



The Friend

Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for
every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up
what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to
gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to
refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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PRAYER

Knowing God

Matt Flom, Pastor

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; Hebrews 12:28

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. Are you up for a game of Bible trivia? Oh, well maybe some other time then. All kidding aside, we often mistake knowing many things about God for actually knowing God. We may read several books about a famous person, we can memorize all kinds of facts about them, but that doesn't mean that we know them personally. Our faith should lead us to trust in God's promises and into a life giving relationship with God. So, knowing about God is indeed important, so that we know enough about who God is to trust his promises. We also should develop a relationship with God.

A key part of developing a relationship with anyone is shared experiences. We get to know, like, and even love people with whom we spend time, have fun, and overcome difficulties. It is very similar with God. We need to spend time with and for God in order to grow in our relationship with God. There are seven purposes of the Christian church: Worship, Discipleship, Stewardship, Sabbath, Fellowship, Service, and Evangelism. We instinctively know that worship is at the center of our faith, but we often lump sabbath in as just the day we worship. Sabbath is intentionally setting aside time to be with and for God so that we can grow in our relationship with God. Our path then, is to not only set aside time to worship God, (at church or in the time of COVID, online) but to set time aside to meditate on God's Word to us and pray. We can pray what is on our hearts, we can pray using the words of scripture, we can pray using the Lord's Prayer, and we can pray by listening for God's voice to enter our thoughts and feelings. Have a blessed sabbath time with and for God this week and every week.



Listening

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

"Be Still and Know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

How good are you at listening? God calls us to listen to God, but God also calls us to listen to others.

Visiting people in person or on the phone requires listening skills. You must pay attention to the one who is seeking to communicate with you. They deserve all of your attention. Shut off the radio or TV. Ask questions and then clarify what you are asking them.

Go ahead and ask about their family, their health, favorite books, or sports. Ask what it is like for them now with COVID. Are they able to see family? Do they have to order groceries online?

And ask about their prayer life and how you might pray for them. And then do it.

You can share your personal information as well. They want to know how you are and how things are at church. But remember that the visit is about them.

Maybe the easier part is listening to God. Find a quiet place and put yourself in God's hands. Listen to see what God has to say to you. Maybe you don't hear anything and your own mind starts working overtime. Try again.

We know how to ask God for what we need. Now is the time to listen to see what God needs from us. Miracles happen in these silent spaces and we hear God tell us that God is with us and watches over us and heals us.

Let me tell you about a miracle that happened to me last week. I sustained over 40 bee stings working in my garden. The pain and itching were awful. I didn't sleep for about ten days. And then, on day ten, I sat back in my chair to take a nap, still full of welts and itching. I woke up a half hour later and the itching was gone. Totally and completely gone. I shared this with a friend and he said at that time his staff at the church where he works were praying for me. God heard my cry and healed me. God listens. All the time. So should we.

St. Philip's Website

Coming to a screen near you - the redesigned St. Philip's website!

You'll find:

- New information on the many St. Philip's ministries and educational opportunities
- Links to worship services, online giving, the church calendar, and more
- Online prayer request form
- Information on over 50 ways to serve
- New photos, colors, and fonts

The website content was written with St. Philip's members, visitors, and potential members in mind. Watch for it on your computer, tablet, or phone just in time for Rally Sunday kickoff on September 13th.

PRAYER & SERVE

Worry Less, Pray More

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

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34

It's pretty easy to worry. Some worry if they will have a place to sleep or a meal to eat. Some worry if they are a good parent. Some worry if they are providing the best care for an aging parent or spouse. Some worry that they aren't enough. I'm sure in some way or another, we all worry about something. Whether your worry is big or small, God knows your worry and I believe He is able to ease that burden for you. . .through prayer.

As we jump into the school year, I know many parents and guardians in our community are being asked to adjust to having their child participate in distance learning or in-person/hybrid learning. For many, this school year will bring a lot of worry. Are our children going to miss out on anything? Did we as parents make the right decision? Will our children and their teachers stay healthy? Will we be able to provide enough time, patience, and support for our children as we go about this new way of learning? Throughout all of this worry, the answer is prayer. I have done my fair share of worrying this summer, believe me, but when that worry starts to creep into my mind, I stop and pray. God answers those prayers by giving me peace of mind that all will be ok. I know He can do the same for others.

I am really excited for this program year at church. Things may not go or look the same as they did a year ago, but one thing is for sure, we are all in this together and with God's help, it's sure to be great!

So, when worries start to creep into your mind, remember to stop and pray. God will always be there for you.

Rally Sunday - Service Projects To - Go

Each year, on Rally Sunday, we participate in God's Work, Our Hands service projects. Instead of gathering in-person to work together on various projects, we are inviting you to work on the projects at home as a family. All of the supplies you will need will be available for pick-up, or can be delivered to your home.

This year's projects include:

- Rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries
- Writing/decorating cards for residents of White Pines and The Landmark
- Tying fleece blankets for the Food & Clothing Shelf
- Sewing diapers from t-shirts for Global Health Ministries
- Cutting out fleece mittens for St. Philip's Mitten Makers to sew and then distribute to local schools

Contact Connie [ConnieY@splcmn.org] if you have questions or would like the supplies delivered to your home.

Change

LaRae Kazmierkoski, President

Fall is just around the corner, and we can see changes in the scenery and changes in the air! Change is getting to be a common word for us these days, and I think we are learning to accept it. We have seen quite a few changes these past six months and I'm betting we will see more in the coming months. Changes are happening at St. Philip's as well! Rally Sunday is coming and will not look the same as in past years. God's Work, Our Hands will also look different. But we have adapted, thanks to our staff, who have made changes that work, and are exiting and fun. We are doing well. Make "change is exciting" your new mantra! God works in mysterious ways - even making us old Lutherans open to change! Thank you, God, for continuing to bless us!

Board of Administration Highlights

- A call committee of six people were elected at the well-attended congregational meeting on Sunday, August 2 in our parking lot; weekly meetings have been set to conduct their work beginning with updating the Ministry Site Profile to evaluate the need for a part-time associate pastor
- Our financial situation is good, as many members have kept up with their pledges
- Lighting for the east parking lot will be upgraded this fall using Property and Grounds budgeted funds and labor provided by our congregation.

Food & Clothing Shelf

Curbside food distribution is available on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30 pm and Friday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 am. We will hand out one prepackaged bag of non-perishable food and one bag of perishable food to include; milk, cheese, eggs and a frozen meat product (assuming all are available). As you drive up, stay in your car and you will be met by one of our volunteers. We will ask for your name and then bring the food out to your car. All of our volunteers will be wearing masks.

If you would like to shop for clothing we now are bringing racks of clothing outside. One person (mask required) at a time is allowed to get out of the car and select from the clothing available.

We will continue this schedule until the Minnesota Department of Health, gives further instructions.

Please email [info@splcmn.org] or visit our website at [splcmn.org] for more information.

Quilters

We hope that everyone is continuing to stay safe and healthy. Beginning Wednesday, September 16 we will start meeting again at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Lounge and Room 3. All quilters will need to wear masks and practice social distancing, including during our coffee break. We hope to see as many of you who feel comfortable to join us.

PRAYER & THANKS

Call Committee Members

The call committee was established to lead in the call process for a part-time associate pastor. The committee is in the middle stages of completing a Ministry Site Profile which is the standard document congregations of the ELCA use to study who we are and what we need in a pastor.

Kari Davies

I live in Spring Lake Park with my husband Al and daughter, Kaitlyn and have been a member of St. Philip's since 2004. When we can all be in the Sanctuary I help the band with sound checks and getting Kaitlyn's and Al's music ready. Recently I have been helping them with recording their songs and sending them to Cheri to work her magic with the sound mixing. I am also co-leader of Kaitlyn's Girl Scout troop and enjoy crocheting, knitting, and sewing.

Phyllis Ehlers

I am a blessed Child of God and mother of two girls and grandmother of two grandsons. I have also been blessed with one son-in-law and a loving husband. My hobbies are reading, playing bridge, and sewing.

Aaron Gondorchin

I have two children, Paige and Logan, who have grown up in their faith at St. Philip's. I married my wife, Staci, at St. Philip's in February of 2002. I have enjoyed being a member at St. Philip's and have met many wonderful people here. One of my most favorite memories of St. Philip's was chaperoning the youth mission trip to Denver Colorado in 2019!

Dianne Lundeen

Jim and I took a year to visit churches before deciding in the fall of 2010 to join St. Philip's rather than a church closer to home. We wanted a church that was open to and welcomed all. Must-haves were a choir at a traditional worship service and a pipe organ. Music is a big part of my life, and I made it my career. I have enjoyed singing in the choir since 2010. The traditional service with its liturgy and music has always been more meaningful to me.

Ryan Nestrud

My wife and I have been married for five years now and currently are focusing on raising our fun two-year old son Phillip. We moved to New Brighton a little over 1 1/2 years ago. I enjoy being a part of a softball team in the summer, small house projects, and game nights with my family and friends.

Kara Ruwart

I am so blessed to be a part of St. Philip's for my whole life. My parents were charter members so I was baptized, confirmed, married, (Tom Ruwart) and our now adult children, Kaylene and Thomas, were also baptized and confirmed here. I have been on many committees. A couple fun facts, Tom and I started the 20+ young adults group when we were that age and I painted the Noah's Ark painting in the Nursery (a memorial) and the Gathering Corner picture. We live in Fridley.

Growing Through Loss

This 6-week series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session begins with an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by small groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Although there is no cost, donations are welcome. Registration takes place each evening before the program. Church affiliation is not necessary. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions. We will be following Incarnation Lutheran Church's facility use policy during this pandemic. Child care will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. For more information, call [763-755-5335] or visit [\[www.growingthroughloss.org\]](http://www.growingthroughloss.org). The next series will be held Thursday evenings, September 10 - October 15, from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at: Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Rd., Shoreview, MN 55126.

New Books in the Library

The Library Group has recently updated the collection to reflect today's concerns about race, race relations, and white supremacy. Stop by to check new books, there's something for all ages. Use the books to begin dialogue with friends and family about these topics. Watch for more titles next month. Look for these in the *New Books* section.

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams. Atheneum, 2019. This novel tells the powerful story of 13-year-old Genesis who believes she is the cause of her family's problems. Because her skin is so dark, she must overcome racism to learn to love herself.

Raising White Kids by Jennifer Harvey. Abingdon Press, 2017. This is a book for families and churches who want to equip their children to be active and able citizens in a racially diverse world.

White Fragility by Robin DeAngelo. Beacon Press, 2018. The author explains why it is so hard for white people to talk about racism and how that prevents society from doing anything about it.

Antiracist Baby by Ibram X. Kendi. Kokila, 2020. This picture book presents nine easy steps for building a more equitable world for youngest readers and grownups by giving them the language necessary to begin critical conversations.

Something Happened in Our Town by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard. Magination Press, 2018. This is a story about racial injustice and attempts to answer questions about traumatic events. It includes extensive notes to parents and caregivers.

Meals on Wheels

We all need those summer meals even if we can't fix them ourselves. We are blessed to have so many big-hearted people who volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels! A big thank you and a virtual hug to the drivers for August: Monica Anderson, Edd and Gidget Brooks, Chuck and Kathy Eichelberger, Harlan Hohenstein, Eldy and Sandy Nelson, Flo O'Donnell, Lynette Thompson, and Ann Westby. If you would like to volunteer for this easy, rewarding COVID-19-safe outreach please notify the church office at [763-571-1500].

THANKS & PRAYER

Endowment Committee

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Be a Blessing for Future Generations!

July Memorials & Gifts

Phyllis Lekang Borud

Edward Hatlem

Shirley Herrick

Virgil Herrick

Charlotte Johnson

Paul Johnson

To honor Ron Seekamp

Legacy Circle Gift:

In Memory of Paul & Charlotte Johnson

Thank you to all who support the Endowment Fund!

Gifts in memory of someone, to celebrate a special occasion,
or in simple gratitude, should specify "Endowment Fund" on checks.

Financials

St. Philip's 2020	Actual July	Actual YTD
Income	\$71,896.72	\$516,852.50
Expense	(\$41,702.38)	(\$359,102.72)
TOTALS	\$30,194.34	\$157,749.78



September

Richard & Beverly Schillinger on 9/22/1951 for 69 Years	Kenneth & Sheryl Oestreich on 9/24/1977 for 43 Years
Duane & Anita Prairie on 9/7/1957 for 63 Years	Linda & Gene Gondorchin on 9/17/1977 for 43 Years
Edward & Judith Simko on 9/13/1958 for 62 Years	John & Kathy Swenson on 9/10/1977 for 43 Years
Lawrence & Meredith Hille on 9/24/1960 for 60 Years	Brian & Marna Dahlgren on 9/18/1982 for 38 Years
Richard & Joyce Lekang on 9/29/1962 for 58 Years	Fred & Lynne Hagggar on 9/3/1988 for 32 Years
Chuck & Suzanne Lunde on 9/1/1962 for 58 Years	Robert & Cathy Barker on 9/29/1990 for 30 Years
Richard & Olga Palmer on 9/30/1967 for 53 Years	Darrell & Amy Hauge on 9/1/1990 for 30 Years
Robert & Rebecca Becker on 9/13/1969 for 51 Years	Jennifer & Kent Tjader on 9/19/1992 for 28 Years
Myron & Rosemary Mehl on 9/26/1972 for 48 Years	Al & Kari Davies on 9/18/1999 for 21 Years
Donna & Ronald Medin on 9/5/1972 for 48 Years	Julie & Michael Booth on 9/4/1999 for 21 Years
Clark & Kristine Poelzer on 9/1/1973 for 47 Years	Timothy & Celeste Prairie on 9/16/2000 for 20 Years
Kent & Julie Small on 9/7/1974 for 46 Years	Dave & Rachael Ostrom on 9/8/2001 for 19 Years
Ronald & Jennifer Prasek on 9/13/1975 for 45 Years	Geoff & Kris Meisner on 9/3/2005 for 15 Years
Robert & Mary Shimanski on 9/6/1975 for 45 Years	David & Lori Shelton on 9/2/2012 for 8 Years
Allen & Jan Spitzer on 9/6/1975 for 45 Years	

*May the Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.*

Friendly Takeaway



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Worship Schedule

9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

In person worship now open

Currently streaming on Facebook Live

Past links can be found on our website,
E-News, and on our App

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

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).