



# The Friend

## 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.



## Easter Sunday

April 1 Worship with Holy Communion  
7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am

## Have a Blessed Easter!

-From the Staff at St. Philip's.

Pastor Christine, Pastor Mollie, Pastor Margie, Jeannine,  
Jenni, Jerry, Tory, Connie, Jennifer, Kate, David, Katie,  
and Michelle.

## April 2018

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## Investigating the Month of April

Mollie Dvorak, Associate Pastor

As we enter into the month of April, things I always think of are April Fool's Day, sometimes Easter, and of course my birthday! But how much do we really know about the month of April? I thought it would be fun to share some facts about my favorite month. See how much you already knew and what you learned!

### Did you know. . .

- April is the second month of spring
- April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month.
- April is the first month with exactly 30 days
- April is the only month with the letter 'i' in its name
- April's birthstone is the diamond
- April's honorary flowers are daisies and sweet peas
- Zodiac Signs in April are either Aries or Taurus
- Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition to his Dictionary in April

What other fun facts do you know about the month of April?

### Holiday Celebrations in April:

- Arbor Day
- Earth Day
- April Fool's Day
- National Poetry Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- Teacher Appreciation Month
- Humor Month - so laugh it up!
- Women's Health Care Month
- Jazz Appreciation Month

I invite you to pick one of these celebrations and honor it - show your appreciation/awareness!

### Important people born in April:

- Marvin Gaye, April 2
- Jane Goodall, April 3
- Jackie Chan, April 7
- Dolores Huerta, April 10
- Pastor Mollie, April 14
- Leonardo da Vinci, April 15
- Charlie Chaplin, April 16
- Jack Nicholson, April 22
- William Shakespeare, April 23

Who do you know with an April birthday? How will you celebrate them this year?



## Called to Serve

Tory Pluchek, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

*"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

Scripture is filled with examples of Christ serving others. I mean, that was His, "m.o." We hear stories of Jesus healing those deemed "less-than" and "unworthy". We hear about Christ washing the feet of His disciples. Jesus is constantly in companionship with those around Him, regardless of their beliefs or relationship.

We often reflect on the question, "How can I be more like Christ?" How can I serve others like Christ did? St. Philip's does a wonderful job of responding to this question and call. From advocacy to SPDR, fundraisers to the food shelf,

St. Philip's shines Christ's light through service.

I have witnessed many of you support our youth financially through fundraising efforts for the ELCA Youth Gathering! Your commitment and donation have helped us raise over \$6,000 already, making this trip and faith-forming experience affordable and attainable for our families. Wednesday, April 11, our youth and families will head to Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids to package meals for hungry individuals around the world. Please join us for this service project, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. To sign-up and serve alongside our youth, connect with Tory [toryp@splcmn.org].

## April Showers Bring. . .

Connie Yerigan, Director of Children & Family Ministries

*May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condenses like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth. Deuteronomy 32:2*

Oh yes, the age-old adage, "April showers bring May flowers." If you are like me, you have said this a time or two on those dark, cloudy, and rainy spring days as a way to think positively, while we long for sunshine after what seems like a winter that wouldn't end.

This spring, when we have rainy days, let's be reminded that each drop is a blessing from God.

Blessings can be big or as small as a drop of water. This month we will focus on just that...water and how it is a blessing from God.

May God bless you, and may you find those blessings in even the simplest of things.

### April 2018

- 1 – No S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Easter Sunday worship at 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am
- 4 – Children's Ministry Night - Science Fun!  
Dinner: Mostaccoli
- 8 – Congregation Connection – Water Theme
- 11 – No Children's Ministry Night
- 15 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 18 – Children's Ministry Night - Stump the Pastors!  
Dinner: Goulash
- 22 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 25 – No Children's Ministry Night
- 29 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)



# GROW & SERVE

## Patiently Impatient

Valerie Sperry, President

Daylight Savings was just the other weekend. Though we may have, "lost" an hour of sleep that night, I think what we gain is well worth it. I love that it's now light out when I get out of work. I feel more inclined to be productive in the evenings because it doesn't feel like night already. I start thinking ahead to spring. Planting flowers in my many deck boxes and flower pots. Seeing the trees begin to bud out and the green grass begin to grow again. Spring is one of my favorite times of the year.

But I find myself being impatient. I want spring to be here now. I want to plant my flowers as soon as possible so they can start to grow so I can enjoy them overflowing with flowers sooner. I want the trees to be fully leafed out so I can enjoy the shade on my deck. I want it to warm up now so I can start enjoying walking outside in the evenings after work and not indoors. I find myself being impatient and rushing to get where I want things to be so I can enjoy the end results.

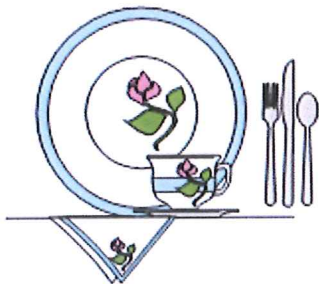
But what am I missing in my impatience to get to the "good part"? Am I cheating myself out of what we get when we are patient and enjoy the process?

When I hurry and plant my flowers I sometimes later wish I'd taken more time to enjoy the planting time, enjoyed being outside more with the smell of fresh dirt and growth in the air. When July rolls around and it's too hot to sit on my deck even with the shade of the tree, I sometimes think back. I wish I'd enjoyed the cool, sunny days of early spring when I could sit on my deck comfortably reading a book and enjoying being outside.

So this year, I'm going to try to be more patient in my impatience for the "good parts" to arrive. Try to enjoy the process and the time leading up to the "good parts."



## Festival of Tables



The Festival of Tables will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Tickets will be sold March 25 in the Narthex, after the 9:30 am worship. They will also be sold between services on Sunday, April 8. Tickets are \$15. Make plans now to attend this beautiful fundraiser for area food shelves. Guests are also encouraged to bring a non perishable food item.

## Spring Trip

### St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



Thirty SPDR team members will be in Texas in early April helping with the rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Harvey last August. The team will leave St. Philip's on Saturday, April 7 and return on Sunday, April 15. They will be staying in Galveston and work will be assigned by the Galveston County Long Term Recovery Group. You can follow the team through their daily posts on the St. Philip's website [[www.splcmn.org/spdr](http://www.splcmn.org/spdr)] or on Facebook by searching for, "St. Philip's Disaster Relief."

## LEAFs = Life Enrichment Adult Forums



April 9 - Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine, MN  
 April 23 - Christ the King Church in New Brighton, MN  
 May 7 and May 14 - Abiding Savior Lutheran in Mounds View, MN

### Presenters and Topics Coming this Spring:

Denis Gardner - MN State Capitol Renovation  
 Pastor Margaret Guelker - Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
 Doug Ohman - Minnesota Icons  
 James Hurd - Neanderthals in the Garden of Eden  
 Pastor Kalkwarf - Theology in Cartoons  
 Angela Bowles Edwards - Travelogue Australia

LEAFs Planning Committee



St. Philip's 2018	Actual February	Actual YTD
Income	\$62,390.14	\$113,712.28
Expense	(\$63,964.17)	(\$130,695.06)
TOTALS	(\$1,574.03)	(\$16,982.78)

# JOY & PRAYER

## Life Events

### April Anniversaries

Carrol & Mavis Hauge on 4/6/1957 for 61 Years

Leland & Marilyn Drossel on 4/23/1965 for 53 Years

Donald & Paula Cable on 4/30/1966 for 52 Years

David & Shirley Hogan on 4/3/1971 for 47 Years

Richard & LoRaye Hedlund on 4/22/1972 for 46 Years

Steve & Lisa Clovning on 4/30/1977 for 41 Years

Nancy & Martin Menzia on 4/22/1978 for 40 Years

Lee & Betty Hinnenkamp on 4/12/1978 for 40 Years

Steven & Kay Haglund on 4/25/1981 for 37 Years

Joe & Wendy Wegleitner on 4/14/1984 for 34 Years

Brian & Jacqueline Bangen on 4/27/1985 for 33 Years

Joyce & Richard Peake on 4/21/1985 for 33 Years

Gwendolen & Patrick Zeman on 4/5/1986 for 32 Years

Cameron & Rhonda Ollila on 4/4/1992 for 26 Years

Michael & Nancy Varichak on 4/3/1993 for 25 Years

Melissa & Michael Wallraff on 4/13/1996 for 22 Years

Eric & Suzanne Boyum on 4/10/1999 for 19 Years

Melvin & Virginia Reichstadt on 4/12/2003 for 15 Years

Chris & Andrea Haar on 4/30/2005 for 13 Years

Ray & Patty Fabian Jr. on 4/23/2005 for 13 Years

Brad & Kandace Heitland on 4/29/2006 for 12 Years

Anthony & Cassie Nelson on 4/22/2006 for 12 Years

Jonathan & Julie Kosbab on 4/28/2007 for 11 Years

Brandon & Karla Johnson on 4/28/2012 for 6 Years

Lauren & Jennifer Goldenstein on 4/25/2015 for 3 Years



Knox Leo Burton February 25



The friends and family of  
Wendell Mogren

## Thank You!

The family of Wendell Mogren would like to thank Pastor Christine and the Funeral Committee for their kindness and compassion.



**Congregational Brunch**  
**Hosted by The Endowment Committee**

You are cordially invited to the Endowment Committee Brunch!

When: Sunday, April 22, between services

What: Pancakes, sausages, fruit & beverages

Who: You!

Why: To enjoy the fellowship and support the St Philip's Endowment Fund

Where: Fellowship Hall



**Memorial & Gifts**

Contributions were received in memory of

*Matt Johnson Jr.*

*Marcia Solon*

*Mary Youngberg*

For more information regarding the Endowment Fund  
or to give a gift, envelopes and pamphlets are  
in the church office.

Thank you for supporting the work of the church through the  
St. Philip's Endowment Fund.

Endowment Committee:

Dick Lekang (Chair), Ron Ackerman, Edd Brooks,  
Dawn Young, Jeanine Grandstrand, Joshua Glood, Judith Berglund & Jim Kugler.



# SERVE

## Did you Know?

### Property and Grounds Committee

The church facilities are playing an important part in our church mission and over the years the congregation has seen fit to expand the facilities to an impressive building. As stewards of this facility, it is the primary focus of the Property and Grounds Committee and the many volunteers.

It is obvious that we have a large facility and that it has many aging components. Because of the Building for the Future program that was initiated a few years ago, we gathered the resources required to make some significant high cost but very necessary repairs and upgrades to our facility.

A review of major repairs last year indicates that we spent over \$8,000 on parts. Because of the exceptional volunteers in our congregation we saved \$14,000 in labor costs. Some examples of the purchase/repair cost and the labor cost savings done by the congregational volunteers are as follows:

Job Description for 2017 Projects	Parts Price	Savings on Labor
Water Filling Station	\$1,228	\$1,200
Door 2 Rug	\$498	\$0
Sanctuary Roof Lights	\$800	\$1,200
Banner Poles	\$175	\$700
Fellowship Hall LED Lights	\$840	\$1,000
Boiler Pump #2	\$600	\$1,800
Hot Water Heater	\$3,700	\$5,900
Tennant Floor Scrubber Parts	\$90	\$300
Fellowship Hall Drinking Fountain	\$412	\$900
Boiler Pump #3	\$79	\$500
Sanctuary Fan Motor	\$235	\$400
Heater by Door 7	\$30	\$800
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$8,687</b>	<b>\$14,700</b>

These numbers do not reflect the value of the extra cleaning and more routine maintenance activities done by our Women on Wednesday and Wednesday Men's Work Crew.

In the months ahead, we will continue to update you on completed projects at St. Philip's. We will also keep you informed of needed projects, such as replacing the outdated office air-conditioning with a cost of \$35,000.

The Property and Grounds Committee members thank you for your continued support.





## Jim and Carol Sack

### Tokyo, Japan

Dear Churches in Ministry with Us:

We want to briefly share some good news that comes out of the Japan Lutheran Theological seminary. On Sunday, February 25, we had our annual, "Seminary Evening" where each graduate gives a short sermon and we celebrate that event with them. Next Sunday, three new pastors will be born at their ordination ceremony.

The ordination ceremony is a little different from those in the States. All of the new pastors are ordained together at the same time. The president of the national church, the bishops from each district and a representative from the foreign churches working in Japan will lay hands on the candidates for this service. I am honored to be able to represent the missionaries this year. April 1 is the starting date of the new work year here in Japan. That means these three pastors' very first act will be to preside and preach at the Easter services in their new congregations where they do not yet know the members.

We covet for your prayers to bless each new pastor and his ministry. We ask God to not only bless the pastors, but each member of the congregations they are being sent to serve. As we have shared before, the Lutheran Church in Japan is finding itself to be older and somewhat smaller than in recent years. Therefore, we pray to God that each pastor would be anointed with God's energy and wisdom to have a fruitful ministry in their new assignment.



The following graduates will be ordained next week:

Mr. Satoshi Morita. He comes from a non-Christian home and has a younger brother. His family, especially his father, was against his becoming a pastor. He had been working in a company for some years before answering the call to go to the seminary. He will be assigned to Shinreizan Church, which also has a small farm where delicious milk and ice cream are produced. There is also a social welfare institution on the property that ministers to the elderly and children that have trouble going to school.

Mr. Kazune Noguchi. He is a wonderful musician who plays the violin. Not only is he graduating and being ordained, but he is also getting married on March 17 to a graduate of our college. Therefore, he is having a great deal of change take place in his life at this time. He will be assigned to a two-point parish a couple of miles north of Tokyo. The two churches are Nagano Church and Mastsumoto Church. He will go to serve there with his wife, Minami.

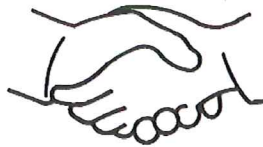
Mr. Satoshi Tada. He has a background in philosophy and languages and also comes from a non-Christian family. This past year he served as an assistant to the school pastor and was responsible for helping to organize the religious programs here for the chapel. He is being assigned to Hiyoshi Church in Tokyo, where the sanctuary was rebuilt a year ago. This church is hoping that the new pastor will make good use of his gift of relating well to young people. We give praise to God who has inspired and called these servants into God's ministry of Word and Sacrament.

## The Benevolence Committee

The Benevolence Committee will once again be assembling newborn kits as a Global Missions project. Items should be dropped off at the table provided near the Narthex by Sunday, April 22, as we will be assembling them on that day.

Items needed are: regular bath towels, washcloths, Ivory soap (wrapped), cotton newborn or 3 month undershirts (not onesies), cloth diapers, diaper pins, infant stocking hats, receiving blankets (30x30 size), two gallon Ziploc bags or cash.

Thank you for your generosity!



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### Worship Schedule

Please join us for Sunday Worship

8:30 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

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**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

St. Philip's Deadlines for The *Friend*:

April 5 for the May issue





# April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Happy Easter</b>  7:30 am Worship 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	<b>2</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  12:30 pm Joy Circle 4:45 pm Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	<b>3</b> 10:45 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice	<b>4</b> 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Community Supper; Bells of Praise; Youth Ministry 6:30 pm Children's Ministry 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir; AA Mtg.	<b>5</b> <b>Friend Articles Due</b>  7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA; Alanon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>LifeGroups Spring Session Begins</b>  8:30 am Worship 9:35 am Congregational Connection 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Global Health Ministries 4:45 pm Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Mat Yoga; Benevolence Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	<b>10</b> 10:45 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:30 pm Heritage Group Mtg. 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Parish	<b>11</b> 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am EA Group; Women's Book Club 6:00 pm Community Supper; Bells of Praise; Youth Ministry 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir; AA Mtg.	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Growing Through Loss 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00 am Festival of Tables
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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).