



# 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.

## *Fall is Here!*

### Fall Worship Schedule:

October 7, 14, 21, and 28

8:30 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)



## October 2018

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# PRAYER & JOY

## Good News & Wonderful Works Abound

Matt Flom, Pastor

*<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:17*

The month of September has been wonderfully busy here at St. Philip's. Everyone here has been gracious, helpful, and hospitable. I have been going around and attending as many meets, group, and events as I can and I have observed a few things I would like to share with everyone.

My first observation is that people at St. Philip's love to help and serve. I have been truly amazed at all the wonderful ministries we have in our community. Folks are filled with a passion to help other people and make a meaningful difference in their lives. This service is given freely out of a sense of joy and grace. This service is given to members and non-members; Christians and non-Christians; and people we know and those we don't. It is a beautiful way to demonstrate God's love and mercy in a tangible way for all people.

My second observation is that St. Philip's is ready and waiting for God to bring renewal. Just as there are seasons of the year and season in our own lives; there are seasons in the life of a congregation. St. Philip's has changed much over the course of 60 years. I believe that God is moving in this place to bring about more change to His glory. St. Philip's is ready for God to guide us in building up His kingdom. Change isn't always easy, but then neither is life. We do not need to worry or fret. There is a wonderful spirit of service and faith here.

I am eager to continue to hear how God is moving in your life and how you believe we can answer God's call together.



## Changes

Pastor Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1*

We are once again changing seasons. It happens every year, of course, but still we are amazed at the changes. Some of the changes we love, and some we do not love.

It is the same with our life changes. We are grateful for some things but grieve others. We delight in the growth of our children and grandchildren, but wonder where the wrinkles come from when we look in the mirror!

As I visit people from St. Philip's, I listen to their stories, to their joys, and to their frustrations. Some people are pragmatic and take things as they come. Others mourn the changes in their bodies and the changes in their living arrangements.

What can I do, you may wonder? You can visit them or make a phone call. The garden group emailed me asking for names of people who might like a small dish garden to grow during the winter. The little garden will be wonderful, but even more so will be the visit when they deliver them.

A group of people held ice cream socials in senior living facilities for, "God's work Our hands." One man, with a tear in his eye said, "I can't believe my church would do this for us!"

It really takes so little for something to mean so much. Thank you for reaching out in love. I can't wait to hear the stories!



## Fall is in the Air

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children & Family Ministries*

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1*

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I love to go searching for changing leaves, sitting around a bonfire, visiting a pumpkin patch with my family, and getting lost in a corn maze. Always stopping to take a moment to thank God for all of his works.

Fall is also an exciting time at St. Philip's! S.P.A.R.K. classes are underway and our Wednesday night programming is gearing up. It is so nice to have the classrooms and hallways filled with laughter, fun, and learning! We have our second Service Sunday event coming up too. Be sure to watch the announcements for more details!

I give thanks to the Lord for each of you. Thank you for sharing your children and families with me. It is an honor to be on this faith journey with them.



### **October 2018 Children & Family Ministry Activities**

3 – *No Children's Ministry Night* **Dinner: Chicken with creamy gravy and mashed potatoes**

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

10 – Wednesday Night Ministry - Global Health Ministry Event **Dinner: Meaty Chili**

14 – Service Sunday – Global Health Ministry Event

17 – *No Children's Ministry Night*  
**Dinner: Baked Potato Bar**

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

24 – Children's Ministry Night – Halloween Fun Night  
**Dinner: Tater Tot Green Bean Casserole**

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

31 – *No Children's Ministry Night*  
**Dinner: Spooky Soup (tomato) and Ghoulish Grilled Cheese**

## Does Prayer Change Everything?

Tory Pluckeck, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry*

This fall our middle school youth and caring adults are delving into a topic we all view as a foundation of our faith: prayer. We talk about the importance of prayer, but never seem to mention the questions we have behind it.

*Are there certain words you have to use while praying? Does prayer only, "work" if you fold your hands and bow your head? Does God really listen to my prayers? If God is listening, does that mean my prayers will be answered? Does prayer change anything? Why do we pray?*

Throughout the next few months we will be working through some of these questions. And we invite you to ponder these curiosities with us.

I challenge you to open your conversations (prayers) with God in a new way this month. Pray with a different posture: hands open, prayer through yoga stretches, and kneeling. Be intentional on when you are praying: while you are driving, before you get out of bed in the morning, or on your walk. Perhaps say your prayers differently: write them down, through centering prayer - listening for God's voice, in conversation.



## Celebrate

Valerie Sperry, President

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

*"There's a party goin' on right here / A celebration to last throughout the years / So bring your good times, and your laughter too / We gonna celebrate your party with you / Come on now / Ce-le-bra-tion."*

I know, I know. I just quoted lyrics from the 1980 song by Kool & The Gang. I couldn't help myself. When I hear the word "celebrate," that song just pops into my head. Then I immediately fight to keep from singing right then and there, "Celebrate Good Times, Come On." Sometimes I win the fight. Sometimes I just let it out - loud and proud, and maybe do a little dance in my chair while I sing. "Celebration" shoots me back to the mid - 80's, roller skating as a kid to that song at the long-gone Skateland in Brooklyn Park. And oddly enough, I flash back to the TV show "CHiPS," when Eric Estrada sang it in an episode. That is an oddly random piece of trivia that no one needs to keep in their brain, I know. I can remember that fact, but I can't remember family birthdates to save my life. Our brains are a wonderful and weird thing.

I know what you are thinking. Why in the world is she going on about a pop song from the 80's, and her memories of it, in her church column? Because, we are celebrating at St. Philip's! We turned 60 this year! And just to be clear, by "we" I mean St. Philip's, not me. I'm getting older, but I won't hit that milestone for quite some time. We are celebrating this October and sharing memories of the past 60 years at St. Philip's. Our Parish Fellowship Committee, along with our Heritage Committee, has planned a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program and dinner for Sunday, October 14.

So for the rest of 2018, we are celebrating at St. Philip's! Join in the fun - sing a little song and do a little dance, reminisce and celebrate the last 60 years. Let us celebrate all that God has done for us, with us, and through us. Then join in as we plan and pray with hope and joy for the next 60 years to come.

## St. Philip's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Heritage Group and Parish Fellowship Committee

60 YEARS

The Heritage Group and Parish Fellowship Committee invite you to join in the St. Philip's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 14. A commemorative worship is open to all at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary. A celebration dinner, reminiscent of the 1950's, will be served at 5:00 pm by the Parish Fellowship Committee. Mark your calendars and join us to celebrate 60 years of blessings!

## Japanese Tea Ceremony

Several prayer shawls were sent to Japan at Carol Sack's request from St. Philip's Knitters after the 2011 disaster and 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 Northeastern Japan.

Chieko Takadate is coming to St. Philip's together with Carol Sack on 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 [lphehlers@gmail.com](mailto:lphehlers@gmail.com) or 763-571-5192] to reserve a place by Sunday, November 4.





## We Are Called

### St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team

- A 26 - member SPDR team traveled to the Galveston, Texas area from September 22 - 30, to assist in the rebuilding following the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey one year ago. More information will be available about the trip in November's *The Friend*.
- The SPDR Ministry donated \$750 to Lutheran Disaster Response to help those impacted by the California wildfires this summer. Thrivent Financial matched SPDR's donation making the total \$1,500 to help in the recovery efforts.
- The annual St. Philip's Disaster Relief Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019. Mark your 2019 calendar - if you have one already!

## News from Companion Congregation in Bille, Nigeria

Mr. Clement Dah

Thanks to God for giving me privilege to update you with happenings in LCCN Bille. First and foremost; the Bille community is living in peace despite constant wanton killings of other tribes in Adamawa and other parts in Nigeria by the Fulani nomads. We continue to pray to God for His people in Nigeria to see peace prevail.

**Nazareth Nursery and Primary School:** It is interesting to note that the population of the school is growing fast.

**Management:** The head of the school management is called Denis A Bako. He is a retired principal, an indigene of Bille. A one-time elder in the church.

**Supporting staff:** There are seven (7) teaching staff and two nannies. The head master and one nanny is been paid from your support funds. Allowances of the remaining staff are paid by the church.

**Pupils Population:** The total population of the pupils in the school as at now is 175 distributed as follows:

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Pre-Nursery	20	32	52
Nursery I	6	20	26
Nursery II	20	20	40
Nursery III	17	11	28
Primary I	10	9	19
Primary II	5	11	16
Primary III	10	8	18
Primary IV	5	7	12
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>175</b>

**Infrastructure:** The school is still operating in two blocks of three classrooms and office. With the growing population of pupils, the church intends to add another block of three class rooms for convenience. You will be informed when the church starts construction.

**Appreciation:** All members of the LCCN Church and the Bille community in general deeply show their appreciation for the continued support of St. Philips Church to LCCN Bille.

May the Lord continue to bless our companionship.

## Endowment Committee

### Memorial & Gifts

Contributions were received in memory of:



*Marjorie Benson  
Marilyn Boe  
Gerald Koskiniemi  
Lois Mitchell  
Medferd Thomley*



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)

### September 2018 Grant Recipients

We are pleased to disperse an additional \$4,494 in grants:

Three educational scholarships of \$650 each to:

Lauren Young, Amber Boettcher, and Jennifer Ollila.

SPLC Food & Clothing Shelf: \$636

Community Supper Ministry: \$636

Property & Grounds for new AED machine: \$636

Parish Fellowship & Heritage Committees for  
the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: \$636

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

For more information on the St. Philip's Endowment Fund, contact a member of the  
Endowment Fund Committee: Dick Lekang (Chair), Ron Ackerman, Judith Berglund,  
Edd Brooks, Joshua Glood, Jeanine Grandstrand, Jim Kugler, and Dawn Young.

Or visit our website at [www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org) and select  
the Ministries tab and click on Endowment.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## October

John & Marlys Hinsverk on 10/26/1957 for 61 years  
 Richard & Betty Nordling on 10/11/1958 for 60 years  
 Arthur & Bonita DeMeyere on 10/8/1960 for 58 years  
 Larry & Phyllis Ehlers on 10/28/1962 for 56 years  
 Richard & Bette Blair on 10/20/1962 for 56 years  
 Duane & Arlene Retzer on 10/23/1971 for 47 years  
 Don & Val Habig on 10/4/1975 for 43 years  
 Lonnie & Marsha LeClair on 10/9/1976 for 42 years  
 George & Cheryl Mills on 10/8/1977 for 41 years

Mark & Tamara Zroka on 10/21/1978 for 40 years  
 Michael & Kristy Dettle on 10/25/1986 for 32 years  
 James & Lori Manecke on 10/4/1986 for 32 years  
 Don & Jan Nelson on 10/14/1989 for 29 years  
 Jack & Michelle Angerhofer on 10/7/1989 for 29 years  
 Gregory & Wendy Hundt on 10/7/1995 for 23 years  
 Dustin & Elizabeth Lauby on 10/30/2005 for 13 years  
 Jeffrey & Melissa Loven on 10/29/2005 for 13 years  
 Todd & LeeAnn Schellenberg on 10/20/2012 for 6 years



*The friends and family of:*

*Marvie Aanenson  
 Doug Buckman  
 Kay Ingebrigtsen  
 Mike Johnson*



## Thank You

Due to the generosity of our congregation, 100 students at Fridley High School and Middle School were able to return to school with a backpack and school supplies! Thank you for donating so generously! The backpacks were appreciated by both student and parents!

St. Philip's 2018	Actual August	Actual YTD
Income	\$65,352.49	\$499,218.11
Expense	(\$52,360.39)	(\$498,684.06)
TOTALS	\$12,992.10	\$534.05



## Did you Know?

### Property and Grounds Committee



This spring and summer have been busy! The Wednesday Work Crew completed the following projects from May 15 - September 15. Thank you to all the men on the work crew and the women in WOW!

<u>Job Description</u>	<u>Parts Price</u>	<u>Savings on Labor</u>
Spring Clean Up	\$253	\$3,600
Monitor System for Alarm	\$356	\$0
Motion Detectors for Sanctuary	\$575	\$0
PIV Connected to Fire Panel	\$150	\$0
Replacement of the Weir	\$750	\$1,500
Service Rooftop Units	\$431	\$0
Parking Lot Re-Striped	\$1,085	\$0
Lights removed from Fellowship Hall	\$0	\$782
Sound Panels for Fellowship Hall	\$460	\$1,800
Fabric for Sound Panels	\$304	\$625
Materials for Sound Panels	\$36	\$3,500
Paint over Purple in Fellowship Hall	\$72	\$450
Grill for Staff	\$150	\$100
New Furniture for Prayer Room	\$0	\$425
Exterior Windows Washed	\$221	\$0
5yr Sprinkler Pipe Inspection	\$824	\$0
AED Replaced and Added	\$3,465	\$1,100
First Aid Stations Restocked	\$265	\$550
Tennet Floor Batteries Replaced	\$648	\$1,200
Fire Extinguishers Inspected/Replaced	\$619	\$0
<b>Total Cost Through September 15</b>	<b>\$10,664</b>	<b>\$15,632</b>



## October Forum Schedule

### LEAFs

#### Life Enrichment Adult Forums

**Dates and Location:** Monday, October 8 and 22 - St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Samples of LEAFs Presentations in October 2018:

- Theology in Cartoons - Pastor Ted Kalkwarf
- Major Events of 1968 - J.B. Anderson.
- Women in the Bible - Michael Rogness
- Minnesota Tour, Part 2 - Doug Ohman

For additional information, go to their website [[www.leafsforums.org](http://www.leafsforums.org)] or call Ron Seekamp at [763-571-7824] or Linda Poissant at [763-757-339].

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Treats & Trunks - Wednesday, October 31

Donate bags of candy or jugs of apple cider. Sign up to bring your vehicle on Halloween evening so kids may trick or treat from your decorated trunk. Decorations provided if needed.

### Sheridan Story

This is an ongoing project with North Park Elementary. Each Friday, volunteers from St. Philip's fill backpacks with bags of food bags of food for the weekend. Monetary and voluntary help needed. Please contact LaRae Kazmierkoski at [763-234-9945] with any questions.



## Mark Your Calendar - ALL Meeting

Monday, November 12th at 6:30pm in the Chapel. ALL are invited to attend.

## 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.



# SERVE

## Friendly Takeaway

The Thankful Heart opens our eyes to a  
multitude of Blessings that continually  
surround us.



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**Bille Lutheran in Nigeria**

**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

**St. Philip's Deadlines for The *Friend*:**  
**October 8 for the November issue**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12:30 pm Joy Circle 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	2 10:30 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm 60th Anniversary Planning Mtg.	3 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 Youth Ministry Small Groups 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg.	4 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	5 Friend Articles Due	6
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