



Vision:
God calls us to receive and share God's love and grace with all people.

WORSHIP

Education Hour

This year we will be using our Sunday mornings to walk through a year of justice and advocacy. Through worship, speakers, and our education hour, we will be learning about different areas of justice and how it looks in our own communities as well as through theological study and conversation.

Here are the topics we will be focusing on through the end of the 2017 year along with some fun highlights:

- September: Justice
 - The overall theme of justice and advocacy and what role the church holds
 - Speaker Deb Stehlin from the synod office "What is Church?"
- October: Hunger
 - ELCA World Hunger conversation
 - Food shelf opening celebration
 - Speaker Julie Jeppson from Stepping Stone
- November: Immigration and Refugees
 - Lutheran Social Service congregational service project
 - Speaker on immigration
- December: Giving and Generosity
 - Speakers Giving Tree organizations

A schedule of all the Sunday morning learning hours will be available in the church office.

Please note the second Sunday of every month, the learning hour will be called "Congregational Connection". A time for the whole congregation to gather and be God's hands and feet through service and fellowship.

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GROW

Change and Transition *Interim Senior Pastor Christine Wenzel*

Change = Is situational, new job, new boss, new policy, new house, etc.

Transition = The psychological process people go through to come to terms with the new situation.

STEP 1

Endings: The starting point for transitions is not the outcome, but the "ending" we have to make to leave the old situation.

i.e. Think of a big change in your life - new job, marriage, move, the birth of a first child, etc.

Think how the change started with an ending . . . What are those things you had to let go of as a result of the change?

Transition begins with ending = Letting go of something!

STEP 2

The Neutral Zone: The no-man's land between the old reality and the new, between the old sense of identity and the new. It is a time when the old way is gone and the new doesn't feel comfortable yet.

Important to understand this "wilderness place,"

1. Because if you try to rush through it, you will be discouraged when you cannot do so.

2. You may mistakenly conclude that the confusion you feel is a sign that there is something wrong.

3. You may be frightened and so will disengage from the situation.

4. If you escape prematurely, you'll not only compromise the change but also lose a great opportunity.

Painful as it can be, the neutral zone is waiting and listening for God to call you into a new place! This time is the church's best chance for creativity, renewal, and development.

STEP 3

New Beginnings: People get to the new beginnings only if they have first made an ending and spent some time in the neutral zone.

The Transition Team's job is to choose a process that will not merely change where we are today, but help people make the psychological reorientation that must happen if change is to work. To learn more about what is happening with the Transition Team, please read their article on page 4.

You are in my prayers, thank you for yours!

A Warm Welcome!

Tory Pluckeck, New Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Hello! I would love to take an opportunity to introduce myself, Tory Pluckeck, as your new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. I am looking forward to partnering with the entire community of St. Philip's while focusing on how God is working with and through our young people. My excitement lies around the energy, gifts, and ideas our young people have for being the hands and feet of Christ in our neighborhood and community. It will be a joy to help unleash these gifts from our youth.

I am originally from Denver, Colorado and just moved to St. Paul in September. If you catch me in the office you will more than likely see a mug of coffee on my desk and country music playing in the background. I am looking forward to getting to know the Twin Cities more

(especially through restaurants!). I love being outdoors and can't wait to see the leaves change colors and experience fall in the Midwest, but am already dreading the cold, snowy winter!

I have previous experience in an ELCA congregation in Denver working primarily with middle school students through Confirmation, and supporting high school ministries. I have a passion and call for inclusion- especially when it comes to individuals with disabilities. With a degree in Special Education, my heart aches for ways to include individuals of all abilities as members and leaders in the community.

Please take a minute to stop by and introduce yourself! I am looking forward to being in community with you all.

Fall Into Family Fun!

Connie Yerigan, Director of Children & Family Ministries



Wow! Fall is already upon us! I love this time of year, crisp air, apple cider, pumpkins, fall foliage . . . and most importantly, fall programming here at St. Philip's!

I have many fun things planned for the children and families this year. From S.P.A.R.K. of Faith

on Sunday mornings to Children's Ministry Nights every other Wednesday, we will gather together and learn more about Jesus, work on service projects and enjoy family fellowship together.

Here is our October calendar, I can't wait to see joy, compassion, and generosity as we come together for each activity! All are welcome, so don't forget to bring a friend!

October 2017

1 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5th grade)

4 – *No Children's Ministry Night*

8 – Cross Generational Activity

Hunger Theme

11 – Children's Ministry Night

Service Project "Sandwich Project"

Dinner: Sloppy Joes

15 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5th grade)

18 – *No Children's Ministry Night*

22 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5th grade)

25 – Children's Ministry Night

Halloween Fun Night

Dinner: Meaty Chili

29 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5th grade)

Autumn Is In The Air

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." - Hebrews 13:8

As a people of God, we are always in transition. Nothing stays the same for very long. Children grow up. Parents begin to age. We move from one place to another. Our bodies betray us. Neighborhoods change. And on it goes.

All of these changes bring their own grief. Even good and welcome changes mean we have left something behind. And, all change is a loss. We feel this most poignantly during these autumn days when leaves fall and our trees become barren; when our days shorten and there is a nip in the air.

So, if you are feeling some pangs of grief, know you are not alone. Reach out to those you know who are experiencing changes of any kind. Remind them that only Jesus is the same day by day and let this bring you comfort.

Blessings as you embrace the changes Jesus is giving you. Know that Jesus is walking with you through all of them.

President's Column *Mike Youngberg*

Well, the transitions just keep coming. By the time you read this, the Sanctuary Choir will be performing with a new Director. The youth and young adults will be led by a new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The food shelf will have moved out of the office to Room 5. It will have regular hours and be staffed by members of the congregation. Community suppers will be served on Wednesdays. We'll be back to two Worship services on Sunday morning. (I must admit I liked the sanctuary being full during the summer. It felt more like one big family than two smaller families.)

The new Mission and Vision statements are at the center of so many things going on at St. Philip's right now. There's really nothing new in the new statements. Rearranged words mostly. Worship, Growth (Spiritual Growth/Learning), and Service are what we do. Joyfully, Compassionately, and Generously is how we do it.

The budget for 2018 is being prepared and will be presented soon. Hopefully, members will be inspired to generously and joyously support St. Philip's with their

dollars and time. As we look forward to calling a new Senior Pastor, we want to make sure that candidates see a place of worship, growth, and service done in the spirit of Jesus. Your active participation in the various ministries and your financial support of the church will be an important part of that. True ministry comes with a price, often financial. It is often easier to support something when the work we are doing is serving the needs of those within our own community. The harder part is giving it away to others. For St. Philip's to provide for any of the needs of the greater community, we must be willing to provide the substance as well as the effort.

It is an exciting time, and I can already feel the buzz in the air as we move forward. You will be hearing more in the coming months from the Transition Task Force, the Worship Life Task Force, the Growth Life Task Force, the Service Life Task Force, The Board of Administration, and the Stewardship Task Force. Watch, listen and respond. Together we can make a difference and change lives.

The Transition Team

On Transitions, What, Who, Team Activities & Timeline

Are we changing or transitioning? Change is situational: a new job, new policy, new house. St. Philip's changes continually as we say goodbye to some and hello to others, alter programs, renew some ministries while others recede. Transition, on the other hand, is the emotional process people go through to accept a new situation. An effective transition can only begin when we let go of the things that bind us to the past. Effective transition involves naming and letting go of things we miss in the "old" time and then opening up to the exciting possibilities God invites us into for the future. What is the Transition Team? The Transition Team is a group of members clearing a trail through St. Philip's current wilderness: our time between senior pastors. The Transition Team is lighting the way for a call committee, which will be elected next year.

Who is serving on the team? Transition Team members include Carol Anderson, Bob Becker, Bryant Holmstrom, Heather Koshiol, Jennifer Prasek and Tom Young.

Pastor Christine provides the Team with guidance and resources.

What is this group doing? Team members have been talking with people in and around Fridley to learn about the community's needs and to discover where God is at work among our neighbors. The Team will also be talking with congregation members and has begun to prepare a "Ministry Site Profile" of St. Philip's, an extensive document that describes St. Philip's mission, congregation, community and more.

When will St. Philip's elect a Call Committee? The Transition Team aims to complete its work by year-end so that a Call Committee can be voted into service at the annual meeting on Sunday, February 4.

New Mission and Vision for St. Philip's Lutheran Church

As leaders of St. Philip's Lutheran Church; the Board of Administration, staff, and pastoral transition team gathered for a retreat in June to clarify where God is currently calling St. Philip's as a congregation. During the retreat, the group collaborated to craft the following Mission and Vision statements.

Mission:

God calls us to receive and share God's love and grace with all people.

Vision:

With God's help, we will be joyful, compassionate and generous as we worship, grow and serve in community.

The next step is for committee, group, task force leaders, and members to understand SPLC's Mission and Vision and to begin using them as tools to guide meetings, planning, and activities.

1. Where/when/how have you received or shared God's love and grace with all people?
2. Where would you or a community member see worship, grow and serve acted out through your group's activities?
3. In what ways have you practiced joy, compassion, and generosity?

These three questions serve as a framework to get your group talking about how its activities fit into God's plan for SPLC in the future. Moving forward, please include discussion and reflection on these questions in the minutes of your group's meetings.

Parish Fellowship Event Fall Educational Dinner



Parish Fellowship's fall fundraiser will focus on food and fellowship! Terri (Gilbertson) Chaffer from *Love That Olive*

will be preparing a delicious four-course meal for our enjoyment and will be teaching us about healthy cooking options using olive oils and balsamic vinegars. Learn when and why to use them. Discover skin care with olive oil. Take home recipes to add to your collection.

Terri and her team will be preparing a variety of appetizers, salad, main entrée, side dishes, and a variety of desserts. The meal will be served family style and Terri will be providing handouts including recipes for all those in attendance. She will also be taking questions from guests throughout the event.

Funds raised by this event will be used for those non-budgeted wish list items right here at St. Philip's. Possible recipients include Quilters, Knitters, WOW, Men's Work Crew, SPDR, and of course items needed in the church kitchen.

Tickets for this four-course meal are \$20 and will be sold between services on September 17, September 24 and October 1. They will also be available in the office Wednesdays from 9:00 am to noon on September 20, September 27 and October 4. Another option would be to purchase tickets in-person at *Love That Olive* 13551 Grove Drive in Maple Grove or [lovethatolive.com].

Whether you are a seasoned cook, or only starting out, join us on Saturday, October 7! Doors open at 5:00 pm. We look forward to learning and dining with you.

SERVE

St. Philip's Disaster Relief *Fall Updates*



Eureka Trip

Twenty-five individuals are traveling to Eureka, MO in October where they will assist in the rebuilding efforts following two devastating floods in less than 18 months.

This is SPDR's third trip to Eureka. The team is made up of individuals from Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Their work will include renovating trailer homes that have been purchased (on higher ground) for flood victims. Follow the team via daily updates October 1 through October 7 on the SPDR website at splcmn.org/spdr or on Facebook. (Search for "St. Philip's Disaster Relief")

Hurricanes Harvey & Irma

Hurricane Harvey hit Texas late last month with unprecedented flooding leaving thousands homeless for months to come. A staggering number of homes

and businesses have been damaged or destroyed. The rebuilding effort will likely continue for several years. Shortly after Harvey, Hurricane Irma hit Florida with destruction from wind and water covering hundreds of square miles. The recovery there will also take years. Following the Eureka trip, SPDR's focus will be on helping the victims of Hurricane Harvey and/or Irma. For now, we feel it is too early for SPDR to send any volunteers to Texas or Florida. In the months to come, we will continue to plan and coordinate on how SPDR can best be of assistance to the Harvey and Irma victims. We will monitor the long-term rebuild efforts and, once implemented, SPDR will be a part of the rebuilding. We have the knowledge, skills, and the financial resources well suited for that. We will continue to keep team members and all of our supporters informed as we move forward. Thank you to each of you for your continued support. It is because of you that we are able to help disaster victims. The journey continues . . .

Meals on Wheels



"God is looking for people to shine in the darkness."

Thanks to those people who were a beacon of God's light in delivering Meals on Wheels September 5 - 8. They included Monica Anderson, Gidget Brooks, Ron Cadwell, Kathy and Chuck Eichelberger, Steve Ess, Bob Johnson, Thelma and Myron Nash, Sandy Nelson, Delores and Bob Masuda, Roger Musolf, and Ellen Raeker. The next time we deliver meals is 11:30 am the week of November 6 - 10.

Trunk-or-Treat



Halloween is upon us! St. Philip's will again offer the opportunity for our members and neighbors to enjoy a safe and convenient trick-or-treat experience right here at church. Tuesday, October 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. St. Philip's members and friends will decorate the trunks of their cars and tailgates of their trucks in Halloween fashion. Vehicles will park in the church lot, where kids will be able to trick-or-treat from car to car.

If you'd like to get involved displaying a "trunk" or donating single wrapped candy for the event, please contact Sue Davis for information [763-784-9318] or you may drop off candy at the church office.

Please share news of this event with others. All children and families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Life Events

October Anniversaries



John & Marlys Hinsverk on 10/26/1957 for 60 Years
 Richard & Betty Nordling on 10/11/1958 for 59 Years
 Arthur & Bonita DeMeyere on 10/8/1960 for 57 Years
 David & Marilyn Wahlgren on 10/22/1960 for 57 Years
 Richard & Bette Blair on 10/20/1962 for 55 Years
 Larry & Phyllis Ehlers on 10/28/1962 for 55 Years
 Duane & Arlene Retzer on 10/23/1971 for 46 Years
 Don & Val Habig on 10/4/1975 for 42 Years
 Lonnie & Marsha LeClair on 10/9/1976 for 41 Years
 George & Cheryl Mills on 10/8/1977 for 40 Years
 Mark & Tamara Zroka on 10/21/1978 for 39 Years
 James & Lori Manecke on 10/4/1986 for 31 Years

Michael & Kristy Dettle on 10/25/1986 for 31 Years
 Jack & Michelle Angerhofer on 10/7/1989 for 28 Years
 Don & Jan Nelson on 10/14/1989 for 28 Years
 Mark & Deb Williamson on 10/15/1989 for 28 Years
 Gregory & Wendy Hundt on 10/7/1995 for 22 Years
 Rikard & Amy Nordlander on 10/5/1996 for 21 Years
 John & Jennifer Gerdes on 10/17/1998 for 19 Years
 Kenneth & Pamela Yell on 10/15/2005 for 12 Years
 Jeffrey & Melissa Loven on 10/29/2005 for 12 Years
 Dustin & Elizabeth Lauby on 10/30/2005 for 12 Years
 Todd & LeeAnn Schellenberg on 10/20/2012 for 5 Years

Funerals

Eleanor Haugen on September 13
 James Plumedahl on September 15



St. Philip's 2017

Actual August

Actual YTD

Income	\$43,376	\$477,120
Expense	(\$59,473)	(\$513,995)
TOTALS	(\$16,097)	(\$36,875)

GENEROSITY

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Giving thanks by thanking the giver.

Share your God-given gifts to enable the present and future ministry of St. Philip's. Preaching, teaching, and meeting the spiritual and physical needs of God's people wherever they are found.

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Jordis Mittelstadt

Jay Poissant

JoAnn Sorum



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

For more information on the St. Philip's Endowment Fund, visit "splcmn.org" and select Ministries and then Endowment.

Thank you for your support!

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Please join us for Sunday Worship

8:30 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

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December 1st for the January issue

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St. Philip's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:00 am SPDR Trip Begins 8:30 am Worship; LifeGroups Kick-Off 9:30 am Education Hour; S.P.A.R.K. 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting	2 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> 12:30 pm Joy Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm Chair Yoga 5:45 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gamanon; GA Mtg	3 10:00 am Staff Mtg 1:00 pm Tues. Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice	4 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal; Children & Youth Ministry; Community Supper 7:00 pm AA Mtg; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg	6	7 9:00 am Beginning Sewing Class 5:00 pm Parish Fellowship Fundraiser & Dinner
8 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Congregational Conversation 10:30 am Worship	9 8:00 am LEAFs 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 4:30 pm Chair Yoga 5:45 pm Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Benevolence Cmt Mtg 7:00 pm Gamanon; GA Mtg	10 10:00 am Staff Mtg 1:00 pm Tues. Together 2:30 pm Heritage Mtg 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Property & Grounds Mtg; Parish Fellowship Mtg	11 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am EA Group; Women's Book Club 6:00 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal; Children & Youth Ministry; Community Supper 7:00 pm AA Mtg; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg	13	14
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29  REFORMATION Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am S.P.A.R.K. Education Hour (Cancelled) 10:30 am Worship Affirmation of Baptism	30 4:30 pm Chair Yoga 5:45 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gamanon; GA Mtg	31  Happy Halloween 10:00 am Staff Mtg 1:00 pm Tues. Together 5:00 pm Trunk'or'Treat 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice				



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Vision:

*With God's help, we will be joyful,
compassionate and generous as we worship,
grow and serve in community.*

We invite and welcome those of every spiritual background, ethnicity,
gender orientation, or economic situation. We are committed to our place
within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)