for baptism and another who was confirmed at St Philip's in 1962, but who has not attended church on a consistent basis, ask for information about our services. We touch many people in many different ways with this ministry!

First, a big thanks to the staff who helped in so many ways. We know how intrusive this event is and we thank you for your patience and assistance. Thank you to those of you who came each day to set up each area, clean items donated and display them in a way which made people want to purchase our "treasures." Days were long but people stayed until things were done. Thank you to those who came to help; every hour donated was appreciated and helpful! To the food committee we thank you for feeding all of us during the sale days. Since we were here all day during the sale, it was so nice to have a break room where coffee, cold drinks, sweets and great food was provided. Wednesday morning work crew, you are all amazing and we thank you for the hard work you do, not just for this sale, but all year! And finally, to those of you who donated items for us to sell, if not for you this event would not exist. From the Garage Sale Committee to all of you, our big thanks for a job well done! ♦



## St. Philip's Disaster Relief

Starting on September 9, 2013, heavy rain and catastrophic flooding occurred along Colorado's Front Range from Colorado Springs north to Fort Collins. Boulder County was worst hit, with 9.08 inches of rain recorded September 12 and up to 17 inches recorded by September 15, which is comparable to Boulder County's average annual precipitation of 20.7 inches. In 17 Colorado counties nearly 17,500 homes were damaged and 1500 destroyed.

Almost a year later, help is still needed to rebuild homes. So, the Disaster Relief is heading west this fall. A trip to the Boulder area is scheduled for October 4-12, 2014. If you want to be part of this trip, contact Mike Anderson at flooddog97@gmail.com or Renee Johnson at Renee604@juno.com for registration forms and information. ♦

## A Fish Story

*Jerry Jensen, Congregation President*

I am sure we have all heard fish stories and probably many of us have told fish stories. I have seen strange rulers that make small fish measure to be much larger and portable scales made to weigh fish making them weigh in at a heavier weight. And then we all have had that big one on that got away.

This is a true story with a message hidden inside. While fishing in Canada this spring I caught what felt like a snag about 20 feet off to the side of our anchored boat. I thought my jig had hooked a branch or rock as there are a few of each of these hazards on the bottom. After trying to free the jig by jerking didn't work I began slowly pulling in the line hand over hand to either free the jig, pull in the snag or break the line. To my surprise the snag slowly started coming toward the boat. I thought it must be a large branch or piece of wood. As I pulled the snag closer to the boat my son looked over the side of the boat and announced "It's a tire". Actually, I had hooked a metal tire rim that was partially attached to a tire. We gently brought up the rim and tire which was deteriorating and covered in muck and placed them in the back of the boat as they were leaving a black sludge mess. The tire was not a usual kind of old tire but was a tire from a Model T. We started speculating about how this old tire got on the bottom of a lake in Canada. There must be an interesting story about the life of the tire. Where did it come from? Where had it traveled? What else did it do? How did it get on the bottom of the lake not exactly close to shore?

Occasionally I feel like St. Philip's might be a little like this old tire. We had a great beginning, years of growth in spite of challenging times, have been the spiritual home to many families, a place of comfort and care as we aged and now we are seeking to re-invent ourself in a changing environment. Like the tire, we are not cruising the road anymore and we are not underwater and we also need to embrace and adapt to the challenges around us.

Getting back to the tire -- my son noted that the tire suddenly seemed to be coming to life and wiggling! Then a small head popped out! My son investigated and liberated a 10 inch small mouth bass from inside the tire. We released the bass which was the only bass we "caught". The tire had transformed itself into a new useful function - providing a sheltering home for smaller fish in the neighborhood..

The hidden message is that even though St. Philip's may have been around for many years and had many years of growth and glory we need to think, plan and act to transform ourself into a new useful function - providing shelter and caring for those in our neighborhood. We need to continue to seek God's guidance and adapt and pursue God's plans for the changes in our neighborhood and world.

By the way, I also had a really big one on that got away. ♦

### July 2014

	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$496,355	\$494,533
<b>Expense</b>	(\$532,465)	(\$505,318)
<b>TOTALS</b>	(\$36,110)	(\$10,785)

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~Jerry Jensen

## 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, October 2, 1:00 pm. Don't arrive early, as the Senior Citizen discount of \$7.99 begins 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there! ♦

### Fall Yoga classes

Sue Montague, CYT, RYT, will teach Late Summer Christian Yoga classes at St. Philip's in the Lounge (or Room 1 due to conflicts). Monday @ 5:50 pm, 9/15 – 11/10—One-hour class is appropriate for all levels. Cost is \$50 for 8 of 9 classes. Monday @1:30 Chair Yoga, 9/15 – 11/10—Cost is \$40 for 8 of 9 classes. Drop-ins always welcome! ♦

### Attention Crafters

Attention all crafters, there will be a church booth at the Holiday Market again this year. Please get your creative juices flowing and figure out what you can donate that will probably sell. Joan Kruse and Becky Becker will be in charge again this year. Please let them know what kind of items you will be donating. They will begin collecting them in October. Contact Joan at 612.251.3908 or Becky at 763.913.4059. ♦

### Old Cell Phones & Glasses Help Others

We now have a home for those old cell phones. After you delete your personal information, deposit them in the St. Philips office. They will be donated to a women's shelter and used for 911 calls or recycled for parts. We are also collecting eye glasses that will be used by those who would otherwise go without corrective lenses. Questions: contact Carol Baumgartner 651.464.6049. ♦

### "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

Don't miss out on the ELCA's day of service on September 7, 2014. Participate in one of St. Philip's "God's Works. Our Hands" activities. If you haven't signed up yet, contact Renee Johnson, Sue Rosholt, Myron Nash, or Thelma Nash. ♦

### Meals on Wheels Thanks

"Love beauty, it is the shadow of God on the universe." Thanks to all those who shared the beauty of God's love through delivering Meals on Wheels July 28-August 1. They were Meredith and Larry Hille, Roger Musolf and Ellen Raeker, Janice and George Dean, Gidget Brooks and Dallas, Camilla and Ken Mueller, Earl Hatten, Thelma and Myron Nash. We deliver meals again September 29-October 3, 11:30 am. ♦

### Bells of Praise

Have some free time on Thursday evenings? Interested in joining the Bells of Praise? We have openings for you! There are only 4 requirements: 1. Ability to read music 2. The need for a new adventure 3. Want to meet new friends 4. Enjoy having fun! If interested, just pop into the Lounge on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning September 18 or call Dawn Hansen 763.780.0360 ♦

### Mitten & Hat Makers

"I didn't think my little girl would be able to have mittens and a hat this year" - a mother said with a tear of happiness in her eye. "The quality of these mittens are great". "These are so warm and beautiful - can you bring some more to our school?" Time and time again, we hear the above words. Sewers, your work and time into this special project is greatly appreciated. January through March 2014, 25 headbands, 53 hats and 80 pairs of mittens were delivered. Please call Arlene Hamernik, 763.571.6091, eahamernik@gmail.com or Jan Spitzer, 763.786.2016, janspitzer1@yahoo.com for fleece fabric, patterns or questions. ♦

## Life Events

### Baptisms:

Rylee Knutson on 8/16, Rani Knutson on 8/16  
Beckett Bemis on 8/23, Louis Johnson on 8/27  
Calvin Schwartz on 8/31, Evelyn Repinski on 8/31

### August Anniversaries:

Randy & Cherie Manderschied married 37 years on August 1  
Howard Thompson & Elaine Knutson, 16 years on August 1  
Steve & Margo Numedahl married 1 year on August  
Larry & MarJean Stomberg married 40 years, August 3  
Paul & Nancy Buerkle married 30 years on August 4  
Ron & Mary Loberg married 35 years on August 4  
Dale & Heidi Stromback married 26 years on August 6  
Rachael & Todd Bushy married 10 years on August 7  
Joel & Nicole Christensen married 4 years on August 7  
Michael & Nancy Johnson married 49 years on August 7  
Jennifer Kunze & Jay Williams married 16 years on August 8  
Todd & Lyudmila Sandell married 13 years on August 8  
Rodney & Heidi Bertek married 34 years on August 9  
James & Diane Felton married 34 years on August 9  
Bart & Angela Anderson married 12 years on August 10  
Charles & Kathleen Eichelberger, 51 years on August 10  
Ralph & Vanessa Menard married 42 on August 12  
Sandy & Eldon Nelson married 47 years on August 12  
Myron & Thelma Nash married 54 years on August 14  
James & Gretchen Cox married 22 years on August 15  
Jim & Dianne Lundeen married 44 years on August 15  
Jeff & Julie Overlie married 16 years on August 15  
Eric & Denise Young married 17 years on August 16  
Wayne & Mary Ellen Carlson married 52 years on August 18  
Brian & Sheila Ranum married 32 years on August 21  
Mike & Carol Anderson married 44 years on August 22  
John & Joann Holm married 46 years on August 24  
Allen & Kim Kucera married 18 years on August 24  
Marlin & Joanne Sorum married 52 years on August 25  
Norman & Karen Schultz married 35 years on August 26  
Cynthia & Richard Grove married 37 years on August 27  
Spencer & Gay Minear married 48 years on August 27  
Rebecca Moxness & Anthony Montgomery, 10 yrs, on Aug. 27  
Russ & Amy Sullivan married 20 years on August 27  
Virgil & Joan Ishaug married 49 years on August 28  
Edd & Gidget Brooks married 46 years on August 31  
John & Mary Connolly married 12 years on August 31  
Jason & Teresa Karsten married 12 years on August 31  
Dennis & Mardy Olesen married 57 years on August 31

**Sympathy:** Chuck and Sue Kempf upon the death of Sue's mother, Mary Meyer. Dan, Lauri, Lindsey and Garrett Anderson, upon the death of Dan's uncle Dennis Hill.

### Baptisms:

Audrey Pritchard on 9/6, Hannah Pritchard on 9/6  
Aamir Youla on 9/14

### September Anniversaries:

Darrell & Amy Hauge married 24 years on September 1  
Wallace & Beverly Helmbrecht married 30 years on Sept. 1  
Chuck & Suzanne Lunde married 52 years on September 1  
Clark & Kristine Poelzer married 41 years, September 1  
David & Lori Shelton married 2 years on September 2  
Fred & Lynne Haggard married 26 years on September 3  
Geoff & Kris Meisner married 9 years on September 3  
Donald & Darlene Anderson married 49 years on Sept. 4  
Julie & Michael Booth married 15 years on September 4  
Robert & Mary Shimanski married 39 years on September 6  
Allen & Jan Spitzer married 39 years on September 6  
Duane & Anita Prairie married 57 years on September 7  
Kent & Julie Small married 40 years on September 7  
Dave & Rachael Ostrom married 13 years on September 8  
Steve & Janine Ess married 25 years on September 9  
John & Kathy Swenson married 37 years on September 10  
Diana & Kent Larson married 21 years on September 11  
Cynthia & Daniel Sjodin married 28 years on September 12  
Robert & Rebecca Becker married 45 years on September 13  
Ronald & Jennifer Prasek married 39 years on September 13  
Edward & Judith Simko married 56 years on September 13  
Joy & Larry Bahl married 11 years on September 14  
Jane & Lyle Beckman married 23 years on September 14  
Timothy & Celeste Prairie married 14 years on September 16  
Erik & Alia Ronken married 8 years on September 16  
Fred & Marianne Peterson married 59 years on September 17  
Allen & Kari Davies married 15 years on September/  
Gerald & Sandra Koskiniemi married 60 years, September 18  
Leif & Jennifer Ronken married 10 years on September 18  
Erik & Staci Stowbridge married 15 years on September 18  
Richard & Connie Gundlach married 44 years, September 19  
Jennifer & Kent Tjader married 22 years on September 19  
Don Holien & Mary Revoir married 18 years on September 21  
Alice & Edmond Benson married 63 years on September 22  
Richard & Beverly Schillinger married 63 years, September 22  
Donald & Sharon Hippen married 53 years on September 23  
Jack & Jane Hokenstrom married 48 years on September 23  
Wendell & Carol Mogren married 47 years on September 23  
Lawrence & Meredith Hille married 54 years on September 24  
Richard & Muriel Lombard married 59 years on September 24  
Kenneth & Sheryl Oestreich married 37 years on September 24  
Myron & Rosemary Mehl married 42 years on September 26  
Robert & Cathy Barker married 24 years on September 29  
Richard & Joyce Lekang married 52 years on September 29  
Lyle & Elsie Elverud married 52 years on September 30  
Ronald & Cheryl Lotz married 42 years on September 30  
Richard & Olga Palmer married 47 years on September 30  
Greg & Katie Shaddrick married 8 years on September 30

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~Sara Quarberg

## Greetings from Sara

Sara Quarberg

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

As the memories of another summer fill our minds and hearts, we look forward towards fall at St. Philip's! I am excited to dive into a new school year in this community! This summer has left me with incredible memories of many Wednesday night hangouts with youth, our mission trip to Harlan, Kentucky, bonfires, worship and the opportunity to get to know many of you! These first three months in this community have been such a privilege and an honor. I'm excited to see what else God has in store for the community in the coming days, weeks and months.

Our high school youth who travelled to Harlan shared some of their experiences in worship on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. From my perspective, God worked in these young

people's lives continuously throughout the week. We shared with each other where we saw God in the lives of the homeowners, in the people who drove past us on the road, in the beauty of creation, within our group, on rooftops, in vans as we travelled and in worship with another church community. These 14 young people truly opened their hearts and their minds to what God was calling them to do that week and they worked hard at it! We, the St. Philip's Community, have SO much to be proud of these young people for. They entered into the brokenness of their own lives and into the brokenness of the lives of others and did just what God calls them to do; love. Each and every one of them let their light shine so bright that week! Thanks for such a great week, everyone! ☺

**Here are a few highlights of what is on the schedule for fall! More information is to come for other opportunities and activities.**

### **Middle School:**

- \*Confirmation begins on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Orientation
- \*MEA Weekend – Cardboard Box City at the State Fairgrounds
- \*Youth Group – Sunday Mornings at 9:35am

### **High School:**

- \*Confirmation begins on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Orientation
- \*MEA Weekend – Cardboard Box City at the State Fairgrounds
- \*Wednesday night youth group – We will wrestle with where God is in the midst of the realities of life
- \*High-School Lock-in – We will be painting the youth room and continuing the process of updating the space!

### **Young Adults:**

- \*We will be collecting items for care packages for our college students. Please drop off items, such as non-chocolate candy, small school supplies, small packages of crackers, gum, etc., in the church office.
- \*Stay tuned for more information regarding a young adult group starting soon!

## Children & Family Ministry

Carly Tappe, Director

I have always loved September and it's new beginnings. Starting a new school or grade or a new job. Everything always seems new, the crayons all still have perfect points, new school clothes and shoes, backpacks, and books, and all the wonderful things start off each new school year. To me it's a new beginning and the start to a wonderful year of ministry!

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School begins RALLY SUNDAY, September 7. Sunday School runs from 9:35-10:20 am between the 8:30am and 10:30am worship services. *Please note that Sunday School will be ending 5 minutes earlier than last year so families and teachers can make the 10:30am worship service.* All children ages 2 (by September 1) thru grade 5 are invited to participate in Sunday School. If you have not yet registered, please make sure to do so by Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Information and registration forms can be found online. Rally Sunday is always busy and filled with fun! Plan to stick around after the 10:30am worship for a picnic and family service opportunities through God's Work, Our Hands.

### **Invitation to serve**

There are many wonderful ways to serve on Sunday mornings. Please make sure to check the backside of the Sunday School registration form for a list of all the wonderful ways you can serve.

### **Preschool Sunday School(Ages 2-5/K)**

Our Preschool Sunday School classes have a little new look this year. Our classes will still be separated by age, but also have a new easily identifiable name. Our classes will be the Suns, Moons, Lions, and Lambs. All preschool classes start the hour in their classrooms in their small groups.

**\*NEW THIS YEAR\*** **Preschoolers and a parent** will gather for large group time at 10:10 am in the 17 suite for music, story recap, and closing prayer. Parents are requested to join their children for large group each week for this min-worship experience.

### **Grades 1-5 Sunday School**

Elementary age Sunday School will start the hour in their room for small group attendance and opening activities. At 10:45 am all children in Grades 1-5 meet in the Lounge for large group time. Along with weekly Bible Memory verses and music this year's large group time will also be introducing aspects of worship to the children.

Children in grades 1-5 all use the SPARK Bible (Grades 1-2 Storybook, 3-5 NRSV) Children are asked to bring their Bible to Sunday School each week. If your child does not have a Bible please let his or her teacher know and we will make

sure to get them one. 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be receiving their NRSV Bible in October. (See Great Bible Adventure Information Below)

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

Families are invited and encouraged to come either before or after Sunday School to worship as a family. Nursery Care is provided for children ages 3 months – 4 years old. The nursery is open all morning from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. We also provide "Rainbow Bags" with quiet activities for young children to do during worship. Kid's Time takes place during the 10:30am worship service. Kid's Time is for children ages 4-9 and takes place during the sermon. Students leave worship with an adult volunteer and hear the story for the day, sing songs, and do a small craft. Children return to worship after the sermon.

### **Fall Family Kick-Off**

Join in the fun on Saturday Septmeber 20 for our Fall Family Fun Event at Pine Tree Apple Orchard in White Bear Lake! Activities will include a hay ride, corn maze, pony rides, and pick your own apples. We will meet at Pine Tree at 11 am for a morning of fun. EVERYONE is welcome! Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Carly at 763-571-1500 or carlyt@splcmn.org.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Faith Journey Event(FJE)**

**The Great Bible Adventure** is a 2 part parent/child event that takes place Wednesdays, September 24 and October 1 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The purpose of this FJE is to prepare families and children to receive their SPARK NRSV(New Revised Standard Version) Bible. Time will be spent learning the basics about the Bible, how to read verses, and some bible history with the help of What's in the Bible? Curriculum. After this class, students will receive their new Bible during the 10:30am worship on Sunday, October 5. More information and invitations will be sent out soon to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

**Mark Your Calendar for our first Feed My Starving Children Event** October 4, 9-11 am at the Coor Rapids Location. Watch the weekly bulletin and email for more information.♦



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~ ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

## “God’s Work. Our Hands.” SUNDAY

**Get ready to serve!**

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday  
Sunday, September 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.

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We have organized 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.

Sign up for one of these activities and be a part of the church together. ♦

### ***News of the Briskas in Nigeria!***

The Briska family is in Adamawa State, Nigeria, the area in which our companion congregation, Bille Lutheran Church, is located. They are fine, but have lost relatives to the violence in that country.

Sekenwa is teaching in Yola. In July, he traveled to Ghana and presented a paper on methods of teaching which encourage and enable students to contribute and participate in class. Nuwayina travels to villages around Adamawa State giving health talks and loving her work.

Namsy is studying accounting at Moddibo Adama University of Technology in Yola. Sikama is in his final year of high school,

Martin in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Namkama in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and at the top of her class.

The Briskas send greetings to everyone at St. Philip’s and commend us for the work we are doing, including the small interest groups and with the property and grounds. Sekenwa writes, “St. Philip’s is doing great things in serving the Lord. More grease to your elbows and may he renew your spirits and bless you more.”

important as we face one of the world’s greatest challenges.”

Please read the entire letter, which is posted on the global missions bulletin board. ♦

## Thank You!

### **Sharing & Caring Hands Thanks SPLC**

A card and note from Mary Jo Copeland in gratitude for your years of serving at Sharing and Caring Hands.

**Card message:** “Thank you. Your kindness was appreciated more than you know.”

*Yours in Christ, Mary Jo Copeland*

**Note in card:** *My God bless your most generous hearts in serving over many years God’s poorest of the poor. Your wonderful meals and generous hearts will be missed.*

*On behalf of myself and many, many poor and the staff, we say thank you and will keep you all in my heart and prayers. God will reward you for all you have done.*

### **St. Philip’s history of serving at Sharing & Caring Hands**

St. Philip’s began preparing and serving a meal at Sharing & Caring Hands in 1986 and served their last meal there on August 6, 2014. Thank you to the many people at St. Philip’s who served over the years and especially to Roger Goman who lead this ministry from the start.

As Roger pointed out, we were given a great gift in being a part of this ministry. God sends us where we are needed and we are blessed by the opportunity to serve. ♦

### **Thank You from Parish Fellowship**

Thank you to the St Philips community for your continued support of Parish Fellowship projects, including Holiday Market and the Christmas concert dinner. With the proceeds from these efforts, The Parish Fellowship committee has been able to purchase many items for our church in the past year: 250 place settings of dishes and silverware; 300 new gray folding chairs for Fellowship Hall and throughout the church building, and new storage racks for them; new chairs for the Gathering corner; storage carts and many assorted items and utensils for the kitchen. Thank you! ♦

### **Giving Thanks to the Congregation!**

I presented about a project in Uganda that I helped pilot this past summer called, Buy a Pad, Keep a Girl in School, during the services of August 9-10. This project provides reusable sanitary pads to school girls living in rural Uganda. The absence of sanitary pads in these girls lives means absences in school, averaging about 45 days missed per year. Lacking sanitary pads, some girls will resort to using dirty rags or old mattress pieces. The provision of sanitary pads can help Ugandan girls stay in school and reach their full academic potential.

I feel fortunate to have seen this problem and its solution firsthand. For many of us, a sanitary pad is an everyday item that can be easily bought in a drugstore. For girls in Uganda, and many others throughout the world, the lack of sanitary pads is one of many barriers preventing them from escaping poverty and supporting their families. The support of programs like, Buy a Pad, Keep a Girl in School, can make a difference.

I was overwhelmed by the generosity and willingness of the St. Phillip’s congregation towards learning about the project. Through bag and bead sales along with donations, the congregation helped raise 967 dollars for the pad program. This amount totals to 65 new sanitary pad kits! I’m proud to be a member of church that values missions projects throughout the world.

Thank You For Your Support!  
Paige Cooper, Junior at the George Washington University

To learn more about the project visit:  
<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/buy-a-pad-keep-a-girl-in-school/> ♦

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