



# The Friend

## THANKFUL GRATEFUL BLESSED

**All Saints Sunday**

**November 3**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service  
and Pie Night**

**Wednesday, November 27**

**6:00 pm - Service**

**Pie Gathering Following the  
Service in Fellowship Hall**

### November 2019

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## PRAYER & JOY

### Growth, Stability, Youth, Outreach, and Openness

Matt Flom, Pastor

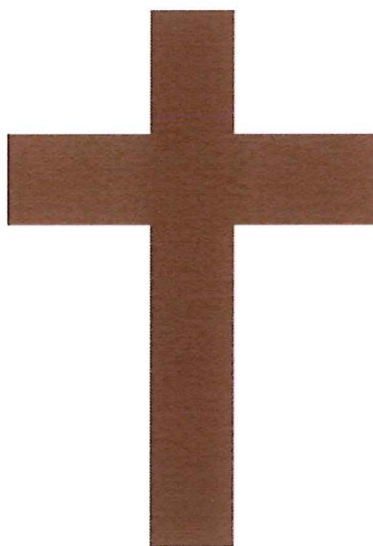
*For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.  
Mark 10:45*

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 overjoyed that we here at St. Philip's are doing what many think is a thing of the past or impossible for Lutheran churches. We are changing and growing. The new worship schedule has seen the number of children attending worship more than double. We have several new families with small children and new visitors almost every week. God is blessing us with greater and greater opportunities to share His love with our community.

Visiting so many folks this summer was truly a blessing. I asked folks what their hopes for the congregation were and some of the top responses were: Growth, Stability, Youth, Outreach, and Openness. Our plan for ministry in 2020 reflects these hopes and dreams for our congregation. We are going to emphasize new members, excellence in music, good communication, serving people's needs, and outreach. It's an exciting time to be serving the Lord here at St. Philip's. The work of the Holy Spirit in people's lives shines through in their love of worshiping God, serving others, and good Christian fellowship.

Stewardship Sunday is November 24. We will offer to God our Intent for Giving cards. Please read the letters and brochures and listen to the temple talks about our ministry for the coming year. I ask you to pray about your passion for the ministry here and how you can support it. Thank you for your generous giving and all of your service.



## THANKS & PRAYER

### We're In This Together

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

*In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright. Psalm 92:14, 15a*

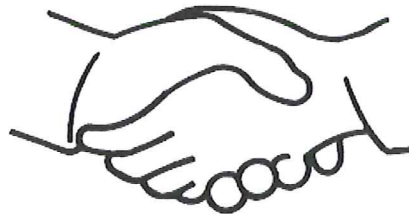
There is a saying that old age isn't for sissies! And indeed it is not. As I visit members of the St. Philip's community, I often see people whose strength and stamina have diminished, but who are still vital.

What makes this so? Many times it is their faith. Even though they may not be able to attend worship as they once did, scripture and prayer are constant companions. Long years of reading the Bible have planted verses in their hearts and minds and these verses give them sustenance and joy. Many of them read the same devotional that you all read. In doing so you are bound together as a faith community.

When you read your *Christ in our Home*, they read it with you. Pray for them and bless them in all things and ask Jesus to keep them in his care. They ask about you, you know - people they have known and they ask about the congregation and its ministries.

Give thanks for them. They were here before you and laid the firm foundation that you enjoy. They love it when members visit them. I hear about those visits also. If you would like to visit someone, call the office and we will connect you.

Thanksgiving blessings to you all.



### Introductions

Eric Nelson, Director of Adult Ministry

Hello and thank you for the warm welcome to St. Philip's!

I'm excited to start work with new members and young families as I assist in adult ministry at St. Philip's. My wife and boys have also been happy and excited to join in worship here.

I come from a background of youth ministry with children and youth. I spent seven summers working at Camp Onomia as counselor and interim program director. I taught first graders for three years at Oak Grove Lutheran in Fargo, and I had the pleasure of working with Pastor Matt at Long Lake Lutheran for six years as the youth director. In that time, I felt the call from God into ordained ministry and I am now in my final year at Luther Seminary.

As I begin my journey with you in ministry, I look forward to getting to know you better and working alongside you as St. Philip's continues to listen to how God is calling you to be church together in this community. With limited hours for now, you won't find me in the office very often, but I would love to get to know you and hear stories about how God is at work among the people of St. Philip's.



# PRAYER & JOY

## A Season for Thanks

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

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1*

We are in that time of the season to enjoy the beauty that autumn offers. Time for football games and chili lunches, pumpkin patches and apple cider. A time to gather with family and friends, most likely around a big meal. A meal that took hours to prepare and used every last dish in your home but you don't mind because you are thankful to have family and friends to share that meal with. This time of year, we sit back at that meal, look around at those gathered, and give thanks. If you are like me, we don't just wait for this time of year to give thanks, but there is something about this time that causes us to slow down, breathe, and give thanks for all that we are blessed with.

I am thankful and blessed, with the opportunity to journey with the children, youth, and families at St. Philip's. It has been the most amazing last couple of months...and we have been busy! We are in full swing practicing for this year's Christmas pageant! I know I say it every year, but this one is going to be the best yet! The children in our S.P.A.R.K. program did an amazing job singing in worship back in October! Our middle school youth are enjoying a new Confirmation curriculum this year, as well as our new updated worship notes format. Yes, you read that correctly...teens are enjoying taking worship notes! Yay! Our high school youth are enjoying our time together. We just had an amazing lock-in, and they are already planning the next one! Wednesday nights we are working on learning how to keep active in our faith beyond high school, by working through the 'Sticky Faith' book series by Dr. Kara E. Powell. Also, our high schoolers are getting to mentor our youngest children on our Children's Ministry Nights and so far, it's going really well.

I encourage you to take time, slow down, breathe, look around, and thank God for all that you are blessed with.

### November 2019

3 – Youth Time (9:35 am – 10:20 am)

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

Youth Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser

(between services and after the 10:30 am service)

6 – Middle School & High School Ministry

Children's Ministry Night

***Dinner: Sloppy Joes***

10 – Youth Time (9:35 am – 10:20 am)

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

Mission Trip Meeting (11:30 am in the Youth Room)

13 – Middle School & High School Ministry

***Dinner: Meaty Chili***

17 – Youth Time (9:35 am – 10:20 am)

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

20 – Middle School & High School Ministry

Children's Ministry Night

***Dinner: Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese***

24 – Youth Time (9:35 am – 10:20 am)

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

27 – No Middle School & High School Ministry

***Dinner: Thanksgiving Meal (Begins at 5:30 pm)***

Thanksgiving Eve worship at 6:00 pm.

***Pie and coffee reception following***

28 – Happy Thanksgiving!



### Gratitude

Val Sperry, President

# Gratitude

Gratitude: the state of being grateful; thankfulness.

What role does gratitude play in your day to day life? Is finding and expressing gratitude something that comes naturally or easily to you? Or are you someone who has to be more intentional about getting yourself into "the state of being grateful"?

Gratitude has become a hot topic in recent years. Gratitude journals became a big thing. "Attitude of Gratitude" is a popular catchphrase you see all over – Google it and you will find an abundance of websites, articles and images online devoted to it. Does that mean we've become more grateful in our lives? I'm not so sure it does. I think it means many people are searching for something in their lives. I think many are looking for meaning; they want to find joy in their lives. I think they are searching for God, but don't always know it or where to find Him.

So the question I asked in my opening paragraph, I usually fall into the latter. I tend to be a person who completes a task and moves on. I am in the mindset of, "all done, check it off the box on the list and then next item"! I have to be intentional and mindful - be in the moment so I can be grateful and thankful for what has occurred or accomplished. To take the time to let God into the moment and share my appreciation with Him. Through words, through a prayer, or outward expressions of giving thanks in His name.

I've been in group settings where we've been asked to share three things we are grateful for. I've struggled with this. Because for me, I think I have to share big and important things I am grateful for. But that isn't necessarily right, is it? We aren't just grateful for the big, the important, or the good in our lives, are we? We are grateful for the small, the simple and sometimes hard things in our lives. Through God's grace we are given much. And as such, we are called to give thanks – for the big and small, the important and the simple.

I'll leave you with two verses to reflect on.

*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. Colossians 3:17*

*Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:15*

### Board of Administration Highlights

- New hires: Adam Miller, Sanctuary Choir Director and Eric Nelson, Director of Adult Ministry
- Annual Stewardship campaign will begin in November
- Website revision in progress; please contact Jeannine Arcand to be included in this work
- St. Philip's is now sponsoring Scout Cub Pack 20. Pastor Matt will be the SPLC liaison to the troop
- BOA and Staff retreat is scheduled for Saturday, November 16
- Garage Sale Funds distribution approved and published
- Nominating committee will begin working soon; consider how you might serve in the ministries of St. Philip's; positions to be filled include Vice President, Treasurer, and several BOA Members at Large



## PRAYER & SERVICE

### Hurricane Harvey Trip #4 St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston, TX area over two years ago. Some families are living in their unfinished homes and others are living elsewhere because their homes are still uninhabitable. This is what the SPDR team who traveled to Texas found in the Needham Road community north of Houston.

The neighborhood on River Oaks Drive is in a low - lying area that frequently floods. The residents are mostly of Hispanic descent living in manufactured homes or slab homes that have been added onto (often more than once) over the years. The rain from Hurricane Harvey and the floodwaters from the San Jacinto river caused major damage in these homes.

Working through the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, the 28 SPDR team members spent the week working in five homes. Most of the work consisted of flooring installation, electrical work, installing side, soffit, and fascia, plumbing, tiling, interior and exterior painting, and installation of appliances. Some of the team members spent two afternoons prepping food at The Abundant Harvest Kitchen – an organization that provides food distribution and community meals in the area. Also, two members spent the week planning, preparing, and serving meals for the rest of the group.

One of the homes the SPDR worked in towards the end of the week was still far from being ready for the family (the mother and eight children) to move back in. Realizing the great need of this family, the day after the team returned home, a small group held a conference call with our partners in the Episcopal Diocese and the outcome was a return trip to try to get this family back in their home before Christmas. A small SPDR team will return to Houston November 9 -17, as the journey continues with Hurricane Harvey Trip #5.

Thank you to the team members of Hurricane Harvey Trip #4, our supporters, and our partners in Texas.

*Thank  
you!*

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for your continued prayers for my sisters Pat, Carol, and Annette. Carol is no longer with us, but all of your support and love has helped me as I continue to treasure all our memories.

Regards, Karla Ackerman, Ron & family

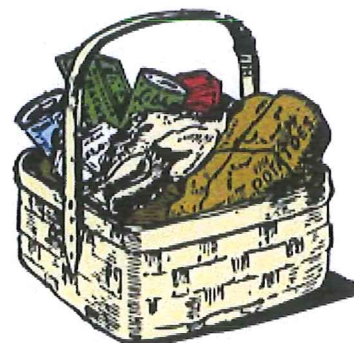
Thanks to all for the prayers for healing, the cards, and the wishes for a full recovery for Larry after he had his accident. He is on the road to recovery and doing better every day. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Larry & Phyllis Ehler

## Bountiful Opportunities for Gratitude

### Thanksgiving Baskets

Once again, we will be providing 50 Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. Please take a turkey tag from the board in the Narthex or by Door 2, shop for the item(s), which there is a variety to choose from, and return them before Wednesday, November 20. We hope to provide families with supplemental food, as well as a CUB gift card. Cash donations are also appreciated, as any food which is not donated will be purchased. Thank you for your support.



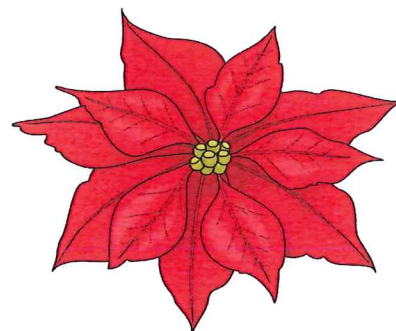
### Giving Trees



Giving trees will be on display beginning Sunday, November 24. This year, we will provide gifts for Kinship's Kinshoppe, Hope4Youth (teenage homeless program) and In Love, Word and Deed, (a program assisting homeless males). Gifts for Kinshoppe must be returned to church by Thursday, December 5. Other gifts should be brought to church by Sunday, December 15.

### Poinsettia Sale

The Benevolence Committee will be selling poinsettias this year, with orders being taken Sunday, November 10 and 17 in the Narthex, or in the office during the week. Order forms will be located both in the bulletin and in the office and delivery of the poinsettias will be Wednesday, December 4. Purchase a plant for yourself, or give one as a gift! Proceeds support Benevolence projects.



### Holiday Book Fair



The annual Holiday Book Fair will return to St. Philip's the weekend of November 24. This is the traditional fundraiser for the Library Group. It will be held in cooperation with The Red Balloon Bookshop in St. Paul. This is an excellent opportunity to get all your Christmas shopping done without a trip to the mall. Giving a book is personal.

We know people are reading less, especially real books. Let's get back into the reading habit. A book is a keepsake, a treasure, a life long memory. The artwork can be spectacular. Hold that book in your hands. A new book smells wonderful. Give a book to a special person in your life. The book fair will feature a variety of books for all ages and interests. We have best sellers, award-winning picture books, and Minnesota

# PRAYER & THANKS

## Endowment Committee

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

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#### **Memorials & Gifts**

Contributions were received in memory of:

*Joyce Dahle Estate*

*Don Davis*

*Katherine Larson*

*Beth Terpstra*

Gifts in any amount may be given in memory of someone or to participate in the present and future of St. Philip's through the Endowment Fund. Gifts may take the form of cash, personal property, stocks and bonds, life insurance or bequests from 401K, IRA, and other retirement accounts.

For more information on St. Philip's Endowment Fund visit our website at [[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org)].  
Select the Ministries tab and click on 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 September	Actual YTD
Income	\$53,975.30	\$505,050.11
Expense	(\$46,558.32)	(\$501,109.61)
TOTALS	\$7,416.98	\$3,940.50





## November

Bob & Joyce Johnson on 11/3/1956 for 63 years

Vincent & Janet Lanners on 11/22/1958 for 61 years

Paul & Grace Wilson on 11/28/1959 for 60 years

Ronald & Karla Ackerman on 11/26/1966 for 53 years

David & Dawn Fennig on 11/4/1967 for 52 years

Gerald & Virginia Olson on 11/30/1968 for 51 years

Charles & Janet Scovill on 11/29/1969 for 50 years

Charles & Carolyn Kennedy on 11/17/1973 for 46 years

Patricia & Mike Mandyck on 11/5/1983 for 36 years

Chuck & Sue Kempf on 11/16/1985 for 34 years

Karie & Lynn Bergeron on 11/4/1989 for 30 years

Joe & Paula Gonsior on 11/17/1990 for 29 years

Gilbert & Mary Haugan on 11/15/1996 for 23 years

William & Michelle Hatten on 11/28/1998 for 21 years

Brian & Misty Gilbertson on 11/20/1999 for 20 years

Dana & Sonja Menard on 11/4/2006 for 13 years

Jorge & Kellie Bernal on 11/6/2010 for 9 years

Frost & Amada Simula on 11/26/2016 for 3 years



*The friends and family of:*

*Don Davis*

*Gary Ellestad*

*Katherine Larson*

## Friendly Takeaway



### St. Philip's Lutheran Church

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### Worship Schedule

9:00 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 2:00 pm Lifetouch Pictures	2 10:00 am Lifetouch Pictures
3 <b>All Saints Sunday!</b> <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> 8:30 am Youth Cinnamon Roll Sale Fundraiser 9:00 am Worship 9:35 am Youth Time 10:30 am Worship; SPARK concurrent w/ worship 12:00 pm CYF Team Mtg.	4 1:00 pm Joy Circle 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	5 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal	6 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Community Supper; Bells of Praise Rehearsal 6:30 pm Children's, Middle, and High School Ministry Night 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg.	7 1:00 pm Stewardship Cohort Mtg. 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg.	8	9 SPDR Leaves for Houston, TX
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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).