



The Friend

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday - April 9

7:00 pm Worship

Good Friday Cantata - April 10

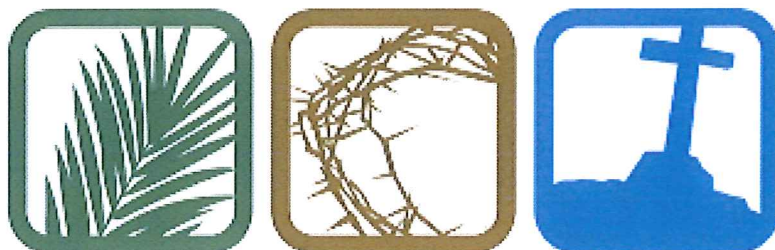
7:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday - April 11

7:00, 9:00, and 10:30 am Worship

Services Are Live Streamed

and on Our Website



HOLY WEEK

April 2020

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All articles submitted were received by Tuesday, March 17. Present and future events are subject to change based on the recommendations and requirements of government officials.

PRAYER

We Will Make it Through

Matt Flom, Pastor

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, love, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are now in a new style of church. We are doing worship apart, but yet still together. We may be in our own homes, seeing the service online, and singing along to the hymns. It feels different and disconnected. We miss fellowship time, and our ministries at church. Will we ever be able to pass the peace the way we used to? A challenge for sure, but only a challenge. A challenge we are facing together. We are still a church together. We are still giving thanks and praise to God. We are still united in Christ Jesus! After the pandemic passes we will return to meetings, serving, and worshiping in the same space.

For now, we will keep social distance, if not for our own sake, for the sake of our vulnerable and at risk sisters and brothers. We will continue to help as we can. We will tune in to worship, Bible study, and Sunday School through the web. We will continue to connect with others through phone, messaging, and writing. We will always pray and keep on praying.

Keep Social Distance - Fight Social Isolation- Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands!



We Are the Body of Christ, No Matter the Distance Apart

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

When I was a pastor serving a church, I took our youth to a National Youth Gathering. I don't remember if it was in Dallas or New Orleans. I don't remember who the youth or chaperones were who went along. But I do remember one speaker -- Tony Campolo. And I have never forgotten something he said, "There can be no Easter without Good Friday."

Dear friends, we are certainly living in a "Good Friday" time as I write this column. Covid-19 has turned our world upside down and inside out. It seems that nothing is as it was even a month ago. Worship, entertainment, schools, and much more are closed.

It reminds me of an incident concerning a woman I know well, a relative, who had planned to host Easter dinner for family that year. One person after another could not make the celebration and she grew more and more upset at the lack of a positive response to her invitation. Finally she called and announced angrily that Easter was cancelled! My thought? Did somebody tell Jesus?

And so, as we spend our Lent in isolation and a seemingly endless Good Friday, we would do well to remember that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive! It's not about us. It's about Jesus and what Jesus has done for us in His life, death, and resurrection!

I have read many WW2 novels and I always wonder at the way people survived. Life as the people of Europe knew it was stripped away from them, but when the war ended the church bells pealed, the altars were filled with flowers and life began again.

We will survive as well by the gracious goodness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are the body of Christ no matter the distance we are apart.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!



JOY & PRAYER

Parable of the Spoon

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

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell."

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The man said, "I don't understand."

God smiled. "It is simple," He said, "Love only requires one skill. These people learned early to feed one another. Those who are hungry are greedy people, and they think only of themselves."

I stumbled upon this parable one day, and it struck me as a unique way to visualize love. We hear all the time, love your neighbor as yourself, but how often do we love our neighbor before ourselves?

During this time of turmoil that we know as COVID-19, I have had the privilege to witness many choose to love their neighbor before themselves. People grocery shopping for those who cannot leave their home. A group of people gathering meals for children who would have otherwise gone without when their schools closed. People donning rubber gloves as they wipe down hard surfaces to protect others. In each of these situations, people stepped up and accomplished a task, and whether they knew it or not, doing so much more. They were showing love. God's love. In each of these examples, it was me peering into the room, from outside of that door, with God next to me. I got to see Heaven.

I pray you are healthy, safe, and at peace in a world that has been through so much lately. May we all choose to show love. May we all get to open the door and see Heaven around us.



PRAYER & THANKS

Helping Each Other

LaRae Kazmierkoski, President

We are living in a time of uncertainty and questions, with few answers. How long will this last? How severe will it get? How long might we be in self-imposed quarantine? It is important to continue to support one another in any way possible. Reach out by means of email, phone, or text. Can you grocery shop for someone who can't, or babysit for someone so they can continue to work? Think of ways you can help, and of those who may need help. Pray for guidance, for patience, for health. God is walking with us and his arms are wrapped around us. Believe it is so! Peace be with you.

Board of Administration Highlights - February



- Welcomed new board members: Brian Munsterman, Danielle Nestrud, Renee Youngberg, and Greg Rosholt (absent)
- New Membership Directories are in progress
- Water leak in kitchen has temporary repair with permanent repair planned
- Wireless Update – Emerson Tech, St. Philip's IT consultants, have delivered the equipment and Men's Work Crew members will work on the installation; goal to have total wireless coverage throughout the building
- St. Philip's Lutheran Church customized mobile app through PushPay will soon be live for all members; primary use will be communication between staff and congregation and an alternate giving option
- Our response to COVID19 includes:
 - ~ No touch communication and communion
 - ~ Live streaming services beginning March 22
 - ~ Social distancing - staying 6 feet away from each other
 - ~ Limiting or canceling meetings
 - ~ Up to date information available on our website

Amazing Work Through Donations

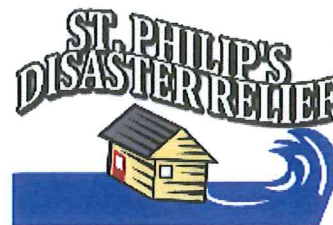
St. Philip's is doing wonderful things through donations. We are always accepting donations for the following: hearing aids, glasses, cell phones, and travel size personal hygiene supplies (shampoo, soap, and lotion). These items will be brought to local organizations such as the Lion's Club, Alexandra House, and Stepping Stone. You may find the donation box at the volunteer desk in the office. (Please wait to bring items until social distancing is no longer required.)

**Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!**

SERVICE & PRAYER

Spring Trip

St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team



Spring Trip

The SPDR 2020 spring trip is scheduled for May 2 - 10 to the Galveston, TX area. As of Monday, March 16 that is still the plan.

The registration was to begin Sunday, March 29. That has been delayed until sometime in early April. This will enable a more accurate assessment of how COVID-19 could affect the team's travel, lodging en route, lodging and meals at Zion Retreat Center, working conditions and the Galveston area in general.

There is a possibility that this trip will be postponed or cancelled altogether. Watch St. Philip's publications, emails, and Facebook for updates. Contact Mike Anderson or Renee Johnson via email at [SPDR@splcmn.org] you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Congregational Directories

Our new directories are finally here! A complimentary copy is available to all who were photographed, though we will wait until we reopen to distribute them. Please do not come to the church to pick up your directory.

Endowment Committee

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Faith-based living includes faith-based giving! Support the St. Philip's Endowment Fund!

January Memorials & Gifts

Vern Johnson

Margaret Oelschlager

Gloria Wellan

Gift acknowledgement cards are available in the church office for you when informing families/friends that you have made gifts to the Endowment Fund. When giving gifts in memory, honor, special occasion, or just because you care, please specify "Endowment Fund" on checks or envelopes.

Endowment Grant requests are now being accepted. This year we have \$11,419 to disperse. The grant request forms are in the office and can also be downloaded from the St. Philip's website under the Endowment page.

Applications must be turned into the church office by Wednesday, April 15.

New Books From New and Familiar Authors

The Library Group



Children's

The Tidewatcher by Mary Adix. An old fisherman on the shores of Norway watches the sea and catches his fish.

A Waterfall's Story written by Jon Coy; illustrations by Gaylord Schanilec. This is technically a picture book for children, but any Minnesotan no matter what age will delight in the history of Saint Anthony Falls.

When Everything Was Everything by Saymoukda Vongsay. The author's girlhood is captured in the unfolding memories of a Lao American.

Fiction

The River by Peter Heller. An action adventure story that has two best friends design a wilderness canoe trip in northern Canada in order to test their skills.

There, There by Tommy Orange. A Pulitzer Prize finalist, this novel follows twelve characters from Native communities traveling to the big Oakland Powwow, all connected in one way or another.

Spirituality

Almost Everything: Notes on Hope by Anne Lamott. In this world of loss and despair, the need for hope remains.

Hallelujah, Anyway by Anne Lamott. Mercy will help you discover the meaning in life.

Poetry

Poems, Book 2, A Menagerie by R. A. Becker. This book of poetry was written by St. Philip's own Bob Becker. As he explains, this is his effort to explain the issues and thoughts we experience in our lifetime.

Storm: Poems by Deb Grant. Deb Grant is a pastor-poet-writer-artist living in Houston, Texas. Retired from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, she has experienced the devastating effects of a hurricane and has worked alongside SPDR team.

Growing Through Loss

Growing Through Loss, a six-week grief support and education program that was scheduled April 13 - May 18 at Nativity Lutheran Church in St. Anthony Village, has been canceled due to the sponsors' concern for the health and well being of participants in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The fall session of the program of lectures and support groups is scheduled for Thursdays from September 17 - October 22 at Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview. For information, check the Growing Through Loss website at [www.growingthroughloss.org].

PRAYER & THANKS

How to Access Worship Services

We will be utilizing Facebook Live as one of the means to connect with our congregation and community during the Covid-19 outbreak. Because the St. Philip's Facebook page is public, you do not need to have a Facebook account to visit it.

On our church's website [www.splcmn.org] there is a Facebook logo button below our calendar. Click on the logo and it will lead you directly to our Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/splcmn/>]. It will ask you to login or create an account, click 'not now' if you do not want to proceed with this step as it isn't necessary, just simply keep scrolling to view the desired content.

We will begin our live stream at the regular times of worship, including Wednesday Lent Worship at 6:30 pm, Sunday traditional worship at 9:00 am, and contemporary worship at 10:30 am. Scheduled worship times for Holy Week and Easter will also be streamed if the ban is still in place. Tuesdays Together will be cast on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, Evening Prayer Group at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays, and Adult Catechism at 4:00 pm on Wednesdays.

If you miss the Livestream, visit our website to watch the recorded version. Click on the first drop down 'About St. Philip's' and then 'sermons.'

Financial Giving Options

St. Philip's now offers two new ways to electronically give! The first option is to text SPLCMNGIVE to 77977 from your smartphone and click on the link it sends back to you. The second option can be accessed through the homepage on our website [www.splcmn.org] Click on the blue 'here' in the Online Giving paragraph. Note: If you do not have a mobile phone for code verification, you can click 'how does mobile sign in work' on the second screen and then continue as a guest.

Both of these methods through PushPay are designed to be quick and easy to use. You are given the opportunity to make a one-time or recurring gift with any major credit card or through your bank account. If you need help, feel free to call the office to walk you through the steps.

You may also continue to mail in your offering.

Thank you for your continued financial support through this challenging time.

Festival of Tables Parish Fellowship Committee

After a meeting on Sunday, March 15, the Parish Fellowship Committee is sadly announcing that we will need to cancel the Festival of Tables scheduled for Saturday, April 18. With an abundance of caution and following the advice of the CDC, we really have had to make the decision to cancel for this spring.

However, we have already rescheduled for April 17, 2021! The photo journalist, Doug Ohman has been rebooked for our 2021 date. The response for the 2020 Festival has been wonderful! We thank you for your enthusiasm and hope that all of you that have prepared for this year will plan to join us in the 2021 Festival. We pray that everyone will remain healthy in these uncertain times. If you have questions, contact Julie Small [kjsmall74@msn.com].

JOY & PRAYER



April

Leland & Marilyn Drossel on 4/23/1965 for 55 years
David & Shirley Hogan on 4/3/1971 for 49 years
Lee & Betty Hinnenkamp on 4/12/1978 for 42 years
Nancy & Martin Menzia on 4/22/1978 for 42 years
Steven & Kay Haglund on 4/25/1981 for 39 years
Joe & Wendy Wegleitner on 4/14/1984 for 36 years

Cameron & Rhonda Slater Ollila on 4/4/1992 for 28 years
Michael & Nancy Varichak on 4/3/1993 for 27 years
Ray & Patty Fabian Jr. on 4/23//2005 for 15 years
Brian & Jessica Munsterman on 4/8/2006 for 14 years
Jonathan & Julie Kosbab on 4/28/2007 for 13 years
Lauren & Jennifer Goldenstein on 4/25/2015 for 5 years



The friends and family of:
Charlotte Johnson



Harper Ann Bertozzi
3/1/2020

Financials

St. Philip's 2019	Actual February	Actual YTD
Income	\$64,168.80	\$128,456.33
Expense	(\$51,893.08)	(\$114,916.85)
TOTALS	\$1,2,275.72	\$13,539.48

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Friendly Takeaway



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Worship Schedule

9:00 am Traditional
10:30 am Contemporary
Currently Live streamed
Stay tuned for more information

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 am EA Group 6:30 pm Lenten Worship - Facebook Live 7:00 pm AA Mtg. Temporarily Suspended WOW & Men's Work Crew Quilters; Adult Catechism Community Supper; Bells of Praise Rehearsal; High School and Middle School Ministry Night First Communion Class; Cantata/ Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	2 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg. Temporarily Suspended Men's Book Discussion; Recovery International	3	4
5 Palm Sunday! 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Temporarily Suspended Youth Time SPARK *Worship will be via Live streamed or In Person - TBD	6 Temporarily Suspended Website Redesign Mtg.; Joy Circle Women's Bible Study; Mat & Chair Yoga; Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	7 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal Temporarily Suspended Tuesdays Together; Parish Fellowship Mtg.	8 10:00 am EA Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg. Temporarily Suspended WOW & Men's Work Crew; Adult Catechism; Community Supper; Bells of Praise Rehearsal; High School and Middle School Ministry Night First Communion Class; Cantata/ Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship; 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg. Temporarily Suspended Recovery International *Worship will be via Live streamed or In Person - TBD	10 7:00 pm Good Friday Cantata *Worship will be via Live Streaming or In Person - TBD	11
12 Happy Easter! 7:00 am Easter Worship 9:00 am Easter Worship 10:30 am Easter Worship *Worship will be via Live streamed or In Person - TBD	13 Easter Monday - Office Closed 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 2:30 pm Lynwood Bingo Temporarily Suspended Benevolence Committee Mtg.; Mat & Chair Yoga; Gam-anon; GA Mtg.	14 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal Temporarily Suspended Tuesdays Together Heritage Group Meeting	15 10:00 am EA Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg. Temporarily Suspended WOW & Men's Work Crew Quilters; Property & Grounds Mtg.; Adult Catechism Community Supper; Bells of Praise Rehearsal; High School and Middle School Ministry Night First Communion Class; Cantata/ Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	16 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg. Temporarily Suspended Men's Book Discussion; Recovery International	17	18
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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.

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).