



# The Friend



## May Worship Schedule:

May 5, 12, and 19

8:30 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

## Music Sunday

Sunday, May 19

## Summer Worship

One Worship Service Begins May 26

Time to be Determined

\*Stay tuned for further information in the announcements, E-News,  
and on our website

## May 2019

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# PRAYER & JOY

## Moving Forward With Optimism

Matt Flom, Pastor

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105*

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. Would it be an understatement to say that we have had an eventful spring? The weather may be going up and down, but St. Philip's is moving steadily forward. The faithful of our congregation have been generous with their time, talents, and resources. Our ministries have been feeding, clothing, and helping more and more people in our area. More people are getting involved in faith formation, leadership, and music. There is an air of optimism and renewed good feelings.

We have had some struggles this winter. The weather goes without saying. We are deeply saddened by the passing away of so many of our current and former members. We are fixing those building issues that need to be fixed. We are also dealing with some change.

I am so proud of the congregation in how people are dealing with the proposed changes to the worship schedule. People are asking thoughtful and helpful questions. Folks are bringing their experience and wisdom to bear on the issue. It is wonderful to see the congregation coming together to work through the issue. We even have another proposed time schedule to look at.

We still have much talking to do. There are a lot of folks who are still thinking on things and we need to hear from them as well. Listening posts and visits are already in the works. On Sunday, July 28, we'll come together, settle on our consensus, and then move forward together. The most important thing we need to do however, is to keep on praying. God will show us the way.



## Spring Is in the Air

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children & Family Ministry*

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11*

They say spring showers bring May flowers. Does that count for snow showers too? We sure have had a silly spring, but as with all seasons, if you take a minute, you can find the beauty in each one. Spring is my favorite season, yes, even this spring. God has a wonderful way of reminding us that we should be patient and know that in time, all will be well.

The spring season, in the life of the littlest members of St. Philip's, was a busy one! We welcomed nine children to our table through our First Communion classes. I pray they feel Jesus and his promise present with them each time they receive the elements and blessing.

Our S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Sunday School) children did an amazing job singing on Easter Sunday. They worked very hard to learn the songs and make sure they were perfect for you. Their little voices praised Jesus with many Hallelujahs, which brought many smiles!

During the month of May, we will be wrapping up our program year. We will have a , "Light the Fire" Fundraiser for our summer camp participants who are attending camp for the very first time. The children will sing again during our Music Sunday service. Also, Vacation Bible School is just a few weeks away! This is always an exciting time of the year!

How do you practice patience? I pray that this season you will take time to see God in the things around you.



## Spiritual Gifts

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

The past few weeks, our middle and high school youth have been on a journey to discover their spiritual gifts. They spent time learning about and answering questions on various life and spiritual gifts that they may have. They learned that life gifts are something that everyone has, and spiritual gifts are given by God. Chosen by Him just for us because He knows us so well...we just need to take the time to recognize them and use them as He would want us to. This journey has been a bit challenging for some, but they have worked through it, and because of that, they now can say they know themselves a bit better, and they now know what special gifts God has given to them.

On behalf of the girls going on the Denver Mission Trip this summer. . .thank you! Thank you for your amazing support with the Envelope Project Fundraiser, as well as the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast! Because of your generosity, the youth were able to raise just over \$3,600! That's amazing! Thank you!

We have one more fundraiser for the mission trip. It's a fan favorite...the cinnamon roll sale! We will be selling cinnamon rolls on Sunday, May 19 after the 8:30 am worship, until they are gone. Be sure to stop by and get yours!

Summer camp at Camp WAPO is around the corner. This year we have one middle school youth attending. He is very excited to go again this year, as he had a blast last year!

# PRAYER & JOY

## Sometimes It's Right in Front of Me

Val Sperry, President

Ever had one of those times where you were searching for something and you just couldn't find it? Be it an object (those darned keys or that bottle of ketchup in the fridge), inspiration (what should I write about this month), or guidance (what am I supposed to be doing, where should I be going next). We all have times when we are searching and what we are searching for just seems to be out of reach. We know it's got to be *right there*, but we just can't see it, hear it, or grab onto it.

This is where I found myself today. I was searching for an idea for this month's column and it was just out of my reach. I tried typing words and phrases that popped into my head, but nothing was jelling. So I set the computer aside and picked up my current cross stitch project. I am putting in lots of time right now trying to finish up a piece that will be a graduation gift for my cousin. I have a few weeks left to have it ready in time, so I am trying to be disciplined about working on it every day. I find when I cross stitch that the rhythm and flow of it allows my mind to open up and focus my thoughts. So I've been enjoying an evening of cross stitching and half listening to the TV in the background. But still no inspiration, and the evening was getting shorter and my deadline was getting closer. What was I going to do? Then I paused and looked down at what I was working on. The piece I am making is a brightly colored cross with a Bible verse on the crosspiece. I stopped stitching and it hit me. It was right in front of me, in my hands, the whole time. The verse I was stitching was what I was looking for, the idea I knew was out there and I was just missing it.

The verse reads, *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:13

So like many times in my life, the answer was right in front of me and I just wasn't seeing it. I needed to open my heart, my mind and my eyes to see what God had put right in front of me. So I set aside my cross stitching and picked up my laptop again. I could do this; God had just told me so. Anything I need to do, He has given me all the strength I need to do it.

So next time you find yourself searching in your life, stop and look around. Pause and listen. Because God has given us the strength we need through Christ. We can find the answers we need, see the path we should follow, and have the strength to do what we need to do. God is there for us and is giving us all we need to find our way. We just have to believe in Him and ourselves.

**"I can do all things  
through Christ who gives  
me strength" ~  
Philippians 4:13**

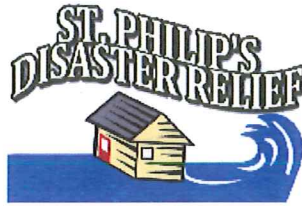
## Service Sunday - Under Construction

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].

## 75th Trip!

St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



The SPDR trip to Texas, April 27 to May 5, marks SPDR's 75<sup>th</sup> trip! Since May of 2006, team members have been helping those impacted by fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes rebuild their homes and lives.

These trips range from a few hours in the evening helping out a flooded Fridley resident to eight days of rebuilding work in the home of the last flooded family still living in a FEMA trailer in Minot, ND.

50 of the 75 trips have been in Minnesota and neighboring states of Iowa, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. The others have been to Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Colorado, Missouri, and Florida.

On this 75<sup>th</sup> trip, 30 SPDR team members will spend five days working in Galveston County restoring homes flooded during Hurricane Harvey. SPDR team members will also be partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas in their efforts to build up their disaster relief program.

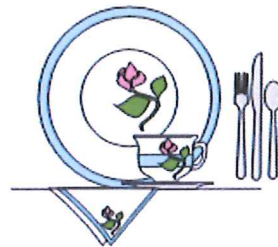
Please keep the team members in your prayers along with those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and other recent disasters. Follow the team through daily messages on St. Philip's website [[www.splcmn.org/spdr](http://www.splcmn.org/spdr)] or on Facebook [search for "St. Philip's Disaster Relief.]"



# The Journey Continues

## Festival of Tables - Thank you!

Parish Fellowship Committee



Thank you! The Parish Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Festival of Tables as a decorator, host, or guest. The Festival was again a huge success! Over 200 people enjoyed the beautiful tablescapes, lunch, door prizes, and fun speaker. Several hundred pounds of food and all of the proceeds from the event were donated to the St Philip's food shelf and CEAP food shelf in Blaine. Thank you so much for your support! We are always looking for ideas for entertainment. Save the date: The next Festival of Tables is scheduled for April 18, 2020

# SERVE & THANKS

## Columbarium Benches

The Columbarium area, on the southern side of the church's exterior, between Fellowship Hall and Moore Lake, provides a quiet space for comfort and reflection. Perennial plantings will be displaying new growth and some color to the area. Three of the six benches in this space are available for purchase with engraving on behalf of your family, at a cost of \$2,400, plus the cost of engraving. Consider purchasing a bench and adding a message of love to a bench as you visit the Columbarium. Contact a member of the Columbarium Group for further information.

## Meals on Wheels

"How beautiful the splendor of God's creation. . . How lasting the wonders of His love."

A gracious thank you to those whose hearts led them to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of March 25 – 29. The group includes: Ann Westby, Bobbi and Roger Tuey, Monica Anderson, Gidget and Edd Brooks, Sandy Nelson, Dawn and Richard Young, and Kathy and Chuck Eichelberger. Our next delivery dates will be May 27 – 31 at 11:00 am.



## Spring Cleanup Day!

It's been a long winter, but spring is finally here and it's time to get the church grounds in shape for summer. On Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, we will be getting together to spruce up the church and grounds. The work we will be doing includes: raking leaves, cutting weeds, edging along sidewalks, as well as weeding, adding new mulch to flower beds, and cutting back weeds along Highway 65.

Come to the church on Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 am to start the day with coffee and pastries and receive instructions. We will be meeting in the Lounge, so please park by Door 2 using the weekday entrance. Please bring the tools you will use such as: wheelbarrows, shovels, leaf blowers, axes, rakes, trowels, and gloves. Be sure to mark your tools so you can identify them. This is a great opportunity to work alongside long - time friends, make new friends, as well as get our church and grounds ready for the summer. We hope to see you Saturday, May 18!



## New Books for Readers to Discover in the Library

### The Library Group

The Library has recently added new books. Stop in to find them on display. Here are the tantalizing titles:

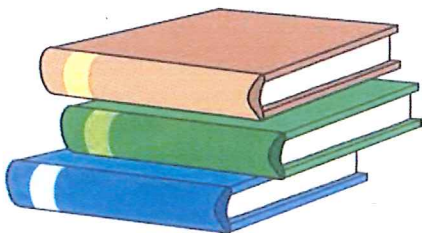
- *Berenstain Bears Go Fishin'!* by Mike Berenstain. It's getting close to the fishing opener. Although this is an easy read, share the fun with your children or grandchildren.
- *The Boat Runner* by Devin Murphy. This novel takes place in WWII and tells the story of two Dutch boys who are thrown into the Nazi campaign.
- *The Lost Castle* by Kristy Cambron. Ellie Carter sets out to discover the answer to a mysterious past.
- *Property of the Rebel Librarian* by Allison Varnes. This is a novel for middle schoolers, but adults will enjoy it and learn about the right to read.
- *We Are All the Same* by James T. Wooten. Read the story of Nkosi Johnson, born with AIDS in South Africa and the struggle of his mother to get him help.
- *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall. Slavery in this day and age? Yes. Read the story of Denver Moore and his encounter with two people on the streets of Dallas who reach out to save him.
- *Surprise Me* by Terry Esau. This is a 30 - day faith experiment.
- *A Way Other Than Our Own* by Walter Brueggemann. A collection of Lenten meditations.
- *What She Left Behind* by Ellen Wiseman. This is the haunting story of Izzy Stone, a foster child, struggling with life after her mother killed her father.



## Garden of Books

### The Library Group

Once again the Library Group has weeded their, "garden of books," and are offering them to the congregation for free. The books will be displayed in the Narthex, Sunday, May 5 through May 12. Come and help yourself to some good summer reading.



# SERVE & THANKS

## Endowment Committee



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

#### *Memorials & Gifts*

Contributions were received in memory of:

*Betty Aspenson*

*Alice Benson*

*Joyce Dahle*

*Gloria Dwire*

*Dorothy Jacobson*

*Dick Lombard*

*Janine Peter's Father*

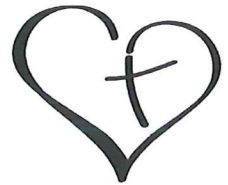
For more information on the St. Philip's Endowment Fund, visit:  
[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org), select Ministries, and then Endowment.

Thank you for your support!

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

## Financials

St. Philip's 2019	Actual March	Actual YTD
Income	\$63,756.87	\$174,806.41
Expense	(\$65,068.96)	(\$188,262.62)
TOTALS	(\$1,312.09)	(\$13,456.21)





Clarence & Constance Asche on 5/30/1960 for 59 years  
Donald & Ila Stradal on 5/12/1962 for 57 years  
Tom & Marlene Schonebaum on 5/19/1962 for 57 years  
Glen & Sandra Byl on 5/22/1965 for 54 years  
Ken & Doris Moxness on 5/9/1970 for 49 years  
Edward & Sharon Aune on 5/22/1971 for 48 years  
John & Bonnie Shelton on 5/22/1975 for 44 years  
Michael & Deb Carroll on 5/19/1979 for 40 years  
Jon & Mary Johnson on 5/9/1981 for 38 years  
Tom & Kara Ruwart on 5/15/1982 for 37 years  
Dan & Patty Porter on 5/19/1984 for 35 years  
Jonathan & Neoma Haugan on 5/26/1984 for 35 years  
Byron & Karen Teska on 5/17/1986 for 33 years  
David & Connie Yerigan on 5/31/2003 for 16 years  
Shawn & Kari Pederson on 5/28/2006 for 13 years  
Chad & Gina Munsterman on 5/10/2008 for 11 years  
Bryant & Melissa Holmstrom on 5/22/2015 for 4 years



*Harrison Kelly Holland*

*3/17/19*



*The friends and family of:*

*Calvin Hagberg*

*Bob McGregor*

*Derva Minear*

*Craig Schillinger*



*Congratulations to:*

*Alice Browne*

*Ava Havon*

*Enya Kappenman*

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*Aundrea Marquardt*

*Blake Munsterman*

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# SERVE

## Friendly Takeaway



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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
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