



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.



November Worship Schedule:

November 4, 11, 18, and 25

8:30 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

November 2018

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PRAYER & JOY

Let Those Blessings Multiply in Joy

Matt Flom, Pastor

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

As we head towards the Thanksgiving holiday our attention turns to turkey, football, and pie (although not necessarily in that order). We are also drawn by the theme of Thanksgiving to ponder the blessings in our lives. Meditating on the many blessings in our lives, is a helpful spiritual discipline. Far too often, we spend our time thinking about our problems; all that is not as we would have it in our lives. Of course, we should be concerned with issues that need our attention, however, we shouldn't let our struggles dominate our inner world. Our inner world should be a place of God's Peace. A first step in letting go of cynicism and seeking peace in our minds and joy in our hearts is cultivating gratitude. We need to spend time contemplating all the blessings God has given us and our congregation. This will well up in us gratitude, and gratitude is the root of joy. The nature of joy is to turn outward and share, so that joy itself is multiplied. Meditate on all the ways that God has blessed you, your family, and your congregation. Let those blessings multiply in joy.

Praise for God's Wonderful Works

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children & Family Ministries*

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 111:1

The beauty of fall and all it brings are truly signs of God's wonderful works. For me, the changing of the leaves is pleasing to my eyes, the crisp air is pleasing to my skin, the sweet smell of an autumn rain is pleasing to my nose, the sound of leaves crunching underfoot during a fall walk is pleasing to my ears, and of course pumpkin spice-anything, is pleasing to my taste buds. Beyond the senses, this time of year is also pleasing to my heart and I am so thankful for this. This is when we take an extra minute to give thanks for what and who we have in our lives. For many, this is also when we set aside extra time to give back to those in need.

This month, I look forward to talking with the children and their families about being thankful and how we can praise the Lord as we give back to others. Through a few craft projects and a service project where we will make sandwiches for The Sandwich Project, my hope is that each person will find the activities pleasing to their hearts and that they will leave inspired to set aside time this season to help others all while praising God for all of his wonderful works.

November 2018

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

7 – Children's Ministry Night

Dinner: Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese

11 – Service Sunday – Sandwich Project
(No Education hour)

14 – No Children's Ministry Night

Dinner: Taco Bar

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

21 – Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:00 pm.

No Dinner (Pie reception after worship)

25 – No S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – grade 5)

28 – No Children's Ministry Night

Dinner: Chicken ala King

Praise God
FROM WHOM ALL
BLESSINGS
FLOW

Youth Christmas Sale

Tory Pluchek, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Do you love to create art or make crafts? Bake delicious sweets or salty treats? Do you create something out of the box? We need you!

This December our youth will be hosting a "Christmas Sale" on Sunday, December 9. This will be just like the annual bake sale, but with some exciting news changes. This fundraiser will support our youth going to Denver, CO this summer for our mission trip.

We are looking for people of all ages who would like to partner with our youth by donating their time and talents. Some ideas include: cookies, bread, fudge, candies, small paintings, crafts, knitting/crocheting projects, needlepoint, and stocking stuffers. There is no limit! We are excited to offer holiday treats and homemade gifts that the community can share with their loved ones. Please connect with Tory, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, to partner [toryp@splcmn.org].



Nostalgic. Sentimental. Pack-Rat.

Valerie Sperry, President

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

All adjectives that describe me. I know there are others like me out there. Some willing to admit it, others not.

We like to reminisce, share stories. We save things because they hold fond memories for us and make us happy when we see them. We collect leftover bits, like ribbon or fabric or scraps of wood, because we might just have a good use for it sometime. We treasure things and moments from our past and like to share with others what they are and what they mean to us. We can get a bit choked up when we start talking about things that are deeply important to us. We hold on because if we don't, we worry that maybe we won't be able to find one just like it when we really need it, someday.

I admit it, I'm one of them. I don't part with things easily. I like to save, hold onto things. Not everything, lest it sound like hoarding. But I have a large file drawer full of photo albums and like to look back at old pictures. I have family quilts, handmade afghans, and hand embroidered tablecloths from my Grandma. I have a bin in a closet with some of my childhood Barbie, My Little Pony, and Strawberry Shortcake dolls. I have a stash of cross stitch patterns and embroidery thread large enough to keep me busy well into my old age. Why? Why do I have all this stuff? They are each important to me in some way.

We recently marked St. Philip's 60th anniversary with a celebration service and dinner. And what a celebration it was! We shared our history; celebrated where we've been and how we got to the here and now. We shared our important memories and pictures; sang and laughed together. We caught up with friends of old. We dined on a menu of classic potluck fare reminiscent of 1958. But we also talked about the now; we shared thoughts and dreams for the next 60 years. We blended our history with our future.

I will try to do the same. I will try to use my memories to inform my future. To let my sentimental and nostalgic thoughts remind me what is important and what isn't as I go forward. Save what can still be used and is relevant, but let go of what isn't. While the three descriptors in this column's title will not change, I plan to add to my personal adjectives. I will add determined, hopeful, and ready to be forward thinking. And I will try to do the same for St. Philip's. Our past can inform our future, but we need to keep moving forward, as the St. Philip's community has done for all these years. Our future is in God's hands. God will help us shape our future. We just have to listen and trust Him to lead us there.

JOY & PRAYER

Service Sunday

All are welcome to participate on Sunday, November 11, 2018, as we come together during the Education Hour for our monthly service project. This month, we will be making sandwiches for the Sandwich Project. More details will follow in the announcements.

Growing Through Faith - 60 Years and Counting

Heritage Group and Parish Fellowship Committee

60 YEARS

Nearly 250 people enjoyed the 60th anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 14. A commemorative service was held in the Sanctuary, based partly on the first service held in 1958. Charter members and former pastors were recognized. All enjoyed a DVD and slide show, both assembled by Ralph Peterson, that told the history of St. Philip's. A dinner, reminiscent of a 1950's style potluck, was served by the Parish Fellowship Committee. Everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere and fellowship! A collaborative timeline is currently on display in Fellowship Hall. Stop by to read it and add to our story.

Japanese Tea Ceremony

Several prayer shawls were sent to Japan at Carol Sack's request from St. Philip's Knitters after the 2011 disaster. These shawls were given to children and faculty at a school on the Feast of St. Lucia Day in December of 2012. This Japanese Tea Ceremony is a personal, "Thank You" from Chieko Takadate, a resident of the disaster stricken North-eastern Japan.

Chieko Takadate is coming to St. Philip's together with Carol Sack on Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 pm for the sole purpose of expressing gratitude to the prayer shawl makers and others who sent "warm" encouragement to school children traumatized by the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster of 2011. After Carol shows photos depicting the reality of the triple disaster, Takadate San will wear an authentic silk kimono and offer the Japanese Tea Ceremony as her way of saying thank you. Come join us for green tea, as well as a genuine cultural connection and mission moment. Please RSVP to [Phyllis Ehlers at lpehlers@gmail.com or 763-571-5192] to reserve a place by Sunday, November 4.

'Tis the Season for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love - Advent

Church-Wide Outreach Event

Join us this Advent season by participating in our Reverse Advent Calendar activity for the St. Philip's Food & Clothing Shelf. It is our wish that this activity will spark Hope for a better tomorrow, Peace during this holiday season, Joy in our heart by giving to others and, Love in our actions. You are sure to find this so rewarding.

On Wednesday, November 28, we will gather after dinner to decorate boxes for you to take home and fill. You will be given a calendar with suggested donation items and a prayer of the day.

Each day of Advent, you will add an item to your box. On Christmas Eve, you will bring in your box of donations which will benefit St. Philip's Food & Clothing Shelf. Questions: Please contact F&CS Co-Chairs, Judy Greer at [jlgreer50@gmail.com] or Bob Becker at [rabecker32@me.com].



Hurricane Harvey Trip #2 St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



"These people are camping in their homes." Those are the words spoken by Pastor Deb Grant, of Faith Lutheran Church in Dickinson, TX, as she spoke to the 24 SPDR team members one evening in Galveston. She was referring to those whose homes had been damaged by Hurricane Harvey a year earlier. And she was so right.

When you are camping in a tent, you don't have solid walls. You don't have much of a floor. You cook and eat differently. You don't have much room for your stuff. One of the SPDR crews was assigned to work in a home where the homeowner was living a tent-like camping lifestyle in her Hurricane Harvey damaged home. The house had the drywall and insulation removed – with only bare studs as walls, no doors on any rooms, no flooring – just the cement slab. This homeowner had only a microwave to cook her meals. She ate and slept in the room that had once been her kitchen. Her damp and musty belongings were piled everywhere. The crew worked hard all week in this home – moving belongings, insulating, installing drywall, taping, and mudding. Although her home isn't finished yet, her tent-like camping lifestyle may have moved up to something more like a hard side camper.

A second crew worked in a home that needed new flooring throughout most of the home. They moved the homeowners' belongings from area to area as they installed boxes and boxes of laminate flooring and then the shoe molding.

Another SPDR crew spent the week working on the sorting room in the annex building recently acquired by the Galveston County Food Bank. The crew framed up a large 14' high wall, installed drywall and insulation, and then taped, mudded, and sanded the wall. They also cut a doorway and installed the door in an existing wall.

The painting crew painted the baseboards for the food bank annex, (which were later installed by other crew members) cleaned and painted the offices and other areas of the food bank annex, and painted the shoe molding that went in one of the homes. They also spent part of one day painting the interior of a home in the area. They finished up the week priming and painting the sort room in the annex building.

At Zion Retreat Center, the small crew of one or two team members, worked on the planning, preparation, and serving of the meals for the team.

Thank you to all of the members of Hurricane Harvey Team #2 and all of the SPDR supporters for making this a great trip. The journey continues with most likely another trip to Galveston County in early May, 2019.

We are Called

In October, SPDR made a donation of \$750 to Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricanes, Florence and Michael recovery efforts. This donation was matched by Thrivent Financial.

Save the Date

The annual SPDR Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, January 13, 2019.



New Pastoral Emergency Phone Number

Effective immediately, we have a new pastoral emergency phone number. If you have an emergency and need to speak with Pastor Matt outside of St. Philip's normal office hours, please call [612-930-1588].

GROW & SERVE



Volunteer Opportunities and Events

Benevolence Committee and Friends

Poinsettia Sale

The Benevolence Committee will be selling poinsettias again this year as a fundraiser for the dinners held during conferences at Fridley Middle School. These beautiful plants are a great addition to your holiday décor and make great gifts. Order forms will be in the bulletin on Sunday, November 11 and 18, and delivery will be on Wednesday, December 5. Also, if you would like to donate a poinsettia to the Sanctuary, you will have the opportunity to choose this option on the order form.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Once again, we have the opportunity to help our neighbors in need by providing food for both Thanksgiving and to stock their pantries. A list of food items needed will be provided in the bulletins during the month of November and the congregation will be invited to fill baskets between worship services on Sunday, November 18.

Giving Trees

Believe it or not, Christmas is not far away and we want to help make Christmas merrier for others by providing gifts to several organizations. These organizations include: SACA, CEAP, Kinship, Stepping Stone, and Hope4Youth. More information will be provided in the announcements.

Community Supper

As we are adapting to the changes of the seasons, so we are adapting to the changes in the lives of our Community Supper volunteers. We need one or two people each week from 4:00 – 6:00 pm to prep the dinner. We also need one additional volunteer each week who can volunteer from 6:30 – 8:00 pm to assist with clean up and putting things away. If you can give two hours once a month or more, please contact Renee Youngberg at [falkum23@gmail.com or 763-258-7807].



ALL Meeting

We encourage all St. Philip's committees, ministries, groups, task forces, and teams to send a representative to the meeting on Monday, November 12, at 6:30 pm. We'll update each other on what we have planned for the next few months. Come and share. And if you don't have a group to report on, still come and hear all the awesome things going on at St. Philip's – all are welcome!

Book Sale to Benefit the Library

The annual St. Philip's Book Fair on Sunday, November 18, will display beautiful new books available for purchase. There is no sales tax on purchases and the proceeds will benefit the St. Philip's Library. If there are titles you would like to see at the book fair, please leave a note with the title and author in the Library.

Book Club - Special Presentation by Harold Kurtz

Come join us Wednesday, December 12, at 10:00 am for our book club meeting in the Lounge for a special presentation by Harold Kurtz on his book, "Hardly a Silent Night." All are invited.

Board Meeting

The December board meeting will be held on Monday, December 17. All are welcome to attend.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November

Ernest & Lorraine Harry on 11/12/1955 for 63 Years
Bob & Joyce Johnson on 11/3/1956 for 62 Years
Vincent & Janet Lanners on 11/22/1958 for 60 Years
Paul & Grace Wilson on 11/28/1959 for 59 Years
Ronald & Karla Ackerman on 11/26/1966 for 52 Years
David & Dawn Fennig on 11/4/1967 for 51 Years
Gerald & Virginia Olson on 11/30/1968 for 50 Years
Charles & Janet Scovill on 11/29/1969 for 49 Years

Chuck & Sue Kempf on 11/16/1985 for 33 Years
Joe & Paula Gonsior on 11/17/1990 for 28 Years
Gilbert & Mary Haugan on 11/15/1996 for 22 Years
William & Michelle Hatten on 11/28/1998 for 20 Years
Brian & Misty Gilbertson on 11/20/1999 for 19 Years
Dana & Sonja Menard on 11/4/2006 for 12 Years
Jorge & Kellie Bernal on 11/6/2010 for 8 Years
Frost & Amada Simula on 11/26/2016 for 2 Years



*The friends and family of:
Kay Hansen*



Gabriel Eliecer Bernal

Memorial & Gifts

Contributions were received in memory of:

*Marvie Aanenson
Kay Ingebrigtsen
Mike Johnson*



Contributions were received in honor of:

Edd and Gidget Brooks' 50th Wedding Anniversary

Thank you!

"A thoughtful act or a kind word may pass in a moment but the warmth and care behind it stay in the heart forever." Unknown

Blessings to all the drivers who spread warm memories delivering Meals on Wheels the week of September 17 - 21. They included: Monica Anderson, Gidget and Edd Brooks, Janice and George Dean, Steve Ess, Delores and Bob Masuda, Thelma and Myron Nash, Sandy Nelson, Lynette Thompson, Bobbi and Roger Tuey, and Ann Westby. We will deliver meals again November 19 - 21 at 11:30 am.

SERVE

Financials

St. Philip's 2018	Actual September	Actual YTD
Income	\$74,126.15	\$573,344.26
Expense	(\$75,189.27)	(\$573,873.33)
TOTALS	(\$1,063.12)	(\$529.07)

Friendly Takeaway

When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have a single bit of
talent left and could say, "I used everything You gave me."
(Erma Bombeck)

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Worship Schedule

8:30 am Traditional
10:30 am Contemporary

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Bille Lutheran in Nigeria

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	2 Middle School Retreat	3 Middle School Retreat
4 Daylight Savings! All Saints Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:35 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Middle School Retreat	5 12:30 pm Joy Circle 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	6 Election Day! 10:30 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	7 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal; Community Supper 6:30 pm Children's Ministry Night; Youth Ministry Small Groups 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg.	8 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	9	10 9:00 am Staff and Board Retreat
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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.

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).