

October 25 – November 1, 2020

Confirmation Sunday!

Please join me in congratulating and praying for our 2020 Confirmands! These three youth will publicly affirm their Baptism at the 10:30 am worship service today: Allison Lyn Yerigan, Logan Aaron Gondorchin, and Samuel Michael Gemlo! We are so proud of them!

Friendly Reminder: Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour

Daylight Savings Time is ending next weekend. Make sure to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31.

Message from Pastor Matt

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The call committee is moving forward. After receiving a slate of excellent candidates from the synod, the committee decided on how many to interview for the first round. The first-round interviews will take place online during the next two weeks. The group will be whittled down for a second round of interviews in early November. The committee hopes to have a candidate for the congregation by the end of November. We are still working on how best to hold a safe distanced congregational meeting that allows for everyone to ask questions and have input. Please keep the congregation, the committee, and the candidates in your prayers.

Sanctuary Worship Guidelines

If you feel it's safe for you to worship at church, we ask that you adhere to some simple precautions to ensure your safety and those around you. Please remember to wear a mask at all times, including while singing and maintain proper physical distance to those around you. We invite all congregants to fill out the Connection Card on our St. Philip's App and use the app for secure giving for your offering. If you wish to give via envelope, there will be a basket near the entrance. After the service is over, please choose to visit with others outside in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

Sealed Communion Cups for At-Home Worship

Pre-packaged communion cups are available for pick up outside the office in the Narthex if you wish to participate in Holy Communion from home while watching our livestream worship services on Facebook. Door 2 is unlocked Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Accessing Facebook Livestream on Our New Website

To access Facebook from our new website, [www.splcmn.org] simply click the big blue button on the left side of the homepage that reads, 'Watch Live on Facebook'. It will lead you directly to our Facebook page, [<https://www.facebook.com/splcmn>] where you can view the Sunday morning worship services at 9:00 and 10:30 am, and other ministries during the week, including: Tuesdays Together at 1:00 pm and the Tuesday Evening Prayer Group at 6:30 pm. On Wednesdays, the Adult Catechism is live on Facebook at 4:00 pm.

Working Together to Enhance Worship Experience

We strive to bring you the best for your online worship experience. Sometimes we run into issues that are beyond our control, but please know we are working on upgrading our current equipment for better audio and visual. We will provide more information as our new system is implemented. Thank you for your patience!

Financial Giving Options

St. Philip's offers three ways to electronically give! The first option can be accessed through the church app. At the bottom of the screen is a heart that says 'Give'. If you click on the heart, you will be taken directly to our giving site. The second option is to text SPLCMNGIVE to 77977 from your smartphone and click on the link it sends back to you. The third option can be accessed on our new website [www.splcmn.org]. From a desktop, go to the word 'Give' on the top of the screen (white font) and two options will appear. Click on the words, '[Online Giving](#)'. If accessing our website from a smartphone, click on the menu button, (three white stripes in the top right corner) and from there click on 'Give', and then '[Online Giving](#)'. All these methods through PushPay are designed to be quick, secure, and easy to use. You can also bring your offering on Sunday morning, or send it by mail.

St. Philip's Website

We hope you are enjoying our newly designed St. Philip's website!

With the renovated website, complete with photos, you can easily find information on our ministries and educational opportunities, as well as links to worship services, our calendar, online giving, and more. If you are interested in serving, we present over 50 ways you can. To access the website, please visit [www.splcmn.org].

Have You Downloaded the St. Philip's App?

We are excited that so many have been enjoying our app! As of today, 252 people have downloaded it onto their phone or tablet. Our app is designed to help us all stay connected, 'on the go' and offers access to our worship services, church communications, volunteer opportunities, and our calendar. You also have the opportunity to submit prayer requests and electronically give of your offering through quick and secure means. If you have any questions about our app, please contact Jeannine or Connie in the office.

Food & Clothing Shelf Drive-up Distribution

Curbside food distribution continues to be available outside of Door 3 on Wednesdays evenings from 5:00 – 6:30 pm and Friday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 am. We hand out one prepackaged bag of non-perishable food and one prepackaged bag of perishable food.

As you drive up, please stay in your car and you will be met by one of our volunteers who will be wearing a mask. We will ask for your name then bring the food out to your car.

If you would like to shop for clothing, we will bring racks of clothing outside until the weather becomes too cold to do so. One person (mask required) at a time may get out of the car and select from the clothing available.

Watch our website at www.splcmn.org for any cold weather changes or scheduling information.

Food & Clothing Shelf Needs

Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off in the collection boxes near the Food & Clothing Shelf entrance. Our current needs:

- Warm gloves and mittens for adults
- New sock for adults
- New underwear for adults

If you have any questions, please contact the office [\[info@splcmn.org\]](mailto:info@splcmn.org).

Community Supper – Please Sign Up to Help

The Community Supper is in need of volunteers to prep the Wednesday meal (3:00 – 5:00 pm), distribute the food to cars (5:00 – 7:00 pm), and sanitize tables, cart, and countertops afterwards (5:30 – 7:00 pm). Note: there is some flexibility in these times. Contact Renee Youngberg to learn more. 150 meals are served each week so it is important to have the right number of volunteers for each shift. Please sign up in advance to ensure there aren't too few (or too many) volunteers. It's easy to sign up for a shift or two:

- Use SignUpGenius by clicking [here](#).
- Use SignUpGenius through St. Philip's website. The link is under Serve/Community Supper.
- Use SignUpGenius through the St. Philip's App. The link is under Home/Connect/Volunteer Options/Community Supper.
- Call Renee Youngberg at [763-258-7807].
- Email Renee Youngberg at [\[falkum23@gmail.com\]](mailto:falkum23@gmail.com).

No experience is needed and volunteers do not need to be members of St. Philip's. COVID-19 precautions are in place for all volunteers.

Trunks & Treats Event Cancelled

In support of keeping everyone safe and healthy, we will not be hosting the Trunks & Treats event this year.

Meals on Wheels

Covid 19 has had another effect on people. More people are signing up for Meals on Wheels! So now our drivers are giving a little extra to serve this need. We are so blessed to have a group of devoted drivers who willingly become Jesus hands and feet to help our neighbors. Blessings and a big Thank You to our October drivers: Monica Anderson, Gidget and Edd Brooks, Chuck and Kathy Eichelberger, Steve Ess, Renee Johnson, Roger and Helen Musolf, Sandy Nelson, Lynette Thompson, Ann Westby, and Richard and Dawn Young. A special welcome to new drivers, Larry and Phyllis Ehlers!

Please contact the church office [\[info@splcmn.org\]](mailto:info@splcmn.org) if you would be willing to help with this outreach. We drive for one week every nine weeks and you can choose the days you drive.

Board of Administration Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held this Monday, October 26, at 6:30 pm in the Lounge or online through Google Meet. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to join by Google Meet, please contact Pastor Matt for the call-in number and instructions [\[MattF@splcmn.org\]](mailto:MattF@splcmn.org) or [763-571-1500 x112].

The November *Friend*

The *Friend* will be emailed to you before the beginning of the month. You can also find a copy in our app, new website, and E-News. Those without email on file will be mailed a paper copy. Please let the office know if you would also prefer a copy mailed to you.

Meetings and Ministries

Our top priority is to keep our congregation safe while still serving God. We encourage small groups to continue using online meeting options. Otherwise, rooms may be occupied at 50% capacity. Please contact Jeannine [\[JeannineA@splcmn.org\]](mailto:JeannineA@splcmn.org) or Katie [\[KatieS@splcmn.org\]](mailto:KatieS@splcmn.org) to reserve a room. If you would like your group meeting to be announced in the E-News, please contact Jenni [\[JenniA@splcmn.org\]](mailto:JenniA@splcmn.org).

Office Operations

As we continue to wade the waters of the COVID-19 world, the office will remain closed until further notice. Our staff continues to work, mostly remotely, but can be reached via email, text, or phone. We ask that you do not come to the office during this time, but if you would like to schedule a time to meet with any of our staff, we are happy to do so. Please contact the church [763-571-1500] or the staff member directly. Click [here](#) for our team's contact information. Thank you!