



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.

Faith Hope Love

Summer Worship
Sundays at 9:30 am

Outdoor Wednesday Worship
June 13, July 11, August 8
6:00 pm supper
6:30 pm worship

Holy Conversation and S.P.A.R.K. of Faith will not be
active during the summer.

June 2018

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GROW

The Fruit of the Spirit

Mollie Dvorak, Pastor

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ~ Galatians 5:22 - 25

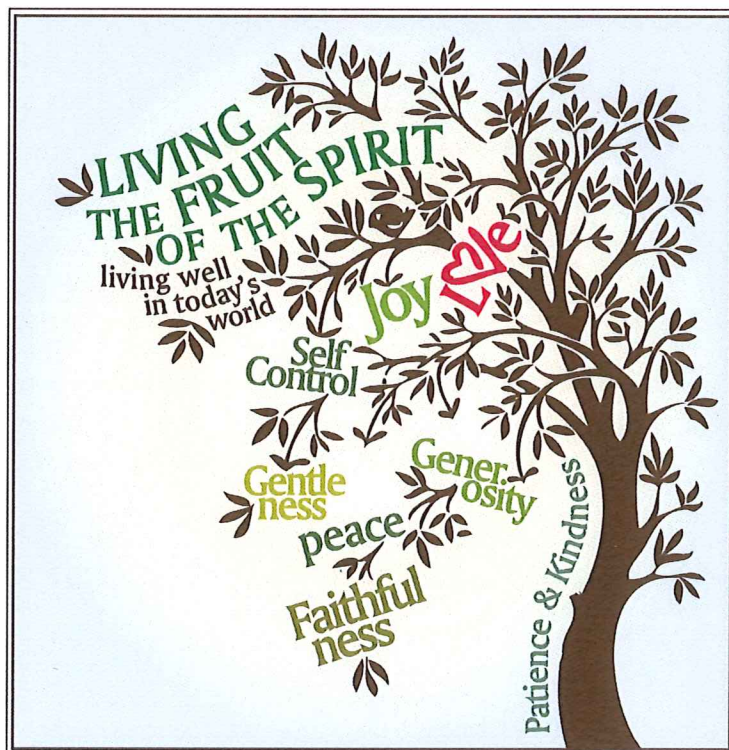
The Fruit of the Spirit is described as a fruit because it is made up of more than one substance. Just like any fruit from a tree, such as an apple or an orange, it has juice, pulp, peel, core, segments, and seeds, all held together by a skin or rind, and attached to the tree by a stem where its nutrients flow in. So it is with our relationship in Christ. If you just eat of the pulp or juice and throw out the rest, how can you grow more without the seeds? If you take the fruit off the vine and do not use it, no nutrients will flow in and thus it will wither and rot. If the vine is not cared for, the tree will die. So it is with the Fruit of the Spirit, and so it is with our relationship with Christ as well as our relationships with others for the faith. God makes it and it requires the efforts of our fostering this spiritual development from our growth of faith that necessitates our tending. It is more than just one substance; all of its substances combined are greater than the sum of its parts.

Since we all have been gifted the Fruit of the Spirit, I want you to think about these questions:

1. Which Fruit of the Spirit do I share on a regular basis?
2. Which Fruit of the Spirit do I need to work on?
3. How do I see the Fruit of the Spirit active in those around me?

Keep this list of the Fruit of the Spirit close by so you can be reminded of them with each day!

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.



Summer Youth Ministry Events

Tory Pluckeck, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

We are about to jump into summer - I know many of you wish it was already here!

Our youth are excited for a change of pace from the school year, and seem eager to gather together in community! Families with youth entering 6th grade and older, please make sure that you have received an email from me with a list of our summer activities if you have not, please email me [toryp@splcmn.org].

June will be filled with opportunities to play, learn, grow, and worship with one another. Below are some highlights:

June 11: ELCA Day at Valleyfair. We will carpool to Valleyfair for a day of laughter and thrills. The cost is \$30 and RSVPs are due by June 6.

June 13: Summer Worship on Wednesdays begins! We will gather together outside at 6:30 pm.

June 18 - 22: VBS! We need youth volunteers to help make this faith-forming week fun for our children. Contact Connie [conniey@splcmn.org] or Tory to sign-up!

June 20: On Wednesday after VBS concludes we will have an opportunity to hang out and celebrate all the work that our youth are providing this week.

June 24 - 29: Youth head to Camp Wapo! Pray for our youth who are at camp in Amery, WI!

June 26 - July 2: High School Youth head to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, to deeply explore their faith through service, learning, worship, bible study, and fellowship.

Blessings on your summer!

Rescued By Jesus

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children & Family Ministries*

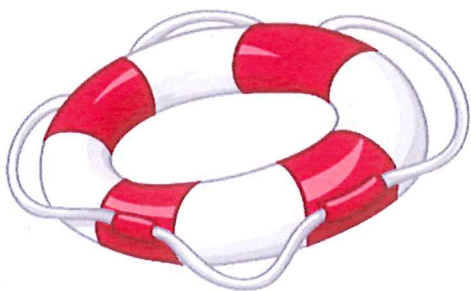
Summer is a season that brings so much joy. Warmer weather, sunny skies, swimming, four wheeling, planting flowers, and boat rides are just a few of my favorites. For some, summer can bring about worry, loneliness or struggles. Some may worry about things like the possibility of severe weather or the safety of family or friends. Some may experience loneliness for a friend who spends the summer away or loneliness for a loss of someone close to their heart. Summer can bring about struggles that are unavoidable to some, but in all of this, we should not lose faith. We know that Jesus rescues.

With summer upon us, things are very busy here at St. Philip's. Vacation Bible School is coming!

This year, the children will learn that Jesus rescues them when life gets stormy. Each day the kids will meet a new Bible Memory Buddy that will teach them that when you are lonely, when you worry, when you struggle, when you do wrong, and when you feel powerless; Jesus rescues!

Vacation Bible School is June, 18 – 22. This is one of my favorite weeks. Wonderful lessons, amazing kiddos, tons of laughs. I just can't wait!

Blessings to you this summer, and remember, Jesus rescues!



Can You Feel It?

Valerie Sperry, President

Spring has finally arrived (after that unbelievable late season blizzard)! And summer is just around the corner. Flowers, trees, and ideas are in bloom all around us. There are so many great and exciting things going on at St. Philip's in the months to come. The Holy Spirit is with us, can you feel it?

I am looking forward to our combined summer Sunday services. I loved the chance last summer to worship together and see folks I don't always cross paths with during the rest of the year. Sharing a pew with different faces, or sitting in a new pew with new folks to meet. I look forward to hearing the creative ways our musicians blend the traditional and contemporary music into something new and wonderful. Weather permitting, we'll be holding three Wednesday evening outdoor worship events this summer. What a great way to enjoy the outdoors and celebrate God with each other and our neighbors who might come and join us.

Many of the kids are heading off to camp to experience God in a whole new way and setting. VBS will fill our church with the vibrant energy of the tiny humans as they experience the joy of learning that Jesus loves them. Our high school youth are journeying to the National ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Imagining all the

great stories and pictures they will share upon their return – about the experiences they will have, the new people they will meet, and how they saw God working in and through others.

And the garage sale, I can't forget the garage sale. July brings the excitement of setup, drop offs, sorting and pricing, and the anticipation of the many guests to the sale. I enjoy working the garage sale, in all of its stages. I get to labor side by side with others passionate about the ministry we offer our community thru the sale. Talk about God's Work, Our Hands in action! And to see so many things find their new, loving homes rather than go in the garbage, awesome! There is no better place to see the old adage "one person's 'trash' is another person's treasure" in action than the St. Philip's Garage Sale. It is truly a blessing that we are able to use our facility and our human resources in such a unique way to put on this event to serve our community.

Spring goes by so quickly and summer will too. Take time to enjoy the world around us. Give thanks for each other. And take time to dream and imagine – what else can we do with God's help?

The Holy Spirit is with us and among us, can you feel it? I sure can.

New Books Have Arrived at the Library, Part 2

The Library Group

Check out the St. Philip's Library - new books have recently been added to the collection. Because of the generosity and support of the congregation at last fall's Holiday Book Fair, the Library Group has been able to add many new titles. The group thanks all who supported the book fair. Stop in soon to borrow these new selections.

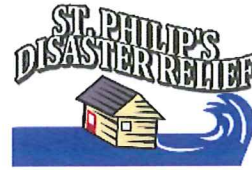
Spiritual Life Books

- ***The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World***(294.3/DAL) was written by two spiritual giants, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. They tell us how to live with joy in the face of adversity.
- ***All Will Be Well***(242.8/ALL) is a collection of prayers from around the world edited by Lyn Klug and published by Augsburg. These prayers are designed for healing.
- A new book of devotional literature is ***Gracelaced***(242.3/SIM) written and gorgeously illustrated by Ruth Chou Simmons. She leads readers to discover timeless truths through seasons of the heart.
- ***The Grace of Dogs***(636.7/ROO) by Andrew Root will probably make you cry. This book examines human and animal relationships from the author's own experiences
- ***Laughter and Latte*** (248.843/LAU) is a collection of inspirational anecdotes especially for women.
- ***Home Sweet Home: How to Help Older Adults Live Independently***(362.6/HOM) is a resource book originally published by Aid Association for Lutherans.

THANKS

Spring Trip - Hurricane Harvey Rebuilding

St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



The nine-day spring SPDR trip to Texas stretched into ten days when an April snowstorm hit Minnesota, delaying the team's journey home. But, overall, it was a great trip. The 26 team members spent the week working in a church and six houses - all that had water damage from Hurricane Harvey last year. Most of the work involved installing drywall, mudding and taping, and painting. Also, demolition work, plumbing work, electrical work, cleaning, cabinet assembly, countertop installation, and more were done - all things that will help those impacted by Hurricane Harvey move forward.

The team also had the opportunity to visit the Galveston County Food Bank and deliver a monetary donation and the 300 pounds of food collected at St. Philip's for their Kidz Pacz program. It was also a time for seven of the team members to reminisce about the work they had performed rehabbing the building on SPDR trips in 2009.

The Zion Retreat Center was a wonderful place to stay, the Texas weather was great, our partners in Texas worked hard to provide us with everything we needed for our rebuilding work, our cooks kept us well fed, our crew chiefs led their teams effectively, and our team members were awesome!

We thank everyone that was involved in this trip - our team members; our Texas partners; our financial supporters; those that supported us with prayers, text messages, and comments on Facebook throughout the week, our family and friends at home, and our neighbors that cleared our driveways of 20 inches of snow!

This adventure is over, but our journey continues. We will be back in the same area of Texas on our fall trip September 22 - 30.

Telling the St. Philip's Story

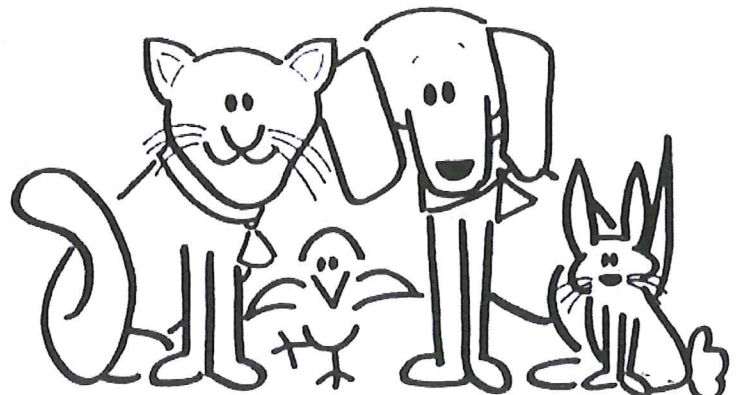
Heritage Group



The Heritage Group has been busy gathering materials that tell the story of St. Philip's. If you are spring cleaning or downsizing and have come across any records, flyers, programs, or other material from the past years of the church, please consider donating them to the Heritage Group. We will be glad to recycle them if they are duplicates. You may leave them in the church office with a Heritage note. Heritage Group members are Dick Lekang (Chair), Arlene Hamernik, Grace Kurtz, Thelma Nash, Ron Seekamp, and Marlin Sorum.

Blessing of the Animals

All creatures big and small (accompanied by their owners) are invited to come to a Blessing of the Animals during outdoor worship on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm. Treats for pets and their human friends will be provided following the service. Come and celebrate the importance of the pets in your lives!





Did you Know?

Property and Grounds Committee

The snow plow budget has been blown out of the water. Due to the blizzard we had Saturday, April 14, the snow plow account shows a \$8069.15 deficit. Property & Grounds would like you, as members, to be aware of this number. Please keep in mind this number does not include expenses that we will incur November and December, 2018.

Property and Grounds have been busy so far this year. Here is an update of completed projects the Wednesday Work Crew have done through May 15, 2018.

<u>Job Description</u>	<u>Parts Price</u>	<u>Savings on Labor</u>
Choir Lights	\$153	\$1,400
Solenoid Valve for Dishwasher	\$315	\$200
Security Camera Recorder	\$1,119	\$800
Blue Compressor Tune Up	\$441	\$600
White Boards for Rooms 15, 16, 17A	\$114	\$100
Large Cross Repair	\$0	\$300
Pipes Replaced in Sacristy Drain	\$27	\$200
Shelving Added to Room 5	\$7	\$500
Portable Freezer w/Casters Added	\$187	\$500
Statues Cleaned/Bases Repaired	\$66	\$1,200
Reorganized Fellowship Hall Storage Space	\$0	\$500
Replace Kitchenette in Lounge	\$293	\$2,000
Total Cost Thru May 15	\$2,722	\$8,300

Thank you to all the men on the work crew and the women in WOW!



The Call Committee has been working together since February, having met frequently. We have conducted first interviews for five candidates and chose three to continue in the process. Late April and early May, second interview questions were prepared and implemented. Evaluation of the second interviews are in discussion at this time.

The congregation is encouraged to share ideas and concerns with members of the Call Committee: Jennifer Prasek (Chair), Mike Anderson, Bob Becker, Gary Blomster, Barbara Cooper, Bryant Holmstrom, Dana Rebelein, Andy Tjader, and Renee Youngberg.

As always, we ask for and appreciate your prayers and support.

[Callcommittee@splcmn.org]

How Well Do You Know The Staff?

- I trained in California one summer for the Olympic swim team. **Katie Swenstad**
- I only eat butter when it is completely melted.
Pastor Mollie Dvorak
- I still have my favorite ragdoll that my aunt made for me for my first birthday.
Connie Yerigan
- All of my pets, six in total, have had human names.
Jenni Anderson
- I lost my sense of smell in a car accident.
Tori Pluchek
- I played the clarinet in band in high school.
Pastor Margie Guelker
- As a hobby I do massage/bodywork.
Jerry Salitros
- I play on a softball tournament team named the Silverbacks.
Jeannine Arcand
- I love liver and onions!
Jennifer Thurman



Garage Sale Planning Meeting and Funding Requests

There will be a meeting of the garage sale group on Thursday, June 21 at 5:30 pm. Final plans for our 22nd annual sale will be made at that time. If your group is planning on requesting funds, please complete a request form, located in the office, and return them by June 18. The garage sale group will be reviewing requests at the meeting, so please plan to attend!

Garage Sale Items Drop-off

It is time to clean out your closets, cabinets, and cupboards and get items ready to donate to our sale. Drop off will begin July 13, so mark your calendars. Please also consider volunteering your time.

St. Philip's 2018	Actual April	Actual YTD
Income	\$77,489.19	\$250,430.07
Expense	(\$70,691.63)	(\$265,856.44)
TOTALS	\$6,797.56	(\$15,426.37)

JOY & PRAYER



Robert & Marlene Eidem on 6/29/1952 for 66 Years
Joyce & Rolf Dahle on 6/5/1954 for 64 Years
Donald & Anne Gilbertson on 6/10/1955 for 63 Years
Ronald & Mary Seekamp on 6/16/1956 for 62 Years
Robert & Delores Masuda on 6/5/1959 for 59 Years
Ray & Sheila Olson on 6/7/1959 for 59 Years
Edward & Arlene Hamernik on 6/20/1959 for 59 Years
Jerry & Gayle Mattison on 6/9/1961 for 57 Years
Gary & Myrna Erickson on 6/25/1961 for 57 Years
Donald & Eunice Wynn on 6/29/1962 for 56 Years
Leroy & Kathleen Venne on 6/1/1963 for 55 Years
Harold & Grace Kurtz on 6/16/1963 for 55 Years
Stanley & Janet Yocum on 6/22/1963 for 55 Years
Ronald & Mary Mattson on 6/29/1963 for 55 Years
Bob & Patricia Wharton on 6/21/1964 for 54 Years
Neal & Catherine Anderson on 6/12/1965 for 53 Years
Mark & Eva Jeppson on 6/24/1966 for 52 Years
James & Janice Kugler on 6/3/1967 for 51 Years
Arlen & Judy Olson on 6/10/1967 for 51 Years
Marsden & Beverly Sperry on 6/10/1967 for 51 Years
Gary & Deanna Blomster on 6/24/1967 for 51 Years
Roger & Jerelyn Hall on 6/15/1968 for 50 Years
Gerald & Carole Jensen on 6/14/1969 for 49 Years
William & JoAnn McCloskey on 6/20/1969 for 49 Years
David & Patricia Bretheim on 6/29/1974 for 44 Years
Kathy & Darron Knutson on 6/8/1975 for 43 Years
Howard & Kari Helgen on 6/21/1975 for 43 Years
Timothy & Cindy Solberg on 6/28/1975 for 43 Years
Paul & Cheryl Ikier on 6/3/1978 for 40 Years

Gregory & Susan Rosholt on 6/1/1979 for 39 Years
Marty & Dawn Hansen on 6/9/1979 for 39 Years
Gary & Kristin Johnson on 6/6/1981 for 37 Years
Lucinda & Jeff Marshik on 6/5/1983 for 35 Years
Dan & Connie Bernardy on 6/22/1985 for 33 Years
Duane & Monica Anderson on 6/7/1986 for 32 Years
Tony & Jane Kiminski on 6/3/1988 for 30 Years
Jeff & Michelle Ellering on 6/18/1988 for 30 Years
Bryan & Karen Kaml on 6/18/1988 for 30 Years
Elizabeth & Mark Goebel on 6/3/1989 for 29 Years
John & Pam Schwint on 6/23/1990 for 28 Years
Joel & Heather Young on 6/3/1995 for 23 Years
Scott & Lisa Rolfs on 6/22/1996 for 22 Years
Jason & Tina Wiehle on 6/7/1997 for 21 Years
Bill & Sherrie Johansen on 6/28/1997 for 21 Years
Tom & Pam Warnke on 6/27/1998 for 20 Years
Daniel & Andrea Zwiers on 6/25/1999 for 19 Years
Cory & Melissa Haugen on 6/24/2000 for 18 Years
Scott & Erin Maki on 6/2/2001 for 17 Years
Phil & Andrea Nash on 6/8/2003 for 15 Years
Doug & Kathy Fransen on 6/30/2007 for 11 Years
Nikolaus & Tasha Browne on 6/13/2009 for 9 Years
Tom & Chelsea Gasser on 6/2/2012 for 6 Years
Kyle & Nicky Bohm on 6/16/2012 for 6 Years
Emily & Aaron Sasse on 6/30/2012 for 6 Years
Chris & Danielle Cotts on 6/8/2013 for 5 Years
Pete & Michelle Nash on 6/8/2013 for 5 Years
Bob & Diane Jacobson on 6/27/2015 for 3 Years
Sherri & Kirk Myhra on 6/19/2016 for 2 Years



Endowment Grants, Memorials, and Gifts

The Endowment Committee



2018 Endowment Grant Recipients

We are very pleased to announce that the Endowment Committee has \$9,734.00 to present in grants this year!

The recipients are:

- Food & Clothing Shelf: \$1,000

Funds to cover increasing need for food/clothing over the current congregational cash donations.

- Property & Grounds: \$750

Increase sound-proofing in Fellowship Hall.

- Property & Grounds: \$750

Funds to decorate the planters by doors 1 and 2 all year.

- Sanctuary Decoration Committee: \$1,000

Purchase additional banners for remaining Liturgical seasons.

- SPLC Office: \$1,500

Upgrades to provide a strong wireless access throughout the facility.

- Note: \$4,734 still available and applications will be accepted until Sunday, September 2.

"Your faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalm 119:90

Memorial & Gifts

Contributions were received in memory of:

Betty Baukol
Clarice Eithreim
Mavis Hauge
Gladys Nelson
Margaret Severson

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, Judith Berglund,
Edd Brooks, Joshua Glood, Jeanine Grandstrand, Jim Kugler, and
Dawn Young.

Friendly Takeaway

The next time you are in the Christian assembly: Graciously laugh at the pastor's recycled joke. Offer a conspiratorial smile to the teenager who wishes she were somewhere else. Shake the hand of the grumpy usher, and thank him for his dedicated service. Slow down around the woman with the walker, and pause to listen as she talks about the challenges of her new therapy routine. Invite the newcomer on a tour of the facility and then to lunch. Compliment the young couple on the deft handling of their colicky baby. Tell the widower you thought of his wife last week. Ask the passionate activist where you can find more information on his cause. Gratefully sip the coffee that's weaker than anything you'd ever make at home.

Be who you are in the midst of this community, generously and authentically so, without any arrogance or self-consciousness. You are a necessary part of the body of Christ, individually a member of it, and have been placed exactly where God wants you to be. In our diversity, Christ himself unites us.

Excerpt from, *Christ in Our Home*

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Worship Schedule

Join us for Summer Sunday Worship

9:30 am Various types of worship

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St. Philip's Deadlines for The Friend:
June 5 for the July/August issue



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:00 am Camp Wapo Fundraiser 9:30 am Worship: Graduation Sunday 10:30 am Benevolence Brunch 10:30 am Worship Life Task Force Mtg.	4 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 5:30 pm HR Committee Mtg. 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	5 <i>Friend</i> Articles Due 10:45 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice	6 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Community Supper 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	7 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	8	9
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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).