

*Hello
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2019

SAINT PHILIP

MONTHLY SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

*Hello
July*

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Want to join in the Mission of God
by joining St. Philip?

Talk with Pastor or other Council
or Elders about joining on our next
New Member Sunday, Sept 1!



Pastor's Report

Your Faith This Summer and Looking Forward to Fall



What is working for you in growing in your faith, in following Jesus?

What is not working for you?

What needs to change?

One thing we emphasize at St. Philip is the importance of what we call “disciplined spiritual companionship.”

Disciplined = regular/planned/designed.

Spiritual = what goes on is about what God is doing to us and through us.

Companionship = what goes on is something done with others, not by yourself.

As you walk with Christ, as you follow Jesus this summer, in what way are you experiencing or involved in a “disciplined spiritual companionship”?

It could be a bible class with a group, a small group about bible/faith/life, a regularly scheduled coffee conversation with a friend, or other.

While the Faith Formation (adult and child) programs of St. Philip slow down in June, July and August, I encourage you to look for spiritual companions and keep the conversation going. Then, know that we are putting plans together now for September – May for St. Philip School of Discipleship classes that are shaping up like this so far:

For 12 Sundays in the Fall:

-Luther: Gospel, Law and Reformation (using The Great Courses, Professor Phillip Cary, Eastern University, with ½ hour lectures and Pastor Johan as ½ hour facilitator of discussion). No course book required.

For 7 Wednesdays in the Fall:

-By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism (Instructor: Pastor Johan). Course book required.

For 7 Wednesdays in the Winter:

-Making Sense of Scripture (Instructor: Pastor Johan) Course book required.

That's where we are right now in planning. I share all this to whet your appetite and to encourage you to do what you can this summer to keep in Prayer (bible/conversation/worship) and Action (serving/volunteering in community) in Christ. Also note that we now have a St. Philip Media Center and Bookstore located in the Family Life Center with the honor system for payment. New and used books available for purchase, good titles that will feed your soul. Other media to come!

Together with you, growing in faith,
Pastor Johan



Presidents Report Summer 2019

I am a mom, grandmother and great grandmother to two wonderful boys. While my children were growing up we logged countless hours in various vehicles and dozens of long road trips. We traveled from coast to coast seeing all God's wonderful scenic wonders of the United States and Canada. As our children got older and we became grandparents we started taking our granddaughter along on those trips. We lived in Minnesota, so we traveled a lot to West Virginia to see family. Road trips are filled with great potential for fun, adventure and building family relationships. One of more favorite things to do was to go fishing. I grew up loving to fish as did our children, granddaughter and now our two wonderful great grandsons are learning to love as well.

For me growing up in Minnesota was a wonderful adventure itself. I was raised on a farm, so I was in constant contact with nature. Yes, I milked cows, drove the tractor, plowed and did all the things associated with farming. It was small town life which was fine. We attended church Sunday morning in the local small town. Ours was the largest of the three churches. The sanctuary entry had a set of stairs the width of the middle floor. It has a basement, first floor, and a balcony. The most beautiful big glass windows you have ever seen. My grandparents helped rebuild this church after a fire as did my great aunts and uncles, relatives and other members of the church. All of us keeping very active in church.

I always make sure when I go home for a visit I attend my what I call, growing up church.

I pray for all those traveling during the Summer months to visit family or just for fun to have a safe trip.

As the miles tick by, you can build your relationships with each other and with God.

Joann Maynard
Council President



St. Philip and Lutheran Counseling Services Close Mt. Dora Campus Satellite Counseling Center and St. Philip establishes “Mental Health Support” for mental health services assistance for St. Philip Members

After discussion together by St. Philip leadership and Lutheran Counseling Services, Inc., (LCS) the two organizations mutually agreed to close the satellite office of Lutheran Counseling Services housed on the St. Philip, Mt. Dora campus as of January 1, 2019. The closure was due to lack of clients scheduling appointments at the St. Philip site. St. Philip and Lutheran Counseling Services opened the satellite center 3 years ago and worked diligently to promote and provide mental health counseling for individual, marital and family counseling staffed by professional counselors of LCS. St. Philip congregation has established, with funds still available from the Counseling Center’s funding, a new “Mental Health Support Fund,” to be used both for financial support for professional counseling services for St. Philip members as well as for sponsoring mental health workshops and/or groups. Anyone with interest in applying for financial assistance for counseling from the “Mental Health Support Fund” should contact Pastor Johan, St. Philip Church, at pastor@stphiliplc.com or 352-383-5402.





CHURCH NEWS / INFO / & HAPPENINGS

An eco-tip from the Green Team

Only a small percentage of single-use plastic is recycled. Fewer countries are accepting plastics to recycle now, so this problem is worsening quickly. Here are a few easy ways to reduce use of plastic.

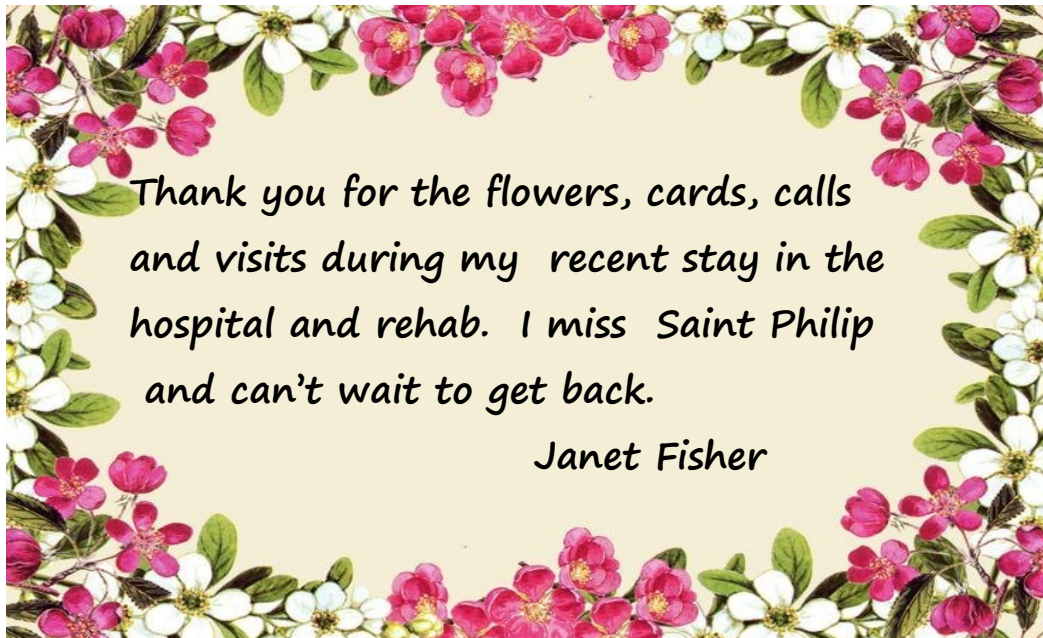
1. Stop using plastic straws. If a straw is necessary purchase a re-usable straw.
2. Use re-usable, washable produce bags. Purchase them or make your own.
3. Use a re-usable bottle or mug for beverages, even when ordering to-go.

Childcare Center and Creation Station will be closed for the summer!

Be sure to visit our new Media Center/Bookstore open in the Family Life Ctr!

Next Season of Life Senior Center
Each Wednesday 9am-3pm

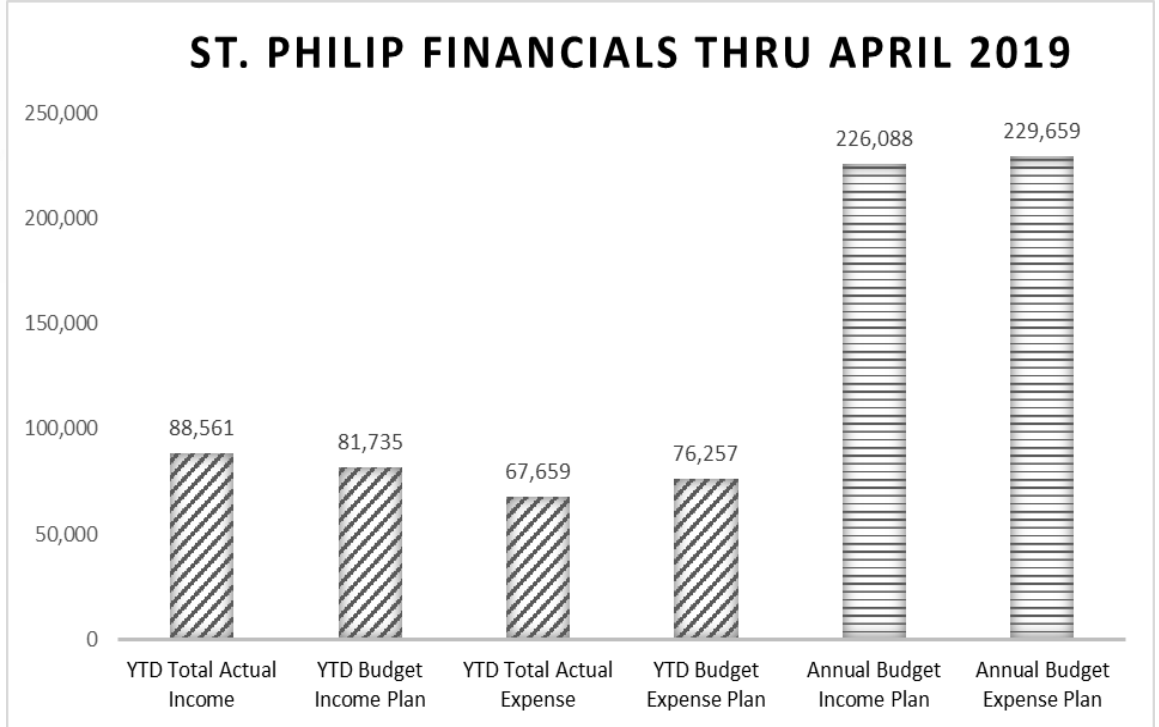
Come join us for fun and games!



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**Please give to support and further the mission of God
through
St. Philip Lutheran Church!**

Important Note

Weekly income needed to meet 2019 Mission Budget Plan and our financial goals to support our vital ministry is \$4,348.00. For the month of April our average weekly income was \$4,927.00

**The Mission Basket offering
in May was \$ 382.00**

These gifts support the following ministries:

- Lake Kids Ministry
- Lake Cares Food Bank
- Gamboa Union Ministries-
Debbie Ward, Missionary
- Agape Ministries
- LifeStream's "Open Door"
- Carpenter's House for Children



Offerings will be received again

June 9, 2019



Lois Hanson	6/2
Lana Bergquist	6/3
Lawrence Shaw	6/5
Robert Beckman	6/11
Lois Olson	6/14
Fred Samulovitch	6/15
Christel Chase	6/16
Barb Borg	6/23
Sharon Lesner	6/25
David Thomas	6/25
Judy Clemons	6/26
Ashley Samulovitch	6/26
Bill Skidmore	6/26

July

Joann Maynard	7/1
Maggie Belloff	7/11
Anne Skidmore	7/12
Mary Stokely	7/12
Janet Bergh	7/14
Joanne Shaw	7/16
Les Stiles	7/16
Roger Bower	7/17
Ann Kaufman	7/17
Marky Davis	7/18
Elaine Nehrbass	7/20
Maia Dorrell	7/25
Gwendolyn Ambrose	7/29
Mary Lou Borns	7/29

August

Stanley Funkhouser	8/1
Laraine Collins	8/4
Edward Hoffmeyer	8/4
Harold Seibel	8/5
Patricia Allbritton	8/6
Genya Yerkes	8/6
Hank Borg	8/7
Bonita Neuman	8/11
Carol McClintock	8/14
Ellen Carter	8/17
Cameron MacLean	8/20
Judy Hoffmeyer	8/21
Arnold Keller	8/21
Dylan Tiefert	8/22
Don Beyer	8/26
Janice Gorsuch	8/28
Jerry Albrecht	8/30



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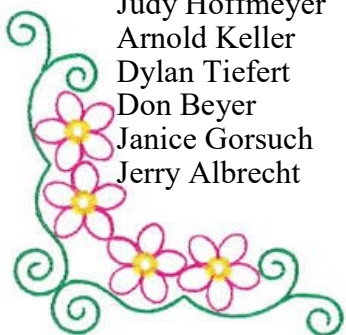
Robert & Lorraine Kish	6/6
Donald & Edna Martin Jr.	6/6
Jack & Tori Brunold	6/7
Robert & Patricia Lange	6/7
Arnold & Charlotte Keller	6/25
Edward & Judy Hoffmeyer	6/26
Harry & Diane Bowman	6/29

July

Richard & Dorothy Koster	7/4
Tom & Gail Heneghan	7/10
Garland & Catherine Bartling	7/12
Don & Georgia Luoma	7/12
Stan Funkhouser & Judy Clemons	7/16
Harold & Andrea Hede	7/27

August

Charlie & Shirley Lowrey	8/4
Carl & Regina Snyder	8/8
Jerry & Judy Albrecht	8/12
James & Lorraine Brown	8/15
Les & Mary Stiles	8/20
Ralph & Patricia Allbritton	8/30



Remember . . .

Happy Father's Day



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Office Manager: **Janice Storey**

Acting Property Manager: **Richard Guckenberger**

Custodian: **Don Sansone**

2019 Congregation Council

President: **Joann Maynard**

President Elect: **Don Martin**

Secretary: **Karen Beyer**

Treasurer: **Sandra Guckenberger**

Congregational Council: **Ada Arthur, Mike Belliveau, Lois Hanson, Sharon Lesner, Charles (Skip) Thorson, Marsha Wood**

2019 Spiritual Life Ministry Team: (Elders) **Dave Skipp, Marilyn Kreitzinger, Bonnie Jones**

Event Planning Coordinator: **Sherry Mohr**

Visitation Ministry Coordinators: **Marsha Wood**—Hospital, **Ann Parrish**—Long Term Care

For Current Visitation Ministers Roster: contact the Church Office

Lutheran Counseling Services—Mount Dora 407-644-4692