

The Friend



Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Lenten Services

Wednesday, April 3 and 10 at 12:00 pm

* Light lunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm

Palm Sunday - April 14

8:30 and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday - April 18

Celebration of First Communion at 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 19

Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday - April 21

7:00 am - Traditional

8:30 am - Traditional

10:30 am - Contemporary

PRAYER & JOY

Change

Matt Flom, Pastor

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:17

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. Spring is coming, the seasons are changing, and we want to think of green grass and flowers. Spring is a time for new things; it is a time for change. We make fun of our resistance to change in the Lutheran church, but if truth be told we get behind change quite a lot. Think of all the technological changes and societal changes we have embraced. I think we worry about change because sometimes change is done too slowly, sometimes too quickly, and sometimes in a confusing manner. We all know that some things do change, but we just want the change to be done well.

To that end, I am inviting the congregation to read a book called, "Who Moved My Pulpit"? by Thom Rainer. Essentially, it is a manual on how congregations can affect change well. It talks about the problems and challenges to overcome. It also gives us a roadmap to work out change in our congregation. I'm asking that groups, teams, circles, and individuals read and discuss the book this Easter season. I don't agree with everything in the book, but it is the best resource I have found on congregational change. I'll be preaching a three - part sermon series on change in our congregation after Easter. The book is available for everyone in the office. There is a suggested donation of \$5, but it is free to all who need.

Later in the spring and throughout the summer, I'll be conducting a congregation wide visitation at homes, church, coffee shops, and listening posts that members host. I'm looking forward to hearing what you think and feel about the book and about change in our congregation.

Promise of Resurrection

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain.

Love comes again, that with the dead has been;

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

~ John M. C. Crum, 1872-1958. Lutheran Book of Worship



This has long been one of my favorite Easter hymns. It doesn't have the "hallelujahs" and sounding brass, but is gentle and sweet. One can almost see the blades of wheat rising from the earth with hope of resurrection complete.

We, in this part of the world don't often have sunny bright Easters warm enough to melt the ears off a chocolate rabbit. No. More often than not our kids are trudging through leftover snow and a little mud with their Easter baskets flying in the wind.

But the promise of resurrection is there. Blades of wheat may not be poking through the dark earth, but if we look closely we'll see some rhubarb and maybe a jonquil or a crocus. And when we do, we catch our breath.

Love has come again like wheat arising green.

My call as your Visitation Pastor is bittersweet. I see people begin to fade and know their time to go home to Jesus may be near. It always seems to surprise me. I want to ask, "so soon?" But I know that as their Redeemer lives they shall live also and will rise with healing on their wings. This is the resurrection promise of Easter. Thanks be to God.

Walking by Faith

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children & Family Ministry*

He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:5-7

Grace and peace to you. I hope this season of Lent finds you well. Are you taking the time to practice the art of slowing? Have you made time for morning or evening devotions? Perhaps you have given up chocolate for Lent? No matter what you chose to do this season, my prayer is that you have found that it was not much of a challenge at all, but instead it has fulfilled your life in such a way that you have become closer to God and will continue the act past Easter. Ok, maybe not if you have given up chocolate. Let's not be silly, right?

This month is a busy one for our littlest ones at St. Philip's. They will be working very hard on learning new songs. They already cannot wait to share them with you at the 10:30 am Easter worship service!

Our First Communion classes are going well also. It is so rewarding to be a part of such an important milestone in these children's Faith journeys. They will receive their First Communion during our Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm worship service.

There are a lot of exciting things happening this month. Please feel free to stop in and say hi! My door is always open - and I've always got candy on my desk.

April 2019

3 – First Communion Class #2 (6:00 pm to 6:55 pm - Lounge); Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm

Dinner: Meaty Chili

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

10 – First Communion Class #3 (6:00 pm to 6:55 pm - Lounge); Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm

Dinner: Baked Potato Bar

14 – Palm Sunday – No S.P.A.R.K. of Faith today

Pancake breakfast between worship services and after 10:30 am worship

17 – ***Dinner: Tater Tot Hotdish***

18 – Maundy Thursday – Worship at 7:00 pm

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

24 – Children's Ministry Night – Faith Walks

Dinner: Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese

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

For we walk by
Faith
not by sight

JOY & THANKS



Let the Sun Shine

Val Sperry, President

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. Isaiah 60:19-20

Oh, let that sun shine! We have come out of our historically cold, snowy winter to sunshine. I don't even mind the cooler days of early spring when the sun is shining strong and bright. What is it about sunshine that just makes our days better? It brings lightness and a joy to the world. The colors of spring are made more vivid and cheerful by the sunshine. It brings new growth and life as the grass and flowers begin to spring forth among the last of the snow. It brings a feeling of warmth even in the cold of day. We smile more often. It gives us hope that the dark is passing and the light is coming soon.

The season of winter leading into spring mirrors our church seasons - Lent leading us into Easter. Just like winter, during Lent we know we need to go through a time of cold and darkness before the warmth, light and promise of Easter can occur. But Easter isn't really about the sun, but about the Son. The Son who will rise again, fulfilling God's promise of everlasting light and life.

So as we walk through the season of Lent, know that Easter is ahead of us and that with God's grace so is the everlasting light and a new life in Christ.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:1-14

Service Sunday!

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

This Service Sunday will look a bit different. Join us April 14 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 and 11:30 am as our youth and their families prepare and serve you breakfast! The breakfast is a free will offering that helps support the youth on their Mission Trip this summer to Denver, CO. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

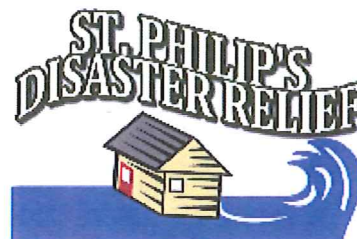
Days for Girls

If you are interested in sewing at home on your own schedule, consider how you might get involved with Days for Girls. This is an international organization that provides personal hygiene items for girls in developing countries. Because of these kits, girls do not have to miss several days of school each month. Faith Lutheran in Coon Rapids will hold their annual orientation/work session on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Several members of St. Philip's are involved in this amazing program. For more information, call Bev Sperry at [763-561-0163].



Spring Trip & Paint Supply Collection

St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



Spring Trip

Registration has begun for the spring SPDR trip to Galveston, TX. This will be the third Hurricane Harvey rebuild trip. Trip dates are Saturday, April 27 through Sunday, May 5. If you are interested in being part of this team, please submit your registration as soon as possible. If you need the registration form, please contact SPDR via email at [spdr@splcmn.org] or call Renee Johnson at [612-202-1959].

Paint Supply Collection

Hurricane Harvey is considered the worst housing disaster in U.S. history with thousands of homes flooded in the Houston area. Flooded homes result in the need for new drywall which eventually means lots of painting that requires painting supplies. SPDR has started a collection for paint supplies that the team will take down to Texas and donate to the Galveston Long Term Recovery Committee. Needed supplies include: new paintbrushes, roller covers, tape, can openers, paint cups, paint trays, paint tray liners, roller handles, and extension handles.

Please – no paint! Please place these items in the collection cans in the Narthex or near Door #2. Items will be collected through Wednesday, April 24. Thank you for your support!

The Journey Continues

Financials

St. Philip's 2019	Actual February	Actual YTD
Income	\$53,340.77	\$111,049.54
Expense	(\$54,245.45)	(\$123,193.66)
TOTALS	(\$904.68)	(\$12,144.12)



SERVE & THANKS

Spring Program

LEAFs - Life Enrichment Adult Forums

Schedule:

April 15 - St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Fridley

April 29 and May 6 - Abiding Savior Lutheran in Mounds View

May 20 - Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton

Presenters and Topics:

James Hurd - The Art of Self Deception

Joanne Brown - Story Theater

Doug Ohman - Minnesota Tours, Part 3

Sonja Lamire - Maple Syrup

Jonathan Kvasnik - Bee Keeper

Vanessa Gamble - Theater, "King David"

Ron Taube - Birds

Jenny Hanson - Rescued Dogs

Don Irwin - Pianist

Nijah Ekka - World Missions

J.B. Andersen - Immigration

Cathy Victorsen - A Harp for Spring

Joy Circle

Joy Circle meets the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at St. Philip's or a member's home. Our bible study comes from the magazine, *Gather*, a publication of the Women of the ELCA, and can be found in the St. Philip's Library. This year we are studying the book of John. We would love to have new members so please join us at St. Philip's in Room 3 on Monday, April 1. Any questions call Sandy Goman at [763-786-4177].

New Members

We Welcome Our New Members!

- Matt, Micaela, and Harrison Holland
- Katie Johnson
- Ryan, Danielle, and Philip Nestrud





Leland & Marilyn Drossel on 4/23/1965 for 54 years
David & Shirley Hogan on 4/3/1971 for 48 years
Richard & LoRaye Hedlund on 4/22/1972 for 42 years
Lee & Betty Hinnenkamp on 4/12/1978 for 41 years
Steven & Kay Haglund on 4/25/1981 for 38 years
Joe & Wendy Wegleitner on 4/14/1984 for 35 years
Eric & Suzanne Boyum on 4/10/1999 for 20 years
Ray & Patty Fabian Jr. on 4/23/2005 for 14 years
Brian & Jessica Munsterman on 4/8/2006 for 13 years
Brad & Kandace Heitland on 4/29/2006 for 13 years
Jonathan & Julie Kosbab on 4/28/2007 for 12 years
Lauren & Jennifer Goldenstein on 4/25/2015 for 4 years



The friends and family of:

Gloria Dwire

Dorothy Jacobson

2019 Endowment Grants

Endowment Committee

Each year grants are awarded for current projects consistent with the mission and vision of St. Philip's. This year the Endowment Committee has \$11,118 of grant money available. Application forms are in the church office or you can download a form from our website at [www.splcmn.org]. Applications should be submitted to the Endowment Fund Committee no later than April 15, 2019 for consideration. Grants will be awarded in May.

Memorials & Gifts

Contributions were received in memory of:

Alice Benson

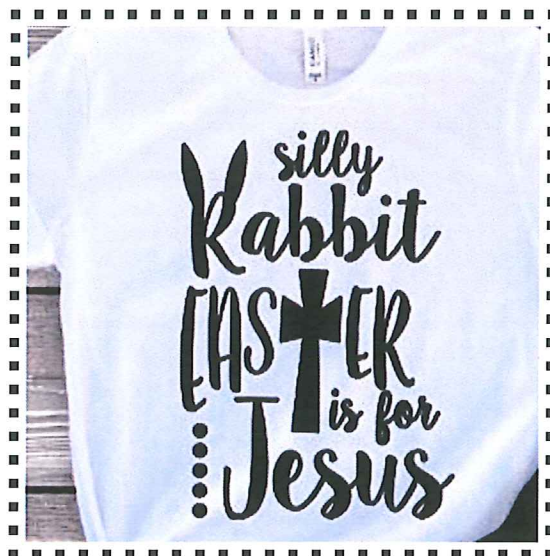
Lenna Johnson

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Thank you to all who support the St. Philip's Endowment Fund!

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Worship Schedule

8:30 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

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Bille Lutheran in Nigeria

Ministers: All members of the Parish

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1:00 pm Joy Circle 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	2 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 6:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	3 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 12:00 pm Lenten Worship 1:00 pm Lenten Lunch 6:00 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal; Community Supper; Lenten Mentoring; First Communion Class #2 7:00 pm Lenten Worship; AA 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	5	6 11:00 am Festival of Tables
7 8:30 am Worship 9:35 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Youth Denver Mission Trip Meeting	8 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 2:00 pm Lynwood Bingo 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 6:30 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	9 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:30 pm Heritage Group Mtg. 6:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm Parish Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 pm SPDR Galveston Mtg.	10 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am EA Group; Women's Book Club 12:00 pm Lenten Worship 1:00 pm Lenten Lunch 6:00 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal; Community Supper; Lenten Mentoring; First Communion Class #3 7:00 pm Lenten Worship; AA 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00 pm Recovery International; Garage Sale Mtg. 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	12	13
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21 Happy Easter! 7:00 am Worship 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale 9:35 am No Education Hour 10:30 am Worship	22 Office Closed - Easter Monday 1:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	23 9:00 am Assemble The <i>Friend</i> 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 6:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal; Global Health Ministries	24 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Bells of Praise Rehearsal; Community Supper; Feed My Starving Children Service Night 6:30 pm Children's Ministry Night 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg.	25 3:00 pm Endowment Mtg. 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	26	27 6:00 am SPDR team leaves for Galveston, TX from St. Philip'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).