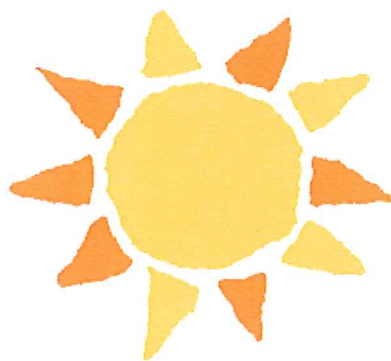


# The Friend

## June Summer Worship Schedule:

June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

9:30 am



## Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, June 19

7:00 pm



Blessing of  
the Animals

### June 2019

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# PRAYER & JOY

## Evangelism at Its Core

Matt Flom, Pastor

*Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15b*

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. Evangelism is a purpose of the church, it is part of Christ's commission to us as his body on earth, but it is often intimidating to think about. People are scared of evangelism because they think they have to drag people to church or that people will reject them when they say no. Don't worry though, evangelism can be done many ways, but it always is about gracious invitation.

In June, we have many wonderful things going on at St. Philip's. We have Vacation Bible School, Blessing of the Animals, and weekly community meals on Wednesdays. You can simply say to a friend or neighbor, "I'm going to church on Wednesday for the community meal. Would you like to come? I could even drive if you like." If they say yes, enjoy the evening together and introduce your friend to other folks from church. If they say no, don't take it personally. In their heart, they will know you care enough to think of them and want to share a part of your life with them. Ask them again in a few weeks. The most important part however, is prayer. Pray before you invite them, pray for them whether they say yes or no, and pray for them after the event is over. God will bless you both.

Your brother in Christ Jesus.



# PRAYER & JOY

## Summertime

Val Sperry, President

Summer is upon us. At least, I hope it is by the time you are reading this. As I write, we just had a week of 70 degree weather followed up by a weekend of frost warnings! But I have faith that summer and all its glory is coming. I do enjoy the summer, as for me it's a time of celebrations and gatherings. My extended family has many wedding anniversaries and birthdays that all land in the summer. When I was a kid, we often had a family reunion in June and would celebrate together with one big cake. And my birthday often falls around Father's Day, so it's not uncommon for me to celebrate the two together with my folks.

Soon the bounty of summer will come to us – fresh local strawberries and corn on the cob, the explosion of color in our flower gardens, and the shade from our majestic trees. What is not to love about summer? Oh, you say the heat, humidity, road construction, and mosquitoes? Well, I didn't say summer was perfect! We should still celebrate all that is good about the season of summer. Celebrate that we live in Minnesota and get to enjoy that God has blessed us with the four seasons.

So with faith that summer will come, here are few verses to inspire us until it arrives:

**Song of Songs 2:12** "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

**Matthew 24:32** "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."

**Psalms 107:9** "For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

**Genesis 8:22** "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

**James 1:17** "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."



## Board of Administration News for May

- **Youth Director Position** - Pastor Matt and the BOA have worked with InterServ and are placing an interim Director of Youth and Adult Ministries.
- **Worship Service Times** - Obtaining input from all congregation members is vitally important before a decision is made. A Family Meeting was held on Sunday, April 28 to initiate the discussion and a second meeting will be held on Sunday, July 28 to present the input from individual and group meetings, and the listening posts conducted by Pastor Matt.
- **Summer Worship Schedule** - Single Service at 9:30 am began Sunday, May 26.

## Service Sunday - Under Construction

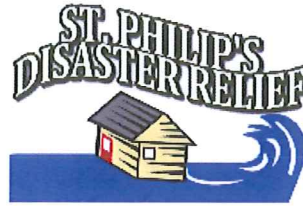
Building New Projects

Service Sundays this past year were a huge success! Thank you to those who participated, supported, and helped to fund some of them. We will take some time off now during the summer months to gather new ideas for Service Sundays in the fall. If you have suggestions, please contact Connie Yerigan at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].



## Hurricane Harvey Trip #3

### St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



The 75<sup>th</sup> overall trip for the SPDR ministry (since its inception in 2006) was completed in early May. Twenty-nine team members were part of the third SPDR trip to Galveston County, TX to help with the Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. Team members spent a total of 1,200 hours helping six families that had water damage to their homes in August 2017.

For the team, the unofficial slogan for the trip became "Breathe!" It was used often – when wrong turns were made while traveling, saw cuts didn't come out right, or things didn't fit. *Breathe* when it started to rain or traffic came to a sudden stop on the freeway. *Breathe* when things were spilled in the kitchen or whenever something didn't go quite right. But those *Breathe* moments were greatly outnumbered by "Thank you, God" moments. Thank you, God for getting us safely through some harrowing moments on the roadway, for things going fairly smooth and allowed us to complete the work assigned in two homes. Thank you, God for only a slight sprinkle that disrupted our outdoor staining project, for cuts on countertops and trim that turned out right. Thank you, God for getting an exterior door hung (and locked) before it was time to leave for the day, and for success in tracing wiring circuits. Thank you, God for meals that turned out despite the kitchen limitations and so many more. These moments and all of the work that was done by the team brought a breath of hope to a few of the thousands that still have not fully recovered from Hurricane Harvey.

On this trip, it was wonderful to partner with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and St. Christopher Episcopal Church of League City. And to reconnect with those from the Galveston County Food Bank, Galveston County Post newspaper, the ECLA Gulf Coast Synod, and Galveston County Recovers. It was great to reconnect with Pastor Deb Grant – guest preacher at St. Philip's and guest speaker at the SPDR dinner this past February.

In response to a SPDR Facebook post with the Hurricane Harvey #3 team photo, Pastor Deb wrote, "This is the Disaster Relief Team from St. Philips Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN This is their 3rd trip to Galveston County to help rebuild houses after Harvey. This disaster relief team started in their congregation over 15 years ago and this is their 75th trip to serve in disaster areas - most of which were out-of-state, hundreds of miles away. They don't mind sharing that the average age of the group is almost 70 years old, skilled or just willing to help. For the majority of them, they have gone on these trips over a dozen times. They love to serve. They love people. They love their God. They work hard. They are honest about their mistakes and limitations. They leave hope and some wholeness everywhere they go and they laugh a lot! So . . . tell me why every congregation in the ELCA doesn't have a disaster relief team? Not enough 70-year olds who like to laugh?"

If any of Pastor Deb's descriptions fit you, contact SPDR by email at [spdr@splcmn.org](mailto:spdr@splcmn.org) to become part of the team.

## The Journey Continues

### Community Supper

We are looking for clean, cottage cheese, or other disposable containers with lids for the community supper. Please bring your container donations to the box located in Room 3.

# SERVE & THANKS

## Updates from Tokyo

Jim and Carol Sack

I am happy to report that at the end of March, four seminary graduates were ordained. Three of them are with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, (JELC) which is related to the ELCA. One other woman was ordained as a Deacon with the Japan Lutheran Church (NRK). Students from both churches attend our seminary and are taught by professors from both the NRK and the JELC. I believe this is an unusual arrangement, but it has been a great blessing to our churches.

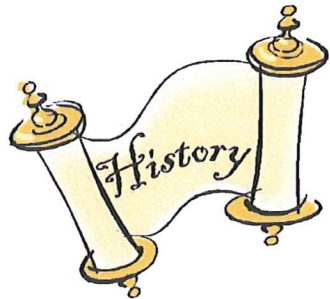
Our four seminary graduates:

- Rev. Tsukuda
- Rev. Ozawa
- Rev. Nakajima
- Deacon Nakagawa

In Japan, the academic year goes from April to March and therefore April is the time that pastors often have a change of call to a new church. We would like to ask your prayers first of all for the four new seminary graduates, but also for those pastors that have been called to a new church. Please pray that their ministries will be filled with the wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

As always, it is a true pleasure to work with you and on behalf of you through our ministries here in Tokyo. There continues to be many Japanese who need to hear the Word of grace that comes from our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. May God help open their hearts and souls to the water that gushes up to eternal life.

Grace and peace,  
Jim and Carol Sack



## May Report Heritage Group

The Heritage Group would like to share a portion of their meeting minutes to highlight events and projects they have been working on and what is ahead for the group.

- Dick Lekang reported that he sent out emails to other churches inquiring about their interest in starting a users group and inviting them to the SPLC Heritage Group's next meeting. He received only two responses - Bethlehem Lutheran in Minneapolis and Paul Daniels Luther Seminary. The decision was made to put this idea of a user group on hold for now. The group will wait until fall for any other action.
- Discussion continues on how the Heritage Group will index the files and records so that the information may be easily retrieved.

Sorting of files and records continue to be an ongoing mission and passion for the group and we would love to have anyone interested, join the Heritage Group. We meet at 2:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at St. Philip's. Please contact Dick Lekang at [763-453-9992 or richardlekang@comcast.net].



## Garage Sale 2019

### Garage Sale Group



It is time to get your spring cleaning done and donate items for the St. Philip's Garage Sale. Drop off will begin on Friday, July 12, which will be here before you know it! The sale dates are July 24 - 27. If you have time to spare, please consider volunteering. There is much to be done and an hour or two of your time makes a big difference! Also, donations of water, soda, baked goods, and other items are always welcome! Watch for more information to come soon or contact LaRae Kazmierkoski at [laraekaz@aol.com].

## Funding Requests for Garage Sale

The Garage Sale Team will be reviewing funding requests from the garage sale at our June meeting. If your group is interested in requesting funds, please complete a request form, which can be found in the church office. Completed forms must be returned to the office no later than Friday, June 14 for consideration.

## Did you Know?

### Property & Grounds Committee

The church facilities play an important part in our church mission and over the years the congregation has seen fit to expand the facilities into an impressive building. As stewards of this facility, the upkeep, maintenance, and presentation is the primary focus of the Property & Grounds Committee and the many volunteers from the Wednesday Work Crew and Women on Wednesdays Group.

Below is a list of some of the items and/or services that have been or will be purchased soon.

Job Description	Price	Funded By
Directional Sign	\$200	Property & Grounds (P&G)
Kitchen Roof Repair	\$13,613	Building for the Future Reserve Fund
Ice Making Machine	\$1,957	Parish Fellowship, Garage Sale Group, Community Supper, Funeral Group, Custodial Budget
Rolling Cart - Kitchen	\$236	Community Supper, Parish Fellowship, Funeral Group
Fence Damage by Plow	\$0	True North Plow
Broken Window	TBD	Boy Scout Pack, P&G
Mud Jack Sidewalks	\$3,000	Repair Warranty
Replace Toilets in Women's Restroom - Chapel	\$685	P&G
Cobblestone Repair	\$300	P&G



We are always looking for volunteers so please contact Katie Swenstad [KatieS@splcmn.org], Mike Anderson [flooddog97@gmail.com], or Spence Minear [sgminear@gmail.com], if you would like to donate your time and talents. You may also inquire in the office if you are interested in volunteering with these groups.

The Property and Grounds Committee members thank you for your continued support.

# JOY & THANKS

## Endowment Committee



### *The St. Philip's Endowment Fund*



#### *Memorials & Gifts*

Contributions were received in memory of:

*Gloria Dwire*

*Derva Minear*



#### **2019 Endowment Fund Grant Recipients**

With your continued support, the St Philip's Endowment Fund has approved the following grants:

Sanctuary Decorating Committee: \$1,000

SPLC Food & Clothing Shelf: \$1,000

SPLC Community Supper: \$1,000

Educational Scholarship for Eden Wells: \$1,000

Property & Grounds: \$5,000

SPLC Library Fund: \$60

LEAFs: \$500

Global Health Ministries: \$500

SPLC Drop Box Safe: \$329

Thank you for your support!

Ron Ackerman, Judith Bergeland, Edd Brooks, Josh Glood, Jeanine Grandstrand,  
Jim Kugler, Dick Lekang, and Dawn Young

## Financials

<b>St. Philip's 2019</b>	<b>Actual April</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
Income	\$72,821.50	\$247,627.91
Expense	(\$63,638.31)	(\$251,900.93)
TOTALS	\$9,183.19	(\$4,273.02)



Robert & Marlene Eidem on 6/29/1952 for 67 Years  
 Donald & Anne Gilbertson on 6/10/1955 for 64 Years  
 Ronald & Mary Seekamp on 6/16/1956 for 63 Years  
 Robert & Delores Masuda on 6/5/1959 for 60 Years  
 Ray & Sheila Olson on 6/7/1959 for 60 Years  
 Edward & Arlene Hamernik on 6/20/1959 for 60 Years  
 Jerry & Gayle Mattison on 6/9/1961 for 58 Years  
 Gary & Myrna Erickson on 6/25/1961 for 58 Years  
 Leroy & Kathleen Venne on 6/1/1963 for 56 Years  
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 Ronald & Mary Mattson on 6/29/1963 for 56 Years  
 Bob & Patricia Wharton on 6/21/1964 for 55 Years  
 Neal & Catherine Anderson on 6/12/1965 for 54 Years  
 Mark & Eva Jeppson on 6/24/1966 for 53 Years  
 James & Janice Kugler on 6/3/1967 for 52 Years  
 Arlen & Judy Olson on 6/10/1967 for 52 Years  
 Marsden & Beverly Sperry on 6/10/1967 for 52 Years  
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 Howard & Kari Helgen on 6/21/1975 for 44 Years  
 Timothy & Cindy Solberg on 6/28/1975 for 44 Years  
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 Marty & Dawn Hansen on 6/9/1979 for 40 Years  
 Gary & Kristin Johnson on 6/6/1981 for 38 Years  
 Dan & Connie Bernardy on 6/22/1985 for 34 Years  
 Duane & Monica Anderson on 6/7/1986 for 33 Years  
 Tony & Jane Kiminski on 6/3/1988 for 31 Years  
 Jeff & Michelle Ellering on 6/18/1988 for 31 Years  
 John & Pam Schwint on 6/23/1990 for 29 Years  
 Joel Young & Heather Koshiol on 6/3/1995 for 24 Years  
 Scott & Lisa Rolfs on 6/22/1996 for 23 Years  
 Tom & Pam Warnke on 6/27/1998 for 21 Years  
 Doug & Kathy Fransen on 6/30/2007 for 12 Years  
 Nikolaus & Tasha Browne on 6/13/2009 for 10 Years  
 Tom & Chelsea Gasser on 6/2/2012 for 7 Years  
 Bob Jacobson & Diane Haugen on 6/27/2015 for 4 Years



*Alyson Delores Mickolichiek*  
 5/19/19

*Emerson Daniel Hulleman*  
 6/2/19



*The friends and family of:*

*Walt Hansen*  
*Daniel Seekamp*



## Friendly Takeaway

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" Matthew 6:25-27*

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### Summer Worship Schedule

9:30 am Blended

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**Companion Congregation:**

**Bille Lutheran in Nigeria**

**Ministers: All members of the Parish**

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## Grateful. Blessed. Rejoicing. Praying

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Grateful. This word best describes how I feel about our wonderful volunteers. Without their kindness, patience, time, and love for children, this year's Children and Youth Ministry events would not have been possible. Our volunteers poured their hearts into everything they did, and for that I will be forever grateful.

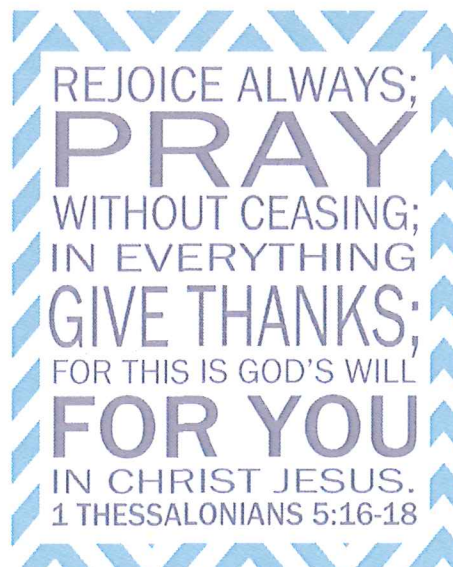
Blessed. I have been blessed to have been called to this job. The opportunity to play a part in so many children's faith journeys, getting to know and developing relationships with the families of St. Philip's, serving our church, community and God...I know that I am just where I am meant to be.

Rejoicing. Jumping for joy and shouting from the rooftops...well, maybe not from the rooftops, that's kind of high off the ground, but I am so excited to have accepted the position of Youth Director! I am now the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. My heart is so full of joy it could burst! What an honor to be able to walk alongside the children and families of St. Philip's from birth to high school graduation! Thank you to those who have supported me along the way and thank you to the families who have welcomed me with open arms! I cannot wait to see where this journey takes us. First stop...mission trip to Denver. I know it's going to be an amazing, life changing trip for the youth, our parent chaperone, and myself.

Praying. The power of prayer is incredible. For me, prayer is a wonderful way to slow down, speak from my heart, and talk to God. I thank Him for all the blessings in my life, all that I have to be grateful for, and I thank Him for guiding me to do his work. During this season, I pray that our children and youth have a fun and safe summer. I pray that the children who come through the doors of St. Philip's for Vacation Bible School feel welcomed and have fun while they are here, and that they leave knowing that Jesus loves them, and they are special and important. I pray that the eight high school girls, our parent chaperone, and myself have a safe trip to Denver. I pray while we are there, that we open our hearts and use our hands to do God's work.

I pray that this finds you well, and that you can take a moment to see what in your life you are grateful for, how you are blessed. What has you rejoicing and what are you praying for?

Blessings to you!







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