



The Friend

July Worship Schedule

Beginning July 12

*Worship in the Sanctuary and
Livestream on Facebook Live*

9:00 am (Traditional)

10:30 am (Contemporary)

- *Masks will be required, including while singing*
 - *Communion will be conducted with sealed cups*
 - *Seating will be predetermined to ensure safe physical distancing*

July 2020

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*We look forward to seeing some of you
on July 12!*

PRAYER

Turn to the Lord

Matt Flom, Pastor

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. Isaiah 61:1-4*

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 don't think I'm exaggerating when I say we are living in troubled times. I'm not going to list all the troubles, because I don't know if I'd have room and everyone is sick of all that news anyway. I would rather talk about what to do. As Christians, our first and foremost response to troubled times is to turn to the Lord. It is too easy for us to be overwhelmed by the brokenness of this world. The issues of the day are indeed serious and protracted. We cry out in despair and ask God why? We are often tempted to throw up our hands and say why bother. Someone once told me the best answer to this is to stop telling God how big our problems are and to start telling our problems how big our God is. That may be a bumper sticker, but it's still true.

We can come together as a community to rebuild destroyed buildings, feed the hungry, and comfort those in despair. God can bring new life to a wounded city. God calls us to bring the good news to just such times as these. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the God of healing, redemption, and new life.



Trust God

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid." From the second verse of, "How Firm a Foundation."

The writer goes on to sing us strength and help and to promise that we will still stand. Sometimes recently, that feels doubtful. It is then that we need to trust in God's promises and Jesus' love. God's promises and Jesus' love most often come to us through the blessings of others. Open your heart to them.

As I visit with our shut-ins by phone, I hear their frustration and anxiety. They could well be reciting Psalm 13: 1, "How long, Lord? How long?" And couldn't we all be reciting this verse? We long for things to return to normal even as we seek a new normal with which we can live.

In the midst of it all we must remind ourselves to trust in God's providence and to do what we can for one another. Small gestures and prayer mean a great deal in this time of the pandemic. Probably the most important of these small gestures is to wear a mask when you are out among people. Wearing a mask saves lives and in so doing we keep one another safe. Just do it. And cover your nose as well.

This is also a good time to be thankful for the blessings that still abound -- good friends and neighbors, the beauty of the earth, and small surprises from nature. Drink them in and give thanks. This morning a goldfinch hung on the screen in my study and flapped its wings, "Look at me! See how beautiful I am! Jesus sent me to tell you that you, also, are a beautiful soul." Listen to the birds sing and the susurrations of the wind in the trees. They are music to soothe your soul.

Blessings to you all. Hang in there. God has got this!



JOY & PRAYER

Peace

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

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Grace and Peace to you and your loved ones, I hope and pray this finds you happy, safe, and healthy. Well, here we are... around 100 plus days into our temporary new normal. Some days I can hardly believe it's been this long! Time sure can go by so fast. Then again, for some, it can feel like an eternity. My family and I have used this time staying busy with work, enjoying extra free time to work on projects around the house, learn new things, and enjoy the time spent together.

On Sunday mornings when I go into church to record our worship services, I find myself looking over at the Pray Ground. One morning, my emotions came over me like a flood. I miss seeing the kiddos playing during worship. I miss hearing their giggles, little feet running, and even their cries. Tears came to my eyes as I looked over at the play area, sitting there untouched, as if it were waiting for the children to come. I imagined then, each of your homes, filled with those noises I so missed. A sense of peace came over me, and a smile came to my face. One day we will all gather again and those noises will fill the Sanctuary. I'm sure tears will fill my eyes then too... I miss y'all so much!

When thinking about the health and safety for our littlest friends and our volunteers, the Children, Youth & Family Team and I have spoken and made the incredibly difficult decision to cancel this year's Vacation Bible School. This has weighed heavily on my heart for months now, and as we didn't want to take another thing away from the children in our community who have already had so much taken away due to the COVID-19 virus, we felt it would be for the best.

Although we will not have a typical Vacation Bible School program, I am working on a few fun alternatives for later this summer. Stay tuned for more info coming soon!

I pray you all stay healthy. I pray you know that you are missed and loved. I pray you feel God's arms around you, giving you strength and peace. Blessings to you.

Peace

PRAYER & THANKS

Faith

LaRae Kazmierkoski, President

I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying summer! The events of the past month have been disturbing, and adding that to the unknown of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are feeling anxious and depressed. Fortunately, God is taking care of us and prayer will help alleviate some of those difficult feelings. During this unsettling time that is our strongest weapon. So, take a few minutes each day to intentionally pray and meditate. Join Pastor Matt for his prayer meeting, call a friend and share feelings. Take care of yourself and have faith that all will be well. As people of faith, we will continue to change and grow our church home. Worship already looks different with many joining from the comfort of their homes! We will continue to change in other ways in order to keep St. Philip's a vibrant and involved family of strong believers. I thank God daily for all he has done, and for taking such good care of our St. Philip's family! We are so blessed, even if at times it doesn't feel like it. Thanks be to God!

Board of Administration Highlights

- In preparation for reopening St. Philip's for onsite worship and meetings of various groups and other congregations, the BOA passed motions at a special meeting on June 4 to approve the Reopening Standard Operating Procedures as prepared by staff, and worship/music leaders
- Sunday, July 12 was approved as the reopening date for onsite Sanctuary worship services with the exception of a renter to meet as a small group in Fellowship Hall beginning June 14
- Passed resolution of confidence in Property & Grounds Committee to move forward with spending of their budgeted monies for safety and other projects as deemed appropriate
- Worship attendance, giving, and ministries continue to be strong; a letter from Pastor Matt and President LaRae Kazmierkoski will outline current state and goals for the future
- Racial Reconciliation: Pastor Matt is planning a prayer service in unity with the churches that worship at St. Philip's

Backpacks and School Supplies

The Benevolence Committee will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for the Fridley schools, as well as food shelf visitors. We anticipate a greater need this year, so we are hoping for a good response! Those who choose to worship onsite will find a tag board in the Narthex, beginning Sunday, July 12. Those who would rather donate money and have us shop may do so. Watch for details in July. As always, thank you for your generosity!

Thank You - Meals on Wheels

In this crazy world people still need to eat and we continue to help by delivering Meals on Wheels. This service is greatly appreciated. A big virtual hug and thank you to those who reached out to people in need: Roger and Ellen Musolf, Steve Ess, Chuck and Kathy Eichelberger, Harlan Hohenstein, Sandy and Eldy Nelson, Monica Anderson, Edd and Gidget Brooks, and Richard and Dawn Young. If you are interested in helping with Meals on Wheels, please contact the church office [763-571-1500].

PRAYER & JOY

Endowment Committee

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

May Memorials & Gifts

Shirley Herrick

Virgil Herrick

Mary Johnson

Vern Johnson

Lillian Meyer

Mary Peterson

Sulasalmi Fund, Mpls Foundation

To learn more about the many ways you can contribute to the growth of the Endowment Fund, go to our website at www.splcmn.org click on Ministries, then click Endowment Fund. Also, envelopes and pamphlets are in the church office.

Financials

St. Philip's 2020	Actual May	Actual YTD
Income	\$99,223.98	\$358,792.23
Expense	(\$44,257.08)	(\$266,675.65)
TOTALS	\$54,966.90	\$92,116.58

Heritage Group

What a spring this has been! The church is surviving; services are online; staff and committees are still functioning as much as possible. The Heritage Group still exists and looks forward to the time when we can be together again.

Meanwhile, congregational members have been sheltering in place and working on "To Do" lists. Are cleaning closets, emptying drawers, organizing photos on your list? Have you been working on those? If you're making progress, maybe you have discovered items from our St. Philip's history.

The Heritage Group is still looking for records from the past. Please continue to look for and save paper records and photographs. When the church is open again, drop off your finds, marked for the Heritage Group, in the office. The group thanks you for your support and looks forward to better days ahead.

JOY & PRAYER



July

Robert & Marlis Johnson on 7/18/1959 for 61 Years
James & Miriam Hougen on 7/30/1961 for 59 Years
Fred & Janice Kunze on 7/28/1962 for 58 Years
Thomas & Sandra Kallroos on 7/15/1962 for 58 Years
George & Janice Dean on 7/27/1963 for 57 Years
Charles & Bunny Nara on 7/27/1963 for 57 Years
Roger & Mary Gehrke on 7/10/1965 for 55 Years
Gordon & Dorothy Kuluvar on 7/30/1967 for 53 Years
Kenneth & Myra Munsterman on 7/1/1967 for 53 Years
John & Margaret Fricke on 7/21/1968 for 52 Years
Ralph & Janet Thompto on 7/9/1968 for 52 Years
Dennis & Sharon Christensen on 7/25/1970 for 50 Years
Ronald & Charmaine Cadwell on 7/31/1971 for 49 Years

Todd & Jody Bjerknes on 7/19/1975 for 45 Years
Larry & Kathy Weegman on 7/18/1981 for 39 Years
Murray & Miriam Jensen on 7/14/1984 for 36 Years
Jim & Gail Fackler on 7/5/1997 for 23 Years
R.T. & Amy Taylor on 7/24/1999 for 21 Years
Mike & Gina Paton on 7/1/2000 for 20 Years
Ann & Michael Kozarek on 7/26/2003 for 17 Years
Elizabeth & William Wackman on 7/12/2003 for 17 Years
Ryan & Ingrid Kleinjan on 7/23/2004 for 16 Years
Stacey & Jeremy Repinski on 7/10/2004 for 16 Years
Dan & Katie Mae Pritchard on 7/2/2004 for 16 Years
Scott & Jennifer Bjerketvedt on 7/17/2007 for 13 Years
Matthew & Jennifer Brooks on 7/14/2012 for 8 Years



The friends and family of:

Shirley Backstrom

Janet Beaupre

Virgil & Shirley Herrick

Paul Johnson



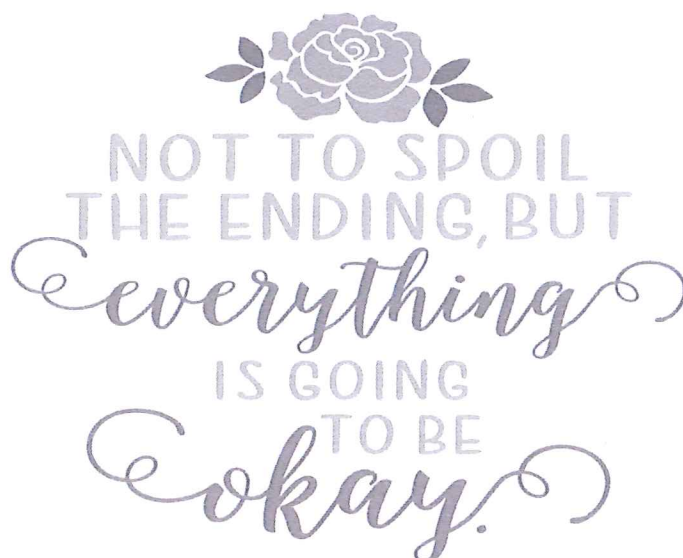
Colten Christopher Bredman

6/28/20

Cooper Alexander Bredman

6/28/20

Friendly Takeaway



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Worship Schedule

9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

Currently streaming on Facebook Live,
our website, and on our new App

In person worship begins July 12

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 4:00 pm Adult Catechism - Facebook Live 5:00 pm Food Shelf - Curbside Pickup 5:30 pm Community Supper Curbside Pickup	2	3 Office Closed 	4 Happy 4th of July!
5 9:00 am Worship - Facebook Live 10:30 am Worship - Facebook Live	6	7 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together - Facebook Live 6:30 pm Prayer Group - Facebook Live	8 8:30 am Men's Work Crew 4:00 pm Adult Catechism - Facebook Live 5:00 pm Food Shelf - Curbside Pickup 5:30 pm Community Supper Curbside Pickup	9	10 10:00 am Food Shelf - Curbside Pickup	11
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

Place Label Here

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).