

# March 7 - 14, 2021

## Lent Worship Schedule:

**Wednesday Evenings**

**March 10 - March 24**

**6:30 pm worship**

**In-Person or Live Streamed**

The services can be accessed by clicking the "**Watch Live**" (in real-time) or "**Watch on Facebook**" (if viewing in real-time or at a later date) buttons on the homepage of the St. Philip's website.

### **Accessing Live Streamed Services and Ministries from Our Website**

To access live streamed worship services in real-time at 9:00 or 10:30 am, and during Lent worship, go to our website homepage [[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org)], and click the button that reads, '**Watch Live**'. If you are watching the worship service any other time of day, click the button that reads, '**Watch on Facebook**' and you will be directed to our Facebook page [[www.facebook.com/splcmn](https://www.facebook.com/splcmn)]. During the week, we offer ministries and groups, including Tuesdays Together at 1:00 pm and the Tuesday Evening Prayer Group at 6:30 pm. On Wednesdays, the Adult Catechism is live at 4:00 pm. To access these, please continue to view on our Facebook page.

### **Sanctuary Worship Guidelines**

If you would like to worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, please join us! We ask that you follow some simple measures to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Please remember to wear a mask throughout the duration of worship and maintain proper physical distance to those around you.

### **First Communion Classes are Around the Corner!**

We are excited for the return of our First Communion classes this Lenten season. We will have safety measures in place for in-person classes and will also be offering a way for families to participate in virtual classes from home if they wish. Classes will be Thursday, March 18 and 25, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Children will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1 at our 6:30 pm worship service. Register at [<https://forms.gle/FTxcq5pKoRvp4wUJA>] or find the form on our app and website. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Yerigan at [[ConnieY@splcmn.org](mailto:ConnieY@splcmn.org)].

## **Easter Flowers – Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter flower for the Sanctuary. They will add even more joy and beauty to an already magnificent and glorious day. The flowers may be picked up and brought home any time after the 10:30 am Easter service. We appreciate your support.

## **St. Philip's Disaster Relief**

The state of Texas was hit hard with a severe winter storm. Dangerous roadways, several inches of snow, severe cold for Texas, power outages, and frozen water pipes were experienced across the state. Though our teams cannot travel to Texas, we have given assistance in the recovery. The SPDR ministry has sent \$2,000 to be divided between our partners at the Salvation Army, First Lutheran Church of Galveston, and the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

Also, our ministry has purchased approximately \$900 worth of plumbing supplies that included 500 feet of copper and PVC pipe along with 1,000 pieces of pipe fittings. This figure also includes shipping. The supplies were sent to our partners Pastor Stacy Springer and Pastor Deb Grant for distribution to several churches in Houston and Galveston. They will in turn redistribute to homeowners for repair of broken water pipes. Thank you for your support. The journey continues.

## **Proposed Move for the Food & Clothing Shelf**

The Board of Administration will discuss the proposed move of the Food & Clothing Shelf at their next meeting on Monday, March 22. The Food & Clothing Shelf has outgrown their current space in Rooms 11 and 12. The Property & Grounds Committee recognized an opportunity for growth for the F&CS and are looking to move the prevalent ministry into Rooms 16, 17, and 18. Discussion with all parties affected by this move has transpired with overwhelming positive feedback. We encourage you, should you have any questions or concerns, to contact anyone on the Property & Grounds Committee or Katie Swenstad in the office [[KatieS@splcmn.org](mailto:KatieS@splcmn.org)].

## **Food & Clothing Shelf Drive-up Distribution**

The Food & Clothing Shelf will be continuing with Door 3 curbside food distribution. We are open Tuesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 am, Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, and Friday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Free clothes shopping is also available (one person at a time, masks required) inside the Door 3 Foyer. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 recommendations as we make plans for the future. Watch the St. Philip's website at [[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org)] for any changes and scheduling information.

## **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 Abiding Savior Lutheran Church's facility use policy during this pandemic. Childcare will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. Call [763-755-5335] or visit [[www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org)] for more information. The next series will be held Tuesday evenings, April 6 - May 11, from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Dr. in Mounds View.

## **Facebook Engagement**

We are happy that you have been enjoying our services, meetings, and informational posts on Facebook. We look forward to continuing to bring you content that expresses our love for God and his love for us. We feel it is important to share his good news amongst the St. Philip's community, but also with our friends and neighbors who are not connected to St. Philip's. We strongly encourage you to not only watch or read the posts, but to engage on our Facebook page. Please like, share, and comment on what you see.

## **Financial Giving Options**

St. Philip's offers four 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 website [[www.splcmn.org](http://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) from there click on 'Give', and then '[Online Giving](#)'. Lastly, you can access our giving portal through the E-News. At the bottom right corner of the page, next to the St. Philip's contact information are the words, '[Online Giving](#)'. Click on the link and you will be taken directly to our giving site. PushPay is designed to be quick, secure, and easy to use. You can also bring your offering on Sunday morning, or send it by mail.

## **Community Supper – Please Sign Up to Help**

The Community Supper needs 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.

We are serving about 170 people each week, so it is important to have the right number of volunteers for each shift. No experience is needed and we welcome everyone to volunteer for a shift or two. We have implemented all necessary COVID-19 precautions.

Please sign up in advance to ensure there aren't too few (or too many) volunteers. You may sign up using one of the following methods:

- 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)].