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Faithful to God's Will

by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem

It is fairly common for us to talk about and invoke God's will in the life of St. Philip's. Most obviously, we pray every week in the Lord's Prayer, "Your will be done, on earth as in heaven." We even acknowledge that God's will is more important than our wills when, for example, the Board of Administration prays at the beginning of each meeting, "Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours."

Seeking God's will and praying that it will be done are commendable, even necessary, parts of being a follower of Jesus. Discerning God's will is just as commendable, but it is quite difficult. I often wonder what God's will is for St. Philip's and what it looks like for us to be faithful to God's will in and among this faith community.

I've heard a lot about many people's wills for St. Philip's and I can (and do) certainly share my own, but I've been involved in many fewer conversations about discerning God's will for St. Philip's. I offer this as an observation, not a criticism. I think it's quite understandable that we are far more comfortable expressing our own desires and wills than discerning God's will. God's will may be hidden



them. Discerning God's will is pretty inefficient and very involved, as it turns out.

Of course, we can toss off some general attributes of what we think God's will is: love your neighbors, feed the hungry, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, and so forth. All of these ideas are good and they are all biblical.

But how are we to discern more specifically what God's will is for this congregation? I have a lot of questions surrounding God's will for St. Philip's: Is it God's will that bigger equals better? How does God desire us to engage and be in a relationship with the neighborhood and community around the church building? What is God's will for the faithful use of our congregation's finances in what we give away, what we spend on ourselves, and how we

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fund ministry opportunities? What if God's will is for St. Philip's to be what it is today?

I have plenty more questions and I know that you do, too.

So we return to the question of discerning God's will. We all certainly have opinions about all these questions, but those opinions do not necessarily represent the will of God; the very will we pray be done each time we pray the Lord's Prayer.

So we can either find a different prayer or we can work together to discern God's will. I'd discourage the former and encourage the latter!

One invaluable, and potentially overlooked, resource we have in this discernment process is the wellspring of wisdom we know as the Bible. While the Bible is not an answer book, it is, in the words of Martin Luther, the "cradle that brings us Jesus of Nazareth."

That is why, beginning in September, we will be taking an intentional journey through the entire Bible - a journey we're calling "*The Story.*" During this biblical deep dive, we'll get to know God better through God's story and we'll be better equipped to locate ourselves within God's story. That connection will then allow us to better discern, understand, and faithfully live out God's will for St. Philip's, for our lives, and for the world.

While I'm not sure just where this journey will take us, I am fully confident that we will experience joy, hope, and life in new, profound, and meaningful ways. And we can keep praying, "Your will be done, on earth as in heaven."





Welcome

Associate Pastor Mollie Dvorak

As of August 1 we welcome our new Associate Pastor Mollie to St. Philip's. She is excited to begin her new call here, working with Youth and Families of all ages!

Welcome receptions are planned for after the Saturday, Aug 1 evening Worship and after the 8:30 Sunday, August 2 Worship.

We hope you are able to meet her in person soon.

We are so blessed to have her incoming energy and enthusiasm for St. Philip's.

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St. Philip's August 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Welcome Reception for Pastor Mollie
8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Welcome Reception Brunch for Pastor Mollie 10:30 am Worship	Worsnip Band 7:00 pm GA Gamanon	4 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Stockholders Dinner-Bible Camp	5 Friend Article Deadline 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 11:00 am Staff Meeting	7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 1:00 pm Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA & Alanon	7 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	8 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 pm Saturday Supper
9 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	1:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Worship Band HR Committee 7:00 pm GA Gamanon	11 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:30 pm Heritage Comm. 5:00 pm Solid Ground AA 6:30 pm Garden Comm. Parish Fellowship Property & Ground	8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am Women Book Club EA Group 11:00 am Staff Mtg 7:00 pm Evangelism Comm	7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon AA	1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	9:00 am Comfort & Joy of Quilting 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
One Worship Service 9:30 am Grassfire Band Bluegrass Worship Service 10:30 am Parish Brunch 10:30 am Equal Exchange Coffee	17 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Genealogy Sml Group 6:00 pm Worship Band 7:00 pm GA GA Gamanon	18 8:30 am Assemble The FRIEND 9:0 am Library Comm. Mtg 1:00 pm Tues Together 5:00 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 Youth Committee 6:30 pm Apple iOS Group	8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 11:00 am Staff Mtg	7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA Alanon	21 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	8:00 SACA Food Shelf Day 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
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Greetings from Sara

Sara Quarberg, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

As much as I hate to say it, we're already on the edge of a new school year! Why does summer always seem to fly by but winter always seems to last far too long? The excitement, planning, and anticipation of a new school and program year is so real at St. Philip's, too! The Holy Spirit has been working through countless meetings, conversation, and visioning regarding much of our youth ministry for this coming year. But, before we get to that – on behalf of the youth ministry of St. Philip's, I'd like to extend a warm and exuberant welcome to Pastor Mollie!! Pastor Mollie and I have had the chance to connect over the summer to start plans for a new year of Confirmation. It is so evident from my interactions with Pastor Mollie that she is indeed called to this community and in this time for a great purpose. We are so grateful that you are here, Mollie!

Now, for even more excitement, we have a new year of Confirmation and High School Ministry on our horizon! Are you ready?! Our Confirmation ministry will be shifting to include Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings. This allows us more time to, not only connect with God's word and each other, but also with God's larger community here at St. Philip's. It is important for us, as Christians, to take time for Sabbath; for worship, community, prayer, and rest. It is a part of our Christian identity and call that we gather together to learn, gather at the Lord's Table, and worship together as a community. On Sundays, we will gather together during our Education hour to hear and engage in God's narrative through the curriculum *The Story*. We will spend time in large group and small groups hearing God's story and imagining how our stories fit into that. Our Confirmation students will also be given the opportunity to lead within worship using their skills and gifts. Wednesday evenings will be a very engaging and fun time of connecting in small groups, doing service opportunities in and out of St. Philip's, and having fellowship nights filled with all sorts of fun and highly interactive activities!

As for our High school Ministry, we are beginning our Peer Ministry Leadership Ministry in September! Training takes place late in September and involves both youth and adults. You may be wondering what Peer Ministry is. Peer Ministry is a ministry that invites our youth to become leaders within their peers both inside and outside of the doors of the church. This will be accomplished through small group ministry, leadership opportunities, service opportunities, and yes – fun! Peer Ministry creates a culture of caring, welcoming, and affirming students. Peer Ministry allows its participants to deepen their faith and lets our students know that we need them. The word 'peers' isn't limited to teenagers! If you are an adult and are interested in being a part of this exciting new ministry, please let me know!



The Youth Committee is still hard at work discerning, wondering, visioning, and clarifying their role as a committee and their role within the youth ministry and the church as a whole. I am ever-so-grateful for each one of the members for their diligence, thoughts, questions, ideas, and passion in seeing the youth ministry of St. Philip's become a ministry of consistency, discipleship, intention, love, and a ministry deeply rooted in the love and word of God. Thank you, all, for such fruitful conversations that have helped build a framework for the youth ministry of St. Philip's!

Blessings to each of you as yet another summer wraps up! We are looking towards September with great anticipation of what God has in store for us together.

In Christ's love, Sara

A Word of Thanks

Tim Savarese Interim Associate Pastor

Carly Tappe Chilren & Family Ministry

A Word of Thanks
It is with a sense of deep gratitude that we wish
farewell and Godspeed to both
Pastor Tim Savarese and Carly Tappe, at the end of July.

Pastor Tim was a real gift to the congregation, serving as our Interim Associate Pastor for the past year. Carly served as the Director of Children & Family Ministries for the past three years.

We're so thankful for their ministry with us and trust that God will continue to lead them in significant and meaningful ways!



"I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to everyone for allowing me to be a part of your community for the past 3 years.

I am so very blessed to have worked with such a wonderful staff and committed volunteers.

I will miss you all dearly and may God bless all the wonderful things happening at SPLC!"

- Carly Tappe

8 August 2015

Mark Your Calendars for Bluegrass Sunday!

Sunday, August 16 9:30 am

1 Worship Service

GRASSFIRE BAND

3 Musicians, 5 instruments! Come sing, listen, and worship together.

Work Crews - Work Hard

Here at St. Philip's we are fortunate to have two voluntary Work Crews; both meet on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 am to Noon. The Men's Work Crew lends a helping hand doing tasks throughout the church and church grounds, as directed by the custodian. They can be observed maintaining anything from our plumbing, electrical, computers, floors, sound system, and lawns, as well as repairing almost anything and more!

The Women's version of the men's work crew is called WOW (Women on Wednesdays). Their objective is to "beautify the church". They are responsible for maintaining all the plants you see inside and outside. In addition to caring for all the plants, they can be seen dusting, buffing, shining, mopping, vacuuming and more! SPLC is a big church that also needs a lot of TLC every week.

It's not all work; during the 10:00 am break in Fellowship Hall, both Work Crews enjoy coffee, donuts/treats and conversation. If you would like to volunteer; stop by any Wednesday morning to lend a helping hand. Unable to spare your time? How about your spare change? In either case SPLC would appreciate any contribution you can offer. •

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31



St. Philip's Disaster Relief

Fall Trip

Be a part of the next Disaster Relief team. The fall trip is scheduled for September 26 through October 4. Watch for more details in the Sunday announcements, Enews, and St. Philip's website. Contact Mike Anderson at flooddog97@gmail.com or 612-209-8529 if you are interested in this trip or have any questions.

Facebook

St. Philip's Disaster Relief has created a Facebook page! This will be a great way for everyone to follow the Disaster Relief activities - especially during a trip. You don't have to have a personal Facebook Account to view the SPDR page. Go to www. facebook.com/stphilipsdisasterrelief or click on the link on the Disaster Relief page of the church's website at www.splcmn.org/spdr. (It's on the lefthand side, just below the picture of the church and the tool trailer.) If you do have a Facebook Account, search for St. Philip's Disaster Relief and be sure to "Like" us.•

Life Events

August Anniversaries:

Randy & Cherie Manderschied on 8/1/1977 for 38 years Howard Thompson & Elaine Knutson on 8/1/1998 for 17 years Steven & Margo Numedahl on 8/3/2013 for 2 years Larry & MarJean Stromberg on 8/3/1974 for 41 years Paul & Nancy Buerkle on 8/4/1984 for 31 years Roy & Mary Loberg on 8/4/1979 for 36 years Dale & Heidi Stromback on 8/6/1988 for 27 years Rachael & Todd Bushy on 8/7/2004 for 11 years Joel & Nicole Christensen on 8/7/2010 for 5 years Michael & Nancy Johnson on 8/7/1965 for 50 years Jennifer Kunze & Jay Williams on 8/8/1998 for 17 years Todd & Lyudmila Sandell on 8/8/2001 for 14 years Rodney Bertek & Heidi Tatro on 8/9/1980 for 35 years James & Diane Felton on 8/9/1980 for 35 years Harold & Sharon Petersen on 8/9/1986 for 29 years Bart & Angela Anderson on 8/10/2002 for 13 years Charles & Kathleen Eichelberger on 8/10/1963 for 52 years Chris & Tara Drews on 8/12/2000 for 15 years Sandy & Eldon Nelson on 8/12/1967 for 48 years Dale & Dawn Sorenson on 8/12/1977 for 38 years Mark & Diane Adler on 8/13/1983 for 32 years Jerome & Mary Kangas on 8/14/1999 for 16 years Myron & Thelma Nash on 8/14/1960 for 55 years James Cox & Gretchen Ziehl on 8/15/1992 for 23 years Jim & Dianne Lundeen on 8/15/1970 for 45 years Jeffry & Julie Overlie on 8/15/1998 for 17 years Eric & Denise Young on 8/16/1997 for 18 years Joshua & Kris Glood on 8/17/2002 for 13 years Kenneth Hirth & Kimberly Rudolph-Hirth on 8/17/1996 for 19 years Bryan & Kathleen Starry on 8/17/2002 for 13 years Wayne & Mary Ellen Carlson on 8/18/1962 for 53 years Marvin & Susan Hora on 8/21/1971 for 44 years Brian & Sheila Ranum on 8/21/1982 for 33 years Michael & Carol Anderson on 8/22/1970 for 45 years Mark & Julie Dierling on 8/22/1987 for 28 years John & Joann Holm on 8/24/1968 for 47 years Allen & Kim Kucera on 8/24/1996 for 19 years Daniel & Carolyn Allen on 8/25/1973 for 42 years Marlin & Joanne Sorum on 8/25/1962 for 53 years Norman & Karen Schultz on 8/26/1979 for 36 years Cynthia & Richard Grove on 8/27/1977 for 38 years Spencer & Gay Minear on 8/27/1966 for 49 years Rebecca Moxness & Anthony Montgomery on 8/27/2004 for 11 years Russ & Amy Sullivan on 8/27/1994 for 21 years Ryan & Mélissa Nord on 8/30/2003 for 12 years Edward & Cheryle Brooks on 8/31/1968 for 47 years John & Mary Connolly on 8/31/2002 for 13 years Jason & Teresa Karsten on 8/31/2002 for 13 years Dennis & Mardell Olesen on 8/31/1957 for 58 years

Sympathy:

To the friends and family of Ronald Anderson upon his death 7/13

Endowment Fund

Someone planted a tree that gives you shade. Someone started a congregation that nurtures you. Be the someone who makes sure St. Philip's ministry is here for future generations. Support the St. Philip's Endowment Fund!

Betty Sonnenberg became a legacy member with a generous gift in her Will.

Gifts were received in memory of Helen Baker, Helen Walker, Virgil Ishaug & Hulda Meisner, and to celebrate the birthdays of Mary Seekamp, Char Fauteck and Bette Blair.

Gifts in memory of someone, to celebrate a special occasion, or in simple gratitude should specify "Endowment Fund."

Attractive enclosure cards are available in the office to let others know that gifts to the Fund have been made in their memory or to honor them. There are also special envelopes for making regular or periodic gifts. Donations may also be made by designating "Endowment Fund" on the memo line of checks placed in your regular offering envelopes or by designating the Fund as a beneficiary of your Will, annuity, life insurance policy, certificate of deposit, or other

certificate of deposit, or other
investment account.
For more information visit
www.splcmn.org, select the "Ministries"
tab, and "Endowment," or contact a
Committee member: Bob Becker, Duane
Retzer, Ray Olson, Howard Thompson,
Dana Rebelein,
Jennifer Prasek,

Joan Kruse or Dick Lekang. •

President Column Ron Ackerman

It's hard to believe that summer is more than one half over. People in Minnesota look so forward to summer and all the outdoor activities; one of the reasons we live here. But along with summer comes the bad weather too. I am sure many members of St. Philip's received hail damage from the June 29 storm, to both their homes and cars. One thing we usually don't think about is the damage that might have occurred at St. Philip's. In talking to Katie, there was significant damage to the roof/ shags over the Chapel. There were also a number of the outdoor light fixtures that were damaged as well as sky lights. There was damage to gutters, downspouts, and some of the AC Covers. There will be more details later in August. We can only hope that we are adequately reimbursed. We all know that you never make money on property damage, with luck you replace or upgrade the damaged items. With a they presented the master plan, church like St. Philip's, there is also a large deductible to be met; one area we do not budget for. We only can pray for the best.

Another key area that is progressing very well is the Columbarium Project. The Columbarium Committee consists of Joan Kruse, Neal Anderson, Harold Kurtz, Lynette Thompson, Margo Tech, Ed Hamernik and Bob Becker. For

those members that may not know what a Columbarium is, it is a dedicated facility of the church containing niches for the inurnment of cremated remains of a deceased human. It is the 21st Century version of the small church with a cemetery adjacent. The plan is to have a Columbarium outside Fellowship Hall facing Moore Lake, built along side the building. It will contain multiple niches that members may purchase. There will also be a beautiful landscaped area outside the niches and into the Serenity Garden.

This committee has been working very diligently in researching the legal and technical issues, visiting other churches with Columbariums, and preparing governing rules, a configuration of the niches, a landscaping plan, and a business plan. The committee met with the board on July 14. At that time answered questions the board had, and was seeking approval to proceed. The board unanimously voted to approve the plan. A couple from our congregation has offered to loan the Columbarium Project Seed Money so that it can proceed. This is a very generous opportunity. The members of St. Philip's are very lucky to have such dedicated members. The operation and all costs will be handled through the sale of the niches.

This is not a budgeted item for the church and does not burden the church financially. A perpetual fund will establish an endowment to sustain the Columbarium for future years. It will operate similar to the **Endowment Fund.**

The members of St. Philip's will receive detailed information regarding the plan and how members may proceed with the next steps. It will also be available on the church web site, www.splcmn.org This is a very personal decision and will require thoughtful decisions by our members. It may not be the right solution for everyone. Many people already have funeral plans and inurnment locations picked. However, based on the attendance at the three sessions on funeral planning and feedback from attendees, there is a lot of interest and members are seriously thinking about this stage of their life. I personally feel that this is an excellent solution to many of the concerns and wishes of members of St. Philip's for final inurnment.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact board members or the Columbarium Committee to get your answers or have your voice heard.

55 + Group

Ships Ahoy! The next 55+ outing is a 2 hour luncheon boat trip with Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours on September 17. The colors should be beautiful along the cliffs of Taylors Falls at that time of year. We will dine while we drift along the scenic shores. The menu includes oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, and assorted rolls, finishing with a brownie and coffee. The cost for this delightful luncheon is \$30. This includes bus transport, scenic cruise, and lunch. Join us to board the bus at 9:00 am and return by 2:30 pm.

Upcoming events are:

Sept. 17th - Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Cruise and Lunch Oct. 8th - Arboretum & Box lunch Nov. 19th - Fridley High School Dinner & Play (Name of play to be announced)

If you have any questions or suggestions for upcoming events, please contact: Tom and Marlene Schonebaum 763-786-2483 Arlene and Duane Retzer 763-574-9559 Dick and Joan Kruse 612-251-3908

We hope to see you at some of our events. Come for fun, food and fellowship! •

Events & Opportunities @ St. Philip's

CEAP School Supply Drive

We are collecting K-12 school supplies for CEAP for distribution in our community. St. Philip's has three 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!

Due date is August 9.

LUNCH BUNCH

It's time for LUNCH BUNCH at the Old Country Buffet in the Holly Shopping Center on Thursday, August 6 at 1:00 pm, in the Party Room. It's best not to arrive early in order to get the special Senior Discount of \$8.56, including beverage and tax. Please mark your calendars to get together every-other month with the Lunch Bunch. Join us for great camaraderie. Hope to see you there!

The Holiday Market is Coming!

The Parish Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring the 2015 Holiday Market on November 7. We are again looking for vendors and crafters for this fun event. If you would like to have a table this year or know someone with interest in the market, please contact Kathy Swenson. kswenso@comcast.net 763-574-9836. Watch for more information coming soon!

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