



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.



Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Begins Sunday, May 20 with Music Sunday!

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

Outdoor Wednesday Worship

June 13, July 11, August 8

6:00 pm supper

6:30 pm worship

May 2018

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Peace Be With You

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

When do you feel most at peace? It is different for everyone. But it is something that we long for, something for which we seek.

Jesus gave us the peace that the world cannot give. No matter what is going on for you, know that you can rest in the peace of Christ because Jesus' love and compassion rest in your soul.

We are called to give this peace to others, but it is difficult to give if you are not peaceful within yourself. We must all "practice peace."

It is actually an easy thing to do. Think about how you might give peace to another and then do that thing. And then think about how you, yourself, have received peace and seek to give that peace away.

I will tell you that this takes practice. It is not usually a part of our human nature. But begin today to practice peace and soon it will be a part of you and others will be blessed by the peace you share.

This Gaelic blessing may be just such a beginning place for you:

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

How Well Do You Know The Staff?

Mollie Dvorak, Pastor

Whether you have been a member for many, many years, or joined recently... we want to ask, how well do you know the current staff of St. Philip's Lutheran Church? Below are facts about our staff. Can you match the name with the correct fact? We encourage you to try, and bring your answers to the office. The first one to bring the correct answers to the office will win a prize!

- I trained in California one summer for the Olympic swim team.
- I only eat butter when it is completely melted.
- I still have my favorite ragdoll that my aunt made for me for my first birthday.
- All of my pets, six in total, have had human names.
- I lost my sense of smell in a car accident.
- I played the clarinet in band in high school.
- As a hobby I do massage/bodywork.
- I play on a softball tournament team named the Silverbacks.
- I love liver and onions!

Staff:

Pastor Mollie Dvorak

Pastor Margie Guelker

Jerry Salitros

Connie Yerigan

Katie Swenstad

Jeannine Arcand

Jenni Anderson

Tory Pluckeck

Jennifer Thurman



Thank You!

Tory Plucheck, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

As the end of our program year wraps up at St. Philip's, there is an endless amount of thanks that needs to be shared. Our middle school youth have been led and accompanied by some amazing adults. A huge thank you to Jack, Jeremy, Gina, and Marna for all that you do for our youth! You are wonderful role models and faith formers who ensure our middle school youth know they are loved by God. Thank you to all our Lenten mentors who walked with our youth throughout the season and explored what it is like to practice faith in daily life. Thank you to Renee and the Wednesday supper volunteers for the delicious and filling meals that allow us to gather around the table in community every week!

And another thank you to all of you for supporting our youth through donations, prayers, and presence!

I am excited to enter summer (and some warm weather, finally) and a change of pace in youth ministry! Our young people will be participating in the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, while others will be attending camp at Camp Wapo. Summer trips are some of the most impactful, faith-forming opportunities and it is a joy to offer these to our youth. Please continue to pray for everyone attending this summer. We will also have various opportunities for fellowship and service throughout the summer be on the lookout for more information!

Thank You

Celebrating Each Day

Connie Yerigan, Director of Children & Family Ministries

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

As another program year ends, I like to look back on all the wonderful memories that were made and celebrate. I am so proud of the children of St. Philip's for all that they did for others this year through our various service projects. I think their favorite was painting rocks for the people who visit our food shelf. We also had a great time playing games, conducting interesting science experiments, and developing friendships along the way!

This time of year is not an end to the fun. We will gather together during the summer for Vacation Bible School, and summer worship I look forward to making new memories!

I continue to celebrate and give thanks to God for calling me to this place. I cherish each of you.

Blessings to you always.

May 2018

2 – Children's Ministry Night – Last for the program year
Dinner: Tomato Basil Soup & Grilled Cheese

6 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – grade 5) – Last class for the program year

9 – No Children's Ministry Night

16 – Music practice for Music Sunday performance
Dinner: Mostoccoli

20 – Music Sunday – during 9:30 worship

27 – Summer worship schedule begins at 9:30 am

Save the date!

Vacation Bible School! *June 18 to 22*

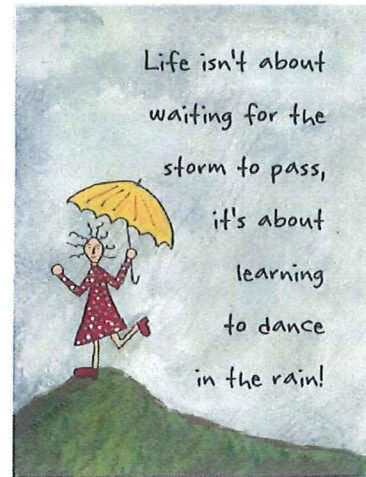
Let's Celebrate!

Dancing in the Rain

Valerie Sperry, President

I have a framed print on my desk at work that I bought at a local art fair years ago. At the time, the saying just spoke to me and I had to buy it. It has continued to speak to me in the years since. It says, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain." –Vivian Greene.

It has reminded me during challenging times and situations that I need to look past that moment of difficulty or stress - find the moments of joy, hope, and light in the storm and rain. Sometimes the storm lingers and I need to find a way to figuratively dance in the rain. I am a worrier by nature; I tend to let the storm brew inside while I mull over and figure out a solution to a problem. So each time the print catches my eye, I try to remember I need to turn to God, trust that He will be by my side and give me the strength, answers, and peace I need. It's not easy to do sometimes; I want to think I can fix things by myself. I don't think I am alone in this. I think many of us believe we have all the answers; that we can fix things all by ourselves. But God wants us to trust in Him and not be afraid, to know that He will always be with us, giving us strength through the difficult times. We need to lean on Him, and each other, during difficult times. We've had storms in our past and we will undoubtedly have storms in our future.



But if we remember to trust in God, we can learn to dance together in the rain. We can learn to find the joy He gives us if we are willing to lean on Him and accept the love and peace he offers. So, I am going to remember next time a storm comes, to dance in the rain and not just wait for the storm to pass. Join me?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



The Call Committee has been very busy reading profiles of prospective candidates. We received paperwork from eight people. Of those, one was released because the profile did not match our needs and two others removed themselves from our process, leaving five candidates for first interviews. All interviews were scheduled during the week of April 2. The committee took time after each interview to discuss each candidate and then met again the following week to make decisions on who to bring back for second interviews. Of the five candidates, three were selected to move forward in our process. We are now scheduling times to hear the candidates preach, after which we will conduct second interviews.

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

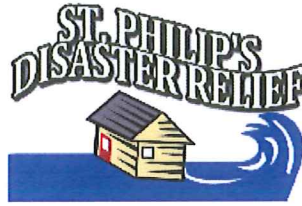
The Call Committee

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THANKS

Lives Affected

St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



Thank You From the Team

Thank you to all who donated food and money to Kidz Pacz for the Galveston County Food Shelf. Because of your generosity, we will be contributing 400 pounds of food and \$500 to those in need.

Thank You From a Disaster Survivor

"I want to thank you once again for the work you did on my trailer last year. The new skirting makes the trailer look great. Please accept this money order to contribute to your food, gas, lodging, or whatever else you may need in your travels while traveling to help other in need.

I will never forget any of you gentlemen and the kind Christian nature you all shared with me. You have given me faith in mankind and that people still help others without an ulterior motive. Thank you once again for being the kind Christians you are."

Happy Easter!

Your sister in Christ,
Laurie P

Thank You From a Pastor in Partnership

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have received your check in the amount of \$1,000 for the purpose of funding Faith's garage rebuild here in Dickinson, Texas.

It is with generous gifts like yours that our and other ministries continue to grow in outreach to the community.

We are truly excited and are deeply appreciative of your generous spirit to invest in our partnership in the Gospel for the sake of our neighbors.

P.S. We thank God for your partnership in the Gospel.

God's Peace,

Pastor Deb Grant
Faith Lutheran Church



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.



Spring Clean-up

The Annual Property & Grounds Committee Spring Clean-up will be May 19. We look forward to seeing you there! More information to come.

JOY & PRAYER



Clarence & Constance Asche on 5/30/1960 for 58 years
Donald & Ila Stradal on 5/12/1962 for 56 years
Thomas & Marlene Schonebaum on 5/19/1962 for 56 years
Glen & Sandra Byl on 5/22/1965 for 53 years
Kenneth & Doris Moxness on 5/9/1970 for 48 years
Edward & Sharon Aune on 5/22/1971 for 47 years
John & Bonnie Shelton on 5/24/1975 for 43 years
Michael & Deborah Carroll on 5/19/1979 for 39 years
Jon & Mary Johnson on 5/9/1981 for 37 years



The friends and family
of
Yvonne Gjerde
Mavis Hauge
Marie Holmberg



Tom & Kara Ruwart on 5/15/1982 for 36 years
Dan & Patty Porter on 5/19/1984 for 34 years
Jonathan & Neoma Haugan on 5/26/1984 for 34 years
Byron & Karen Teska on 5/17/1986 for 32 years
David & Connie Yerigan on 5/31/2003 for 15 years
Shawn & Kari Pederson on 5/28/2006 for 12 years
Chad & Gina Munsterman on 5/10/2008 for 10 years
Bryant & Melissa Holmstrom on 5/22/2015 for 3 years



Memorial & Gifts

Contributions were received in memory of

Glennys Knutson
Barbara Lundberg
Don Schwalme

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.



A Message For St. Philip's From Nigeria

Rev. Sekenwa Moses Briska Ph.D.

Dear St Philip's Lutheran Church,

I send you greetings from BLS, [Bronnum Lutheran Seminary] everybody is doing fine. We pray that you are also doing fine. Thanks be to God. I personally began my duty as Provost in January, I am into three months now. It is challenging, but I thank God for everything. As a team we have started well, even though with lots of constraints, we are moving ahead doing the things that can make learning environment conducive.

We were talking about and have started to do something about Endowment Trust Fund, therefore, wish to connect again. Gradually the seminary is going to be expanded into a big one in the future. We are consulting and planning. We are trying to strengthen our Faculty, very soon or in the near future to start Master Degree. We want to see what the first year of the Seminary leadership will bring.

We are dreaming big and working together with the church. We will surely need your support in any way you can. We will keep you informed of our activities. especially issues of children.

Pray for peace in Northern Nigeria and the whole country. Greet Saint Philips family.

With best wishes,
Thank you,

Rev. Sekenwa Moses Briska Ph.D.
Provost
Bronnum Lutheran Seminary Mbamba, Yola



New Books Have Arrived at the Library, Part 1

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.

In the spirit of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Mark A. Gronquist, associate professor of the History of Christianity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, has edited a collection of 75 stories about Lutherans since 1517. It is titled *Most Certainly True*, published by Lutheran University Press in 2017. The Library call number is 284.1/MOS.

Now a Major Motion Picture!

- "It was a dark and stormy night." That famous phrase begins *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. The book won the Newbery Medal in 1963 and is now a Disney movie. Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.
- Author L'Engle has written several sequels to the story. Two have recently been added to the library, *A Wind in the Door* (1971) and *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* (1978). L'Engle takes the characters forward in the story. All three books will be found in the young adult section.
- Another new movie is *Peter Rabbit*. Take a look at the original classic book by Beatrix Potter with her beautiful illustrations, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* (E/POT).
- Three books by Michael Bond about *Paddington Bear*, are also recent films.
- While you're thinking about motion pictures, *Movies Are Prayers*, (791.43/LAR) by Josh Larsen brings a critic's perspective to the way movies function as expressions to God. When words fail us, the right movie might be just what we need.

See the June edition of *The Friend* for additional titles complementing our library.

St. Philip's 2018	Actual March	Actual YTD
Income	\$59,228.60	\$172,940.88
Expense	(\$64,469.75)	(\$195,164.81)
TOTALS	(\$5,241.15)	(\$22,223..93)



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Worship Schedule

Please join us for Sunday Worship
 8:30 am Traditional
 10:30 am Contemporary

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Bille Lutheran in Nigeria

Ministers: All members of the Parish

St. Philip's Deadlines for The *Friend*:
 May 7 for the June issue

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:45 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice	2 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 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg.	3 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 6:30 pm Growing Through Loss 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA; Alanon	4	5
6 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Youth Cinnamon Roll Sale 9:35 am Holy Conversations; S.P.A.R.K. of Faith 10:30 am Worship	7 <i>Friend</i> Articles Due 12:30 pm Joy Circle Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	8 10:45 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:30 pm Heritage Group 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Parish Fellowship Mtg.	9 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am Women's Book Club; EA Group 6:00 pm Community Supper; Bells of Praise 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg.	10 3:00 pm Endowment Mtg. 6:30 pm Growing Through Loss 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	11	12
13 Happy Mother's Day 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	14 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 2:00 pm Lynwood Bingo 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg. 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	15 9:00 am Library Group 10:45 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice 6:30 pm Property & Grounds Mtg.	16 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; 6:30 pm Children's Ministry 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir; Rehearsal; AA Mtg.	17 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 6:30 pm Growing Through Loss 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	18	19 8:00 am Spring Clean-up 10:00 am Comfort & Joy of Quilting 10:30 am Worship Band Practice
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27 9:00 am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale 9:30 am Summer Worship 10:30 am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale 11:30 am ELCA Youth Gathering Mtg.	28 Memorial Day Office Closed 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	29 9:00 am Assemble The <i>Friend</i> 10:45 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Practice	30 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Community Supper 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	31 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.		



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God calls us to receive and share God's
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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).