



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 Worship Schedule

September 2

9:30 am (Organ)

September 9, 16, 23, and 30

8:30 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

September 2018

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PRAYER & JOY

Matt Flom, *Pastor*

"¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel" Ephesians 6:19

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am filled with joy and anticipation at becoming a part of the faith family at St. Philip's. I am looking forward to meeting you and hearing your story. Please stop by the office and say hi.

The passage from Ephesians is my theme verse for this season. Every year or season of change I look for a theme verse to meditate on and to center my prayer time. In this verse, Paul asked the church in Ephesus to pray for him that God might use him to reach people with the good news. Now in 2018, this is my request for you all. Please pray for me that God will use my efforts to reach people with the gospel. Pastors have many tasks: listening, teaching, organizing, comforting, and even confronting. The most public and most recognized task, however, is preaching. I look forward to many years of ministry together. I am already lifting you up to God in prayer and I ask that you would do the same for me, my wife Nora, and my son Jon.

New Program Year, New Possibilities

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children & Family Ministries*

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

Wow, it's September already! I hope you all enjoyed your summer break. I hope you took time to recharge your soul, spend time with family, enjoy nature, and I hope you found God in the simplest of things.

Fall programming is getting ready to start back up. I am so excited for the fun we will have this year! Some things will be the same, like S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (ages 3 years through grade 5), Wednesday night dinners at 6:00 pm, and Wednesday Night Ministry activities (every other Wednesday evening). A new thing we are doing this year is Service Sunday. The second Sunday of each month we will gather as a whole congregation and work on a service project. So exciting!

September's Service Sunday will be God's Work, Our Hands. Join us on Sunday, September 9th for Rally Sunday. This is going to be a fun day, starting with worship, service projects between worship services, a picnic lunch at 11:30 am, family fun, and more service projects! Please see the article, "God's Work, Our Hands," for more info.

September 2018 Children & Family Ministry Activities

2 – Worship at 9:30 am

5 – No Children's Ministry Night *Dinner: Taco Bar*

9 – Service Sunday - Rally Sunday - God's work. Our Hands

12 – Wednesday Night Ministry - Parent Info Night
Dinner: Mostaccioli

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

19 – Wednesday Night Ministry Kick-off! *Dinner: Sloppy Joes*

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

26 – No Children's Ministry Night *Dinner: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham*

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

Fall Into Youth Ministry

Tory Pluchek, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

You know what September means. . . time to start another year of programming and ministry here at St. Philip's! I am eager for another year partnering with our youth and caring adults as we delve into exploring what faith means in our daily lives.

Youth Ministry at St. Philip's equips youth to walk as disciples of Christ through service, immersion in God's word, worship, fellowship, and relationships. We work together in large and small groups building relationships, leading within our community, praying together, serving together, and learning together. We will journey through the year exploring our faith, how God works in God's own world, and how God works in our lives!

Throughout the year we will meet twice a week, on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 -7:30 pm, and Sunday mornings during Education Hour from 9:35-10:20 am.

Wednesdays begin with dinner and continues with small group opportunities. Middle school youth will be learning about prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and Ten Commandments through Bible study, discussion, projects, and activities. Our high school youth will be using Brené Brown's book, *Braving the Wilderness*, as a focus for our time together, connecting Brown's work with our faith journeys.

Sundays provide us with an opportunity to dig into God's word through scripture, conversation, service projects, etc. This year we will be using speakers from the ELCA Youth Gathering to open dialogue around God's love and grace in today's world. The second Sunday of every month will provide opportunities to learn and serve intergenerationally with service projects, supporting organizations and ministries that St. Philip's currently partners with.



God's Work, Our Hands

"God's work, Our hands" on Sunday, September 9, is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let's do this work together!

Join in the Fellowship Hall for activities between worship services on Sunday, September 9 to decorate lunch bags and placemats, assemble birthday bags, roll bandages, and tie fleece blankets.

We will gather at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for a picnic lunch, some family fun and more time to work on more service projects, which include making sandwiches, and there will be more blankets to tie. Then join us in the afternoon to serve ice cream to seniors. Sign-up sheets, with times and locations, for the afternoon activities will be in the Narthex.

Your hands will help kids attending Camp Noah, overseas mission hospitals and clinics supplied by Global Health Ministries, recipients of Meals on Wheels, seniors living at The Landmark and White Pines, families who visit the St. Philip's Food & Clothing Shelf, the hungry through the Sandwich Project, and the homeless through Union Gospel Mission.

Telling the St. Philip's Story

The Heritage Group



If you think you would like to work with the Heritage Group, we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm in the conference room. We are a non-elected group that is working on sorting, filing, and preserving St. Philip's information.

The Heritage Group has been busy gathering materials that tell the story of St. Philip's. If you are 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 include: Dick Lekang (Chair), Arlene Hamernik, Grace Kurtz, Thelma Nash, Ron Seekamp, and Marlin Sorum.

GROW & JOY

Inspiration

Valerie Sperry, President

Opening scene: a woman sitting at a laptop, fingers on keyboard, staring at a blank white screen with a blinking cursor, waiting for inspiration to strike.

Does this scene sound familiar to you? Sure does to me. It describes me each time I have to sit down to write this monthly column. I am not naturally a writer. I've never been one who journals, writes long letters to friends, or does creative writing for fun. Starting to write or create something, completely from scratch, has never come quickly or easily to me. It has in fact been known to strike dread in my heart. I am excellent at finding ways to procrastinate when writing has been required of me.

I have always been someone who works best from an example, a template, a pattern, or a recipe. Even if the end result turns out nothing like what I started with, I still find it easier to have started from "something" rather than "nothing." I know some who love the blank canvas, the fresh sheet of notebook paper. In fact, my college roommate was like that at times. She made her wedding dress...without a pattern. She just took the creative vision she had and started cutting. Yeah, I think she gave her mother a few gray hairs with that. That is so not me.

I think this is why I appreciate Pinterest. If you're not familiar with Pinterest, it's a website full of other people's creativity and ideas that can inspire you (be warned, you can easily lose an afternoon going down that rabbit hole). But I rarely make the actual projects or recipes

I save on Pinterest. Instead, I am often inspired by the ideas I see there and adapt them to use in my own way. They launch me off on a creative journey they've inspired. That's why it's not uncommon to find me slowly wandering the aisles of a craft store or thrift store trying to glean some inspiration or envisioning a new way to make an idea come to life.

And while I like working independently, I also enjoy working within a group setting. Brainstorming, listening to others' ideas, and sharing my own, then taking what's learned collectively and finding a way to apply it. I've sat in many a meeting here at church and gotten a new idea from something I've heard someone share or discuss. I've even been inspired by a sermon or two in my time.

So where am I going with this? I think we are all inspired differently, in our own ways. But we can all be inspired by each other, by listening to each other, by watching each other, learning from each other, and by working with each other. God has called us to be in community with each other. So, next time you have a blank something in front of you, turn to each other and God...and be inspired.

Closing scene: woman closes laptop, smile of great relief on her face. Heads out to a meeting - to listen, to share, and to be inspired.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

St. Philip's 60th Anniversary!

Parish Fellowship and Heritage Committees

60 YEARS

The Heritage Group and Parish Fellowship Committee are working together on a church-wide event to celebrate our 60th anniversary. It will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2018. There will be a program in the Sanctuary at 3:30 pm, followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars, more details soon to follow. We would love to have more volunteers to help with the dinner. If you can be a part of this celebration preparation, please call Kathy Swenson at [763-574-9836] or Kara Ruwart at [612-819-8247]. Let's celebrate 60 years of blessings!

The Benevolence Committee

The Benevolence Committee will be working on the following projects during September and October:

*Sheridan Story

*Coats for Kids

*Treats N Trunks

Watch for more information on each event and how to get involved.

Thank you for your support!



Fall Trip - Hurricane Harvey Rebuilding

St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team

The journey continues for St. Philip's Disaster Relief (SPDR) with a second trip to Texas to help with the rebuilding efforts from the flooding one year ago following Hurricane Harvey. This will be the SPDR's 26th weeklong trip helping those that have been impacted by disasters.

The team will leave St. Philip's on Saturday, September 22 and arrive in Galveston, TX on Sunday evening. They will work five days under the direction of the Galveston County Long Term Recovery Group and will stay at the Zion Retreat Center. The team will depart from Galveston on Saturday, September 29 and arrive back at St. Philip's on September 30. (They shouldn't be delayed because of snow this time.)

Registration for this trip closes on Sunday, August 26. If you would like to be a member of this team, you need to register immediately. If you need the registration forms, send an email to [spdr@splcmn.org] or call Renee Johnson at [763-571-6828]. Space is limited. If you can't make the trip, your prayers and continued support are greatly appreciated.



News from Companion Congregation in Bille, Nigeria

Mr. Clement Dah

Dear Jim Hougen and Members of St. Philips Lutheran Church. Greetings to you all in Jesus name.

It has been quite some time I was not able to communicate with you. I am very sorry please. Thank you for your email plus Easter greeting card received in May, 2018. I am very sorry again for not able to reply you.

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 prevails.

Transfers: The former pastor of LCCN Bille, Rev. Japhet Manu, has been transferred from Bille to take charge of another division. He was replaced by Rev Arnold Umaru, who is also a Bille indigene.

Replacement: Evangelist Pius Kasuwa who has been in Dakka, Tiba hills and Wasi village areas for Evangelical works since 2007 has been called back home in February, 2018. Evangelist Amos Antibas has replaced him in March, 2018.

Brief Biography of Catechist Amos Antibas:

He completed primary school plus junior secondary
 Married with 7 children
 Ordained as Catechist in 2014
 Held over a congregation in a village
 Speaks Wakka his dialect, Hausa, English and Fulani

Appreciation: The entire 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.

St. Philip's 2018	Actual July	Actual YTD
Income	\$57,797.52	\$433,865.62
Expense	(\$59,421.17)	(\$446,323.67)
TOTALS	(\$1,623.65)	(\$12,458.05)

GROW & SERVE

2018 Fall LEAFS



Life Enrichment Adult Forums

Dates and Location: Monday, September 10 and 24 - Christ Lutheran Church

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

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

Registration Fee: Before September 6 - \$45 for the series or \$13 per session
After September 6 - \$48 for the series or \$15 per session
(Coffee break and lunch are included)

For further information and brochures, call Ron Seekamp at [763-571-7824] or
call St. Philip's Lutheran Church at [763-571-1500].

Be a Friend and Bring a Friend!
Please join us!



Endowment Committee

Memorial & Gifts

Contributions were received in memory of:



Dick Carlson
Fred Johnson
Joyce Knutsen
Gerald Knutsen
Gerald Koskiniemi
Margaret Norby
Marlene Sonstegard
Roger Sonstegard
Clarence Timo



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.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." (James 1:17)



September

Richard & Beverly Schillinger on 9/22/1951 for 67 Years
Richard & Muriel Lombard on 9/24/1955 for 63 Years
Duane & Anita Prairie on 9/7/1957 for 61 Years
Edward & Judith Simko on 9/13/1958 for 60 Years
Lawrence & Meredith Hille on 9/24/1960 for 58 Years
Richard & Joyce Lekang on 9/29/1962 for 56 Years
Chuck & Suzanne Lunde on 9/1/1962 for 56 Years
Richard & Olga Palmer on 9/30/1967 for 51 Years
Robert & Rebecca Becker on 9/13/1969 for 49 Years
Myron & Rosemary Mehl on 9/26/1972 for 46 Years
Clark & Kristine Poelzer on 9/1/1973 for 45 Years
Kent & Julie Small on 9/7/1974 for 44 Years
Ronald & Jennifer Prasek on 9/13/1975 for 43 Years
Robert & Mary Shimanski on 9/6/1975 for 43 Years

Allen & Jan Spitzer on 9/6/1975 for 43 Years
Kenneth & Sheryl Oestreich on 9/24/1977 for 41 Years
John & Kathy Swenson on 9/10/1977 for 41 Years
Brian & Marna Dahlgren on 9/18/1982 for 36 Years
Wallace & Beverly Helmbrecht on 9/1/1984 for 34 Years
Fred & Lynne Haggard on 9/3/1988 for 30 Years
Robert & Cathy Barker on 9/29/1990 for 28 Years
Darrell & Amy Hauge on 9/1/1990 for 28 Years
Al & Kari Davies on 9/18/1999 for 19 Years
Timothy & Celeste Prairie on 9/16/2000 for 18 Years
Dave & Rachael Ostrom on 9/8/2001 for 17 Years
Leif & Jennifer Ronken on 9/18/2004 for 14 Years
Geoff & Kris Meisner on 9/3/2005 for 13 Years
Nick Payton & Michelle Enstad on 9/3/2017 for 1 Year



*The friends and family of:
Marjorie Benson*

Thank You

Linda and Wanda Benson would like to express their thankfulness for the many prayers and acts of kindness shown by the members of St. Philip's following the death of their mother, Marjorie Benson.

Thanks to funds provided by the Endowment Committee the past two years, eight new large banners have been purchased for use in the Sanctuary. The outdated banners are being recycled and replaced. Watch throughout the church year as the new banners are used to complement the paraments.

Sanctuary Decorating Committee
Becky Becker, Chair

Friendly Takeaway



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St. Philip's Deadlines for The Friend:
September 5 for the October issue



September 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:30 am Worship	3 Office Closed for Labor Day 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	4 10:30am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together - Off 5:30 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	5 Friend Articles Due 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.	6 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	7	8
9 Rally Sunday! 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am God's Work Our Hands Activities 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am S.P.A.R.K. of Faith Picnic	10 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg. 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	11 10:30 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 Rehearsal 6:30 pm Parish Fellowship Mtg.; Garden Group Mtg.	12 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am Women's Book Club; EA Group 6:00 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal; Community Supper 6:30 pm Youth and Children's Ministry Mtg. 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	13 3:00 pm Endowment Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm Recovery International; Garage Sale Mtg. 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	14	15
16 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale 9:35 am S.P.A.R.K.; Education Hour 10:30 am Worship	17 9:30 am Glory Circle 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	18 9:00 am Library Group Mtg. 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 Property & Grounds Mtg.	19 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 Kick-off; Youth Ministry Small Groups 7:00 pm AA Mtg.	20 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	21	22 SPDR Team Leaves for Galveston, TX
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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).