

**“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & School”**

Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough  
Principal: Jason Schapekahm

**Welcome, Friend!  
You Have Come To The Right Place!  
Jesus Loves YOU!**

**WELCOME**

**We would like to express our gratitude to you for visiting St. Philip’s Lutheran Church. For more information regarding St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373. For information on our K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christian day school please contact our Principal, Jason Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.**

**Worship Theme**

**“The Christian Seeks Spiritual Wealth”**

**“Order of Service”**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sins**

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Congregation:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

**The Absolution:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:** O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus’ name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Lesson: I Kings 3:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” <sup>6</sup>Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. <sup>7</sup>“Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” <sup>10</sup>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup>So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup>I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

**Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 119b (selected verses)**

Pastor: Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees,

**Congregation: Then I will keep them to the end.**

Pastor: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law,

**Congregation: And obey it with all my heart.**

Pastor: Direct me in the path of your commands,

**Congregation: For there I find delight.**

Pastor: Turn my eyes away from worthless things,

**Congregation: Preserve my life according to your Word.**

Pastor: Fulfill your promise to your servant,

**Congregation: So that you may be feared.**

Pastor: How I long for your precepts!

**Congregation: Preserve my life in your righteousness.**

**Pastor and Congregation:**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right**

**hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Theme: “What to Do With Weeds”**

**Sermon Text: Matthew 13:24-30**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup> “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ <sup>29</sup> “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

**Our Offering to the Lord**

*Please place your offerings in the basket at the back of church.*

**Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Holy Communion**

*When Communion is celebrated, it will be offered at the end of services. This allows those who do not wish to commune to be dismissed. Individual cups will be available at each Communion service. Ministers will do everything they can to mitigate contact.*

**"Our Mission Statement"**  
**(Our Purpose as a Church)**

Our mission here at St. Philip's Lutheran is outlined for us in Matthew 28:19: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' Making disciples includes proclaiming God's Word in its truth and purity, strengthening the faith of those under our care, and reaching out to the people of our community, (including our unchurched friends and relatives). Let us pray for and work together toward this goal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR**  
**THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020**

**Guest Pastor:** Pastor Mark Wenzel from WLIM. Thank you.

**Next Week: August 16, 2020**

**Organist:** Mrs. Nicole Cottman



**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S**

**Sunday, August 16** Confirmation – Noelle Berg, Dania Gipson & Caleb Wilson

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sunday, August 23** New Faculty Installation

**NEW FACULTY INSTALLATION – SUNDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>**

By the grace of God, St. Philip's will be adding two new faculty members this year. Ms. Sarah Enstad will be our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher and Mrs. Grace Marquardt will be our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. We thank God for our new colleagues, and pray for their happiness and success among us. To God alone all glory and praise and honor!

**OFFERING UPDATE**

| <b>7/6-7/12</b>    | <b>Week</b>         | <b>July</b>          | <b>July to Date</b>  |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Budget</b>      | <b>\$3,653.85</b>   | <b>\$ 14,615.40</b>  | <b>\$ 14,615.40</b>  |
| <b>Actual</b>      | <b>\$1,922.00</b>   | <b>\$ 11,337.40</b>  | <b>\$ 11,337.40</b>  |
| <b>Over(Under)</b> | <b>(\$1,731.85)</b> | <b>(\$ 3,278.00)</b> | <b>(\$ 3,278.00)</b> |

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY CHOIR**

Calling all young singers! In just a few weeks we will be welcoming three young people into our congregation through confirmation. As part of this celebration we would like any interested children (elementary, middle, or high schoolers) to join us in singing *I am Jesus' Little Lamb*. Please keep in mind all singers would have to stand 6 feet apart in the front of church and wear a mask while singing. For those that would like to sing with those parameters in place, we just ask that you join us at 10:00 am church on August 16th. This will give us the opportunity to practice the song a few times before the service starts. Also, please familiarize yourself with the melody of the song. (<https://oursaviorgrafton.org/childrens-song-i-am-jesus-little-lamb-zach-steinbach/>) There will be no need to memorize this. We will provide a copy of the words to assist you.

I am Jesus' little lamb;  
 Ever glad at heart I am,  
 For my shepherd gently guides me,  
 Knows my needs and well provides me,  
 Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
 Even calls me by my name.

Day by day at home, away,  
 Jesus is my staff and stay.  
 When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
 Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
 When I thirst, he bids me go  
 Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,  
 Even now the shepherd's lamb?  
 And when my short life is ended,  
 By his angel hosts attended,  
 He shall fold me to his breast,  
 There within his arms to rest.

### **BOOKS for SCHOLARS**

Friends - last year you helped me unleash the power of social media in my campaign to sponsor students at our school in getting books each month. For many of our students the gift of having books of their own would otherwise not happen. Last year we were able to get nearly 100 kids sponsored to receive a \$1-\$2 book, using Scholastic Book Club, each month along with getting several sets of novels for our upper grade guided reading library. Our St. Philip's Scholars looked forward to getting their "book of the month" each time, and they treasured this gift. Are you ready to help me meet last year's goal of getting each child in K4-5th grade a book of their own each month?

Thanks for your help! Amanda Berg, K4/K5 Teacher, St. Philip's

Click on the link below to donate!

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### **Important Notice for All St. Philip's Families**

Open enrollment for St. Philip's Lutheran School and the Milwaukee School Parental Choice program for the 2020-2021 school year began again on August 1, 2020, and will continue through the end of the day on August 20, 2020. For more information and/or to set up an appointment to enroll please call Principal Schapekahm at 414-659-4688 or Mrs. Allard in the school office at 414-659-4788.

Dear St. Philip's Lutheran School Family,

We pray each of you are well, and like us, getting excited to start a new school year! It has been a busy summer preparing for many possible scenarios that may occur during the coming year. **We thank you for your patience** as we have worked through various plans and options amid a continually changing situation.

We also want to **thank you for the helpful feedback** many of you provided on our recent school survey. We are especially **grateful for the words of encouragement** you shared **and** for your **prayers**. Please know **God used your words to lift us up** during this challenging time of preparation for a year that promises to be unlike any we have experienced before. Your words were a strong reminder of what we love about St. Philip's and our entire school family.

**What follows below is an overview of our plan for starting the 2020-2021 school year:**

#### **Our Plan to Start the Year**

- The Board of Education, taking into consideration the current situation and timeline as well as feedback from families, faculty, staff, and health authorities, has decided to **begin the year fully virtually for all students**.
- Our scheduled first day of school is **Wednesday, August 26th**.
- Each student will be provided a Chromebook or tablet by St. Philip's for virtual learning.
- Teachers will work with each family to explain how virtual learning will be set up because it will be different than it was last spring.

#### **Critical Rationale for Decision**

- Essential health and safety protocols have not yet been released to us and certain guidance is vague. St. Philip's does not want to put anyone in a position where a rushed decision needs to be made that could potentially increase the risk to the health and safety of our students, staff, and families.
- Key details, critical to implementing routines and procedures that will help keep students, staff, and families safe, have not yet been released to us. We do not know when more complete guidance will be shared by the Milwaukee Health Department.
- Guidance on the safety of reopening varies among health authorities and is continually changing.

- Although our desire remains to be able to reopen for in-person learning as soon as possible, we cannot say with certainty that our plan will be approved by the Milwaukee Health Department before our scheduled first day of school, Wednesday, August 26. Families and teachers need to be able to plan now for a successful start.
- Beginning virtually is the only way to guarantee we will be able to start our year on time and help keep students and staff safe while doing so.

#### **Current Situation in Milwaukee:**

- The Milwaukee Health Department has stated they will be releasing a new phase called “Phase 4.1” which could allow a school to reopen at 50% capacity prior to the city being in “Phase 5.”
- In order for schools to reopen in “Phase 4.1”, they need to have a plan approved by the Milwaukee Health Department.
- The Health Department has not yet shared the specific details of “Phase 4.1” or the specific criteria that need to be included in a reopening plan. The timeline for doing so is uncertain, but could happen next week.

#### **Where in the process of reopening for in-person learning is St. Philip’s?**

- St. Philip’s has created a detailed reopening plan based on the most current health and safety guidance from the State of Wisconsin, CDC, AAP, and the Milwaukee Health Department.
- We intend to review the criteria for Phase 4.1 once it is released, adjust our plan if necessary, and seek approval from the Milwaukee Health Department to reopen for face-to-face instruction.

#### **What will happen after St. Philip’s has their plan approved by the Health Department?**

- St. Philip’s will assess the current health situation in Milwaukee, the internal situation among our St. Philip’s family, and any mandates in place to evaluate the feasibility and/or risks of reopening.
- St. Philip’s will ensure it can meet all of the health and safety requirements of our approved plan.
- St. Philip’s will discuss and communicate a timeline and details for reopening for in-person learning and any additional learning options that may be offered.

#### **What if I do not feel comfortable with my child returning once St. Philip’s transitions back to in-person learning?**

- Although we believe the most effective form of instruction happens face-to-face, we understand that not all of our families may feel comfortable sending their children back to school right away. Please know St. Philip’s will work with those families to find a solution that will work for both the family and the school until they are able to make the transition back to in-person learning or until other circumstances necessitate a full return for all students.

#### **What should families do next?**

- Your child’s teacher will contact you soon to set up a time to discuss the virtual learning plan for the start of the year and arrange the pick up of a device for your child.
- Please continue to think of ways we can support you and your child as we begin the year virtually. We encourage you to share your thoughts with us at any time or with your child’s teacher when you meet.

We know the decision to open virtually will impact each of our families in different ways. It certainly was not an easy decision to make. Please know that although all students will start the year virtually, we are committed to offer in-person learning as soon as the Milwaukee Health Department approves our plan and tells us it is safe to do so.

May we all find encouragement in the inspired words of the apostle Paul to the Philippians in 4:4 where Paul writes: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” It is easy to look at all of the challenges around us and do just the opposite of what God, in his word, encourages us to do. Let it be our prayer that each of us can find reasons each day to rejoice, especially as we remember what our Savior has already done for each of us and as we look forward to the heavenly home we are assured is waiting for us.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. Take care and may God bless.

In Christ,  
Jason Schapekahm  
Principal