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*St. Philip Spirit*



## LITURGICAL SEASONS

### The Seasons of the Church Year Aren't Just for Decoration, Folks...

The Rev. Tim Brown, published April 7, 2014, edited by KRS

<https://reluctantxtian.wordpress.com/2014/04/07/the-seasons-of-the-church-year-arent-just-for-decoration-folks/>

Funny enough, of the things that I think make the most sense about the way the church does things has to do with the liturgical seasons. *The liturgical calendar.*

See, when I was an atheist, the only thing that kept me in the pew was practicing this greater current that we call “the liturgical calendar”; this greater movement that connected all of life together. Even though I couldn’t believe, I could sense, I knew, that whether or not there was a God, there was definitely life. And that life had seasons. Not just the outside world, not just flowers and hibernating bears and all that stuff, but my life had seasons. Has seasons.

There’s some good wisdom to the church year. Like, for instance, that **Lent is 40 days long**, but **Easter is 50 days long**. If that is not an implicit message that your life will laugh more than it cries, I don’t know what is.

Or how that season that we call “Ordinary Time,” the time in the church year of spiritual growth, takes up almost fifty percent of the calendar. Take a look at your life. About half of your life will be spent learning and growing. Lord, that’s deep wisdom.

And see, the church year helps us to practice these seasons in our lives. It gives us rhythm.

I like to talk about it as breath. The seasons of the church year help me to breathe. If you think yoga is good for your breath, dive deeply into the church calendar as a practice...

Because there are times in my life where I wait, and will have to wait: for diagnosis, for biopsy results, for birth, for a death. **Advent helps me wait.**

There are times in my life where I’ll need to do some adjustment, some realignment: after a disgrace, after a significant relationship break, in a season of vocational or personal drought. **Lent helps me to do the introspective work necessary to live well.**

There are times in my life of “Ah-ha” and “feeling most alive”: having a breakthrough, gaining insight, feeling zealously over a cause. **Epiphany and Pentecost teach me to be on the look out for these moments and not pass them by.**

And there are times in my life for rejoicing, for birth and re-birth: in reconciliation, after a literal birth, on holidays, after an illness has passed, “sittin’ on the dock of the bay.” **Christmas and Easter help me to celebrate well.**

And the three days of that time we call “The Triduum,” **Maundy Thursday**, Good Friday, and **Easter Vigil**... well...that’s a whole life-span in one fell swoop. A life of serving, of dying, and of rising. It is Christ’s body emblazoned on a calendar. And it helps me see my body and my calendar and how they mix.

There is just such wisdom to the church year. It’s like a Mr. Miyagi for your soul: you “wax on” and “wax off” and think you’re not doing anything but refurbishing a car...and then, boom, you’re forced to wait or repent or celebrate or learn or grow.

And, as T.S. Elliot says, it’s like you “know the place for the first time” ...and yet, you’ve been there before. It’s that familiar/foreign experience that this journey with God always puts upon us when practiced well.

[The liturgical calendar...] is not just about changing church paramment colors. It is about living differently in different seasons of life. It is about Ecclesiastes 3, and asking “what time is it?” for our lives personally and communally.

## FALL READING SUGGESTION

### **Threads: Pulling Meaning from a Tangled Mess** **by the Rev. Nancy Kraft**

Pastor and author Nancy Kraft writes: “The time we spend on this earth is more than a series of events marking our lives like headstones in a cemetery. Beneath our stories lies a depth of meaning waiting to be uncovered. And beyond that meaning lies an even deeper truth that connects us to the divine Story we share with one another and all creation.”

Kraft is a self-proclaimed “meaning-maker” who is always sifting through the tangled mess of her life to find threads of meaning. That tangled mess includes the trauma of viewing her father’s corpse when she was six years old, a disastrous marriage to a bigamist, and pastoring a congregation committed to boldly supporting LGBT folks in the buckle of the Bible Belt. More than simply recounting events from her past, Kraft pulls meaning from her experiences, both the marvelous and the mundane, all within the context of her relationship with God, often drawing from the Biblical Story to inform her own story.

A surprisingly honest spiritual memoir, *Threads* follows Kraft as she struggles through her sometimes naïve (and often just plain stupid!) mistakes and learns the power of forgiving herself, embracing community, and choosing to love instead of judge. Tackling topics like homophobia, racism, aging, and atheism, this book paints a grace-drenched portrait of what it means to be authentically human as it inspires you to examine your own life story for the deeper meaning it holds.



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**JOIN PASTOR KYLE FOR A DISCUSSION OF THIS BOOK ON Thursday, October 6th at 7pm.**





# Outreach

## REFUGEE ONE

### Welcoming the Stranger...

*together we are answering the call*

How will **YOU** help us? There are *many* ways!

refugeeONE



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#### Consider Donating Money...

*We hope to raise \$4000-8000 between the two congregations for rent, language and employment classes, living expenses, etc.*

We've already raised \$2562 for the family!

#### Consider Donating Used Items

*We are collecting items needed to furnish our family's new home.*

See the updated list on the church bulletin board.

#### Consider Buying New Items

*Some basic general household items need to be bought new.*



We have a Target registry list of items that are needed

**Last minute items-** Depending on the family that will be resettling, we may need additional items such as toys, diapers, bedding, etc.

#### Consider Creating a Welcoming Home

##### Can you help Labor Day Weekend?

*We need to physically move furniture and prepare the apartment*

Could you help load items into vehicles and take collected items to the apartment?

Could you help move in all of our collected furnishings and items and set-up a new home for this family?

#### Consider a Warm Welcoming

##### Welcome the stranger together

Join together with LCHS, and RefugeeOne to welcome our family as they arrive at O'Hare

Make a welcome sign or banner

Bring flowers or balloons to the airport to celebrate the arrival of this new family

Help transport the family to their new home

##### Offer hospitality and community

We need 1-2 persons or one family to be part of a team that routinely visits the family for 3- 6 months after arrival

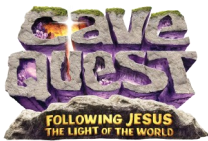
Help the family adjust to their new community, discover Chicago, learn about American culture and learn more about the "stranger's" culture and life

## SUMMER UPDATE



### July 9 | 7:30 am —12 pm at Wagner Farm, Glenview

Pastor Kyle, Gemma, Rita, Jack and Carol sold home-baked cookies, gave away craft kits and VBS info to families, info about the upcoming Rummage Sale and was available to give any other information about St. Philip.



### August 1-5 | 8—11:30 am

60 kids between the ages of 3 and 14 came through the VBS 2016 program: Cave Quest. With a team of 30 helpers throughout the week important messages were sung about, experienced, acted out, experimented about, eaten, and connected with. Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, his love, and his power - Follow Him!



All the items needed have been donated. Volunteers are needed to pack the kits on September 18.



With donations from members of St. Philip, Elaine and her team were able to provide 60 packed lunches for the Youth Services Summer Camp on July 27.

### Sale July 29—30

Rita and her team of many, many helpers set up and sold donated items making a massive \$4003! With matching funds and minus truck rental expenses the final total was: \$7152!



Pastor Kyle and Pam spent the evening at Holy Trinity  Family Promise on July 24 serving a meal and staying overnight with the families in the program.

## Look Out For Upcoming Events

### This Fall ...

- CROP Walk
- Beer & Hymns
- Theology On Tap
- 21-50 Youth Group
- Family Fun Night
- And more ...



## MUSIC NEWS

### Calling all singers (including those who sing in the car or the shower!):

Choir rehearsals will be starting on August 31 at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a choir social at 3pm on August 28 and Gemma has graciously volunteered to host the social. More information about the social will be announced shortly. The choir will reinforce the scripture or theme of the regular worship services with an appropriate selection, especially for festival Sundays and other special services. In addition the choir will be assisting in teaching the congregation several new settings of the liturgy from ELW. There may also be opportunities to reach out to the community as well. I am looking forward to singing praises to the Lord this year and ministering to the congregation and the community.

Your musical servant in Christ, Kjell Hanson.





# Worship

## WORSHIP WHY's



Have you ever wondered why we stand during the reading of the Gospel?  
Or why Pr. Kyle reads the Gospel from the midst of the congregation?  
Or why there is a candle burning 24 hours a day in the sanctuary?

What questions do you have burning inside of you that would help you worship with more understanding? Submit your "Worship WHYs" question so that you can be worship-wise!

Email Pastor Kyle at [pastorkyle@stphilipglenview.org](mailto:pastorkyle@stphilipglenview.org) with your questions!

## WORSHIP SERVERS THIS SEASON

Date	Comm. Assistants	Sacristan	Reader	Ushers	Greeter	AV Assistant	Coffee
Aug 21	Ellen S/Pam	Maxine	Elaine	Bob/Jack	LuAnn	Michael W	Rita
Aug 28	Mike B/Don	Maxine	Ellen S	Bill/Sharon	Pam	Clyde	Carol D
Sep 4	Jack/LuAnn	Nancy	Megan	Ron/Mimi	Jack	Bob	LuAnn/Donna
Sep 11	Steve/Mike B	Nancy	Gemma	Lynne/Doug	Ron	Megan	OPEN
Sep 18	LuAnn/Don	Nancy	Ellen B	Todd/Ron	LuAnn	Michael W	OPEN
Sep 25	Pam/Ron	Nancy	Elaine	Lyle/Gayle	Pam	Clyde	Carol D
Oct 2	Ellen S/LuAnn	Carol	Nancy	Todd/Jenny	Melanie	Megan	OPEN
Oct 9	Melanie/Don	Carol	Clyde	Bill/Sharon	Ron	Bob	OPEN
Oct 16	Steve P/Melanie	Carol	Melanie	Lynne/Doug	LuAnn	Megan	OPEN
Oct 23	Ellen S/Pam	Carol	Megan	Lyle/Gayle	Jack	Melanie	OPEN
Oct 30	Melanie/Mike B	Carol	Gemma	Jack/Rita	LuAnn	Clyde	Carol D
Nov 6	Steve P/Don	Elaine	Melanie	Todd/Jenny	Ron	Mimi	OPEN
Nov 13	Jack/Rita	Elaine	Ellen B	Lyle/Gayle	Jack	Michael W	OPEN
Nov 20	Steve P/Don	Elaine	Ellen S	Ron/Mimi	Melanie	Melanie	OPEN

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays 9 am**

**Men's Bible Study: Thursdays 10 am (from Sept 15)**

We study the upcoming readings for our Sunday worship service so that we can hear them with greater depth.

## GLOW—God's Love On Wednesdays



### Introducing an evening of faith formation for all people...

Central to our mission is providing opportunities for our parishioners to be fed by the Spirit, which happens through a variety of activities—including worship, study of God's Word, singing, being together as a community, etc. Through these opportunities we are nourished and empowered to go out and share God's love with all whom we encounter.

This is an experiment that we believe can help us grow as a community of faith.

By centralizing these activities on one day, we hope that people will make 'church night' a priority again — keeping it free from other activities that might otherwise come up.

*(select units spread throughout the year)*

**5:15—6:30 pm**

### **Intergenerational Faith Formation**

*Adults and children gather for a meal and a combination of storytelling, crafts, games, music, and service projects to grow as disciples.*

**Session One: Jesus Walks on Water**

**Sept 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Session Two: God Speaks into Creation**

**Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1**

**Session Three: Faith in the Face of Fire**

**Mar 8, 15, 22, Apr 5 (no class 3/29)**

All are truly welcome! It is important for all ages to join together and grow in faith.

Registration form is available from Pastor Kyle.

*(throughout the entire school year)*

**6:30-6:45 pm**

### **Fellowship Time**

**6:45-7:15 pm**

### **Midweek Worship**

*Praise God with an upbeat worship service and message for all ages.*

**7:30-8:30 pm**

### **Choir Rehearsal**

*Lift your voice to the glory of God in preparation for our Sunday morning service.*

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Season	Due Date for Items
Advent/ Christmas	Nov 10, 2016
Epiphany	Dec 28, 2016
Lent	Feb 13, 2017
Holy Week/Easter	Mar 24, 2017