



Save The Date



Community Thanksgiving Service!

Tuesday
November 26th
7pm

Carmel Mission
3080 Rio Road
Carmel

Tidings

November 2019

from St. Philip's Lutheran Church

A note from your Pastor!

Fall Greetings,

How are you doing? Are you feeling ready for the impending holiday season? I for one have always enjoyed the fall season, the changing of the leaves, all of the pumpkin flavored goodies, and the anticipation of the holidays! This year is no different except for the added excitement of moving through this season in a new community. I absolutely love getting to experience new holiday traditions and experiences. So, if you have fall/holiday tradition that you are willing to share please don't hesitate to give me a call, email, or text.

This year I am also excited about the creation of a Mutual Ministry Committee at St. Philips. This committee is comprised of Emily Rustad, George Isaac, Lesley Pedersen, and myself. The purpose of this committee is to be a group that comes together to brainstorm, lead, and evaluate ministry at St. Philips. We gathered for the first time on Saturday Nov. 2nd and I am excited by the energy and imagination of this group. In the coming months I will be sharing with you about this committee and what we are working on, and I hope that you will participate in the activities that we bring forward.

As we approach the Holidays there are a couple of things that I would like to invite you to participate in. The first is the Interfaith Outreach of Carmel's *Community Thanksgiving Worship* happening on Tuesday November 26th at 7pm. This is a chance for us to take a few moments out of the hustle and bustle of the holidays to come together as people of faith and give thanks for the work we are able to achieve together. The second event is our annual Church Decorating Party taking place after church on December 8th. We will gather to decorate the church in preparation for Christmas and will share a soup/chili lunch.

Blessings,
Pastor Tony

November Birthdays



16th Hal Dahlen

21st Marcy Rustad

24th Anke Richter

30th Brian Mahoney

Shout Out of Thanks !

A big thank you to Carolyn Berry, Barbara Battcher, Alan Pederson, and others who helped with the Memorial Service for Gunnar Reimers.

Tidings *November* 2

Coach's Corner

The Team

Teammates,

Congratulations to the Washington Nationals and they're fans! The team was a Fall-Ball Wildcard Team and overwhelming fan favorite. And now they are world champions!! It's a big win. Although I'm not a huge fan of the club I do like cheering for underdogs and they are a part of the National League.

Heads Up: Please mark your calendars now. Our mandatory annual team meeting is set for February 2nd following Worship Service.

Team Players:

Speaking of underdogs, Carolyn Berry has made the team as a walk-on. Management has been challenged to find a replacement for Marcie, our former Administrative Assistant to the Pastor. Despite efforts at advertising for the position, no one has expressed an interest. Maybe it's the limited hours. Maybe it's the location. Or maybe it's even the nature of the work. We just don't know. Regardless, Pastor Tony has been pleased with Carolyn's work and thrilled with her attitude. Council has decided to hire Carolyn on a temporary basis until a more permanent solution might be found. Carolyn, congratulations on making the team and your volunteerism this past summer has been most appreciated!

Congratulations to Mary Murray, Emily Rustad, George Isaac and Saji George for becoming full-fledged teammates as celebrated. Your presence amongst us adds needed depth to our team roster. More importantly, your companionship enriches our lives.

We'll be electing a handful of new council members at our next annual team meeting in February. I request that you prayerfully consider volunteering to serve. Our team record can only improve through the willing and enthusiastic participation of all teammates. Serving on council is not a burden to be endured but a joy to be shared. Please engage. I suspect that as a congregation under Pastor Tony's leadership and with the support of a new council we will boldly be going to places next year

we've not yet travelled.

Stadium Security: As previously mentioned our stadium door locks will be rekeyed to improve our security posture. Without bogging you down with too many details, we're having a few master keys made that will be keyed to every exterior door and then a few more keys that will only work on the front door. We're looking at having the work completed no later than the 13th of November. The Administrative Assistant to the Pastor will be responsible for issuing keys and maintaining the key control log.

Oktoberfest: Have you ever noticed how a simple hot dog at a baseball game can taste better than prime rib in the finest restaurant? That's why brats are a major food group. Thank you to all of those that participated in our annual church Oktoberfest on the 27th. As a congregation, we do fellowship pretty well. I suspect more would be better. Just so you know...Oktoberfest originated as a celebration honoring Kronprinz Ludwig (1786–1868), later King Ludwig I (reign: 1825–1848), and his marriage to Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen on 12 October 1810. The festival has extended into a 16- to 18-day folk festival running from mid or late September to the first Sunday in October. The festival is held at the Munich fairgrounds and of course features beer and brats.

For Laughs:

Q: Did you ever hear the joke about the pop-fly?

A: Don't worry about it. It's way over your head.

Q: Why was Cinderella taken out of the game by her manager?

A: Because she ran away from the ball.

Q: What did the baseball glove say to the ball?

A: Catch you later!

And I'll catch y'all later too!!

Coach Mike

Look at the crowd that stayed for our Oktoberfest Potluck!

Thank you to everyone that brought dishes to share, and to Mike Berry for the masterful grilling skills!



St. Philips Out In The Community



St. Philip's has joined the Monterey County "Adopt A Highway" program. We have made a 2 year commitment to pick up trash quarterly along Carmel Valley road from the 2 mile mark (just East of Congregation Beth Israel) to the four mile mark (just East of Meadows Lane). There are signs at both points. Be sure to check them out!! This represents another opportunity to get our name out into the community and to make a difference along Carmel Valley road. Our next pick up date is in mid December. If you are interested in participating please contact Alan Pedersen at 626 – 5437.

Submitted by Alan & Lesley Pedersen

I-Help & Monterey County Gives

St. Phillip's has a dedicated group of people who work with I-Help every month providing dinner one night a week. We now have another opportunity to support I-Help. I-Help will be a part of the Monterey County Gives program again this year, As you probably know, Monterey County Gives is a collaboration between the Monterey County Weekly, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and the Community Foundation for Monterey County. The year end campaign run through the Monterey Weekly has raised money for many non-profits throughout the year. I-Help is a part the MC Gives for its third year. Beginning November 7th, you will be able to donate to I-Help through MCGives. Look for the Weekly that week to read about I-Help and all the non-profits being helped through this program.

Submitted by Mary Kramer



WANTED – assistants to help in the worship services... greeters, cantors, readers, acolytes, assistant ministers, ushers, altar guild (prepare communion), counters (record offerings & deposit), refreshment servers, Sunday School teachers, etc. Involvement in the worship service always helps everyone gain more in the community worship experience. Talk to Pastor Tony or anyone already serving to see ways you'd like to help.

St. Philip's Budget update

The council appreciates the generosity of members and friends of St Philip's and we encourage all members to prayerfully consider their support of St Philip's as we approach the end of the year.

The council proposed a slightly negative budget for the year, based on the congregation's desire and commitment to calling a full-time pastor. The 2019 budget made the assumption that general offerings would hold steady or increase compared to 2018.

Unfortunately, that assumption has not held true, with general offerings (including gifts for 2019 made at the end of 2018) cumulatively are lagging about \$17000 below projections for the first 10 months of the year. This, together with an unplanned expense of \$14,000 to repair the parking lot to prevent injuries from the uneven surface and a larger bill later, have caused us to dip into reserves for about \$30,000 in operating expenses this year. (While this number is a bit frightening, our 2018 budget surplus of over \$40,000 due to Pastor Don being part-time (and because we do not pay benefits on retired pastors; Pr Don's benefits were covered by the synod) has kept us in the black when averaged over a 2-year period.

We pray that all of you will continue to support St. Philip's to the fullest extent you are able, as we enter a new era with an energetic and inspiring full-time pastor.

Sharon Anderson, treasurer



Come hear the MPC College Chorus as they bring us the "Ceremony of Carols on November 23 at 3 p.m.. The chorus is lead by Dr. Cyril Deaconoff and accompanied by our own Justice Post. The concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 501 El Dorado in Monterey. See the bulletin board for more information.

Submitted by Mary Kramer

Worship News

On Reformation Sunday, October 27th, we welcomed 4 new members into our church - Mary Murray, George Isaac & Saji George, and Emily Rustad. Please be sure to welcome them. Mary Murray has joined the Worship Committee, helping to plan upcoming events.

The next two months are busy ones in the life of the church - November being the ending of one year and December heralding in a new year with Advent and then Christmas. On Sunday, November 3rd, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. It's a time of remembrance of those who have gone before us. A St. Philip's tradition, available to all, is to light candles during the service, as we take time to remember loved ones who have been significant in our journey of faith. This will be done during the Hymn of the Day.

Sunday, November 24th, is Christ the King Sunday - the end of the church year. The following Tuesday, November 26th, members of St. Philip's are invited to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving service at the Carmel Mission, with fellowship & pie after the service. Offerings of canned goods will be accepted, for to the food bank. Advent begins on Sunday, December 1, preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on Christmas. It is tentatively planned to begin decorating the church on Saturday, Dec. 7th, completing tree decorations after the service on Sunday, December 8th. This is usually a fun time of fellowship, singing along with Psalm 150 Band, and maybe even a potluck - stay tuned for more details.

Please contact any of the committee for suggestions, volunteering, or questions - Barb Battcher, Carolyn Berry, Mary Kramer, Mary Murray, Justice Post, or Pastor Tony.

Submitted by Barbara Battcher

St. Philip's
Staff & Council

Pastor Tony Rhodes

Justice Post

Pianist & Organist

Jose & Luz Perez

Janitorial Staff

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Berry - President

*Sharon Anderson -
Treasurer*

*Susan Alexander -
Secretary*

Alan Pedersen -At Large

*Keith Johnson -
Property Chair*

*Anke Richter
Financial Secretary*

ELCA HUNGER PROGRAM

Our Approach

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality.

Working through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA reaches more places more effectively than we could ever do alone. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty. Through this comprehensive approach, we work to address hunger from all angles — both domestically and globally.

From <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger/Our-Approach>