

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a community where all people are welcome, may come to know Jesus Christ, become faithful followers empowered by the Holy Spirit, and are sent with Christ's love into the world.

Pastor's Message

It is certainly summer! The confirmation youth went to camp last week, Vacation Bible School is this week and in a couple of weeks the senior high youth will be going to Anapra, Mexico for their mission trip. Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is leading all three of these week long camps. The theme this year is *Forgiven: A Better Version of Me*. The kids and youth will look deeper into themselves, their sinful selves and their brokenness. The good news of all of this is that God forgives us and loves us even in our brokenness.



This was a very powerful theme for our confirmation students last week. One thing I enjoyed about the Bible studies was that they didn't hammer the youth down and then build them up. The first day, the youth learned about God's crazy, unconditional love. God has an incredible love for us and an amazing gift of forgiveness, given to us in Christ Jesus. Another part of this day was

hearing how nothing can separate us from the love of God. We can't do anything to make God love us more and we can't do anything to make God love us less.

We then got into our brokenness. God sees us clearly, which means we can't hide our brokenness, our sin, our desires from God. However, God looks past our brokenness. God forgives us and loves us as broken, sinful people. This forgiveness is radical and insane and it's God's forgiveness for us. This forgiveness is given to us through the amazing sacrifice of Jesus' death on the cross.

Through God's forgiveness of us, we are inspired to ask for forgiveness and to forgive others. This isn't always natural for us, but God compels us to live a different way of life than what is natural. As we go out and practice this forgiveness, we don't go alone. God walks with us and we are surrounded by the love and support of our fellow believers as we bring this love and forgiveness out into the world around us. Forgiveness is hard to ask for and forgiveness is hard to give. In order to ask for forgiveness, we have to admit to ourselves that we have done something wrong, we have sinned and/or that we are broken. It is hard to admit these things to ourselves; it's especially hard for teenagers.

WORSHIP

Worship Notes - July 6, 2014

INTRODUCTION: The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9–12 The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30 Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer. **GS**



Please Be Courteous

When in the sanctuary. Thank you. cos

Free Nursery Childcare

The nursery is open during worship services and education hour for infants and young children. Ask an usher to direct you. cs



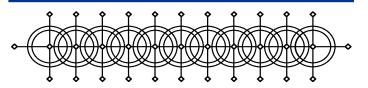
Children's Bulletins & Participation

Children are always welcome at our services!



During the service they are encouraged to come forward to the altar for a special children's conversation and then again

with their offerings. We also have special bulletins for children - please ask the ushers. or



Saturday Evening Worship Servants		
	July 5	July 13
Keyboardist	Michael Clough	Becky Miller
Cantor	Beth Clough	Laura Miller
Altar Guild	Laurie Selander	Rita Kuenne
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound Board	TBD	TBD

Worship Servants for THIS week (07/06)		
	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Assisting	Anne Klingman	
Lector	George Rasmussen	Jan Philpy
Acolytes	Ian & Collin McAdams	Easton Lane
Communion Deacons	Victoria Edington Lisa Edington	Kirsten Rand Susan Shepard
Ushers	Jerry & Colin Black Chuck Krieger Roy Hager	Dick Rusch Greg Luer Will Rogge
Greeters	Paula Willhouse	
Altar Guild	Barb Delong Carole Kessler	Jeanne Rasmussen Kris Mauler
Sound & Slides	TBD	TBD
Ambassadors	Char Nauman & Dick Rusch	

July 6, 2014 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am and 9:30am ELW Setting 10

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GATHERING

*Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The musical call to worship begins the service, encouraging us to quietly prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Word of God.

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font at the rear of the sanctuary.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; however, we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in † Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. **C: Amen.**

Please turn and face forward for the opening hymn.

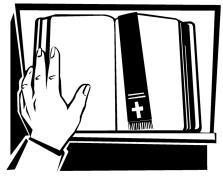
***OPENING HYMN**

Red hymnal, ELW #873 "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart!"

*GREETING

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Please be seated.

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CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

All children are encouraged to come forward.

SERMON - "Brokenness"

*HYMN OF THE Day Red hymnal, ELW #733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*APOSTLES' CREED *PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

*SHARING OF THE PEACE Please be seated.

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. Children are invited to bring their gifts to the altar. All quarters received will go to the ELCA World Hunger program.

> OFFERING MUSIC Gretchen Martin, Pianist

*OFFERTORY

***OFFERING PRAYER**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*LORD'S PRAYER

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

The communion follows. Please come forward as indicated by the ushers.

Grape juice is available in the filled center communion cups for those who do not wish to drink wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available.



All are welcome, for it is the Lord's Table.

*COMMUNION MUSIC (as needed)

Red hymnal, ELW #608 "Softly and Tenderly..."

Red hymnal, ELW #592 *"Just As I Am"*

Red hymnal, ELW #697 "Just a Closer Walk..."

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

*SENDING HYMN Red hymnal, ELW #765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

In Out

Members of St. Philip: Renee Hartman, Sue Riecks, Steven Barber, Aileen Doehler, Art Barber, Vanessa Rand, Ann Hager, Marlene & Dale Hackstaff, Nancy Oelz & her family, Eleanor Jaynes, Karin Morin, and Marian Schild.

Family Members: Adaya Klug (JoHanna Buchholz), Deanna Heyn, Sara & Lynise (Ann Hager), Claudia Miettunen (Beth Farber), Lehman family (Galinda Knight), the family & friends of Malcolm Graham (brother of Nancy Oelz), David Pettner (Roger Pettner's son), family & friends of Bruce Pettner (brother of Roger Pettner), Matt Reece (son-in-law of Barb & Bob Delong), Bill Orf (Howard & Nancy Hanson's son-in-law), the children of Larry & Linda Heesch, Marlene (Sue Miller's mother), Ron & Louise Carlson (Kirstine Rand's parents), Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter), Leon Otto (brother-in-law of Karen Otto), Sally Casterline (Nancy Hanson's sister), Steven Paulson (Florence Jackson's son), Renee Chavez (Galinda Knight's mother), and Cathy Silco (Tom Silco's sister).

Friends: Parks family (Karen Smith), Charlotte Evelyn Ross (Bob Ross), family & friends of Bob Lehman (Knight family), Jackie Leatherby (Mary Austin), Nancy & Samantha Park (Karen Smith), Roger Anich (Lesia Hatlestad), the Wurtzel family (Lesia Hatlestad), Brian Briggs (former member), John Hoistion (Karen Otto) and Becky Logan (Karen Morin).

Prayers for our companion synods and friends in Madagascar.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Nathan Lee Philpy (Jan & Gary Philpy's first grandchild).

Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.

For all servicemen and women deployed around the world, those suffering with PTSD and those with ties to St. Philip who are currently serving our country.

If you have a prayer concern that you wish to have printed in the Happenings, please call the church office at 303.979.4491 or complete the prayer request section on a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests will be listed for two weeks unless otherwise requested. Thank you.

Worship Sources

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Opening Hymn: ELW #**873** "*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*" Text: Edward H., Pumptre, 1821-1891, alt. Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916.

Hymn of the Day: ELW **#733** "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*" Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960 Music: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957 Text and music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company.

Sending Hymn: Text: ELW **#765** "*Lord of All Hopefulness*" Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953 Music: Irish Traditional Text © Oxford University Press.

Communion Hymn #1: ELW#**608** "Softly and Tenderly" Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909 Music: Will L. Thompson.

Communion Hymn #2: ELW#**592** "*Just as I Am*" Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

Communion Hymn #3: ELW#**697** *"Just a Closer Walk"* Text: North American traditional Music: North American traditional.

Gospel Acclamation: ELW **#512** "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950 Music: Handt Hanson Text and music © 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing, Changing Churches, Inc.

Offertory: ELW **#879** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

Holy, Holy: ELW #**838** *"Beautiful Savior"* Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Post-Communion Canticle: ELW **#857** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954 Music: Rick Founds Text and music © 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc.

Patriotic Music in Worship?

On the weekends of civic holidays the question of patriotic music in worship frequently comes up. It is tradition in Lutheran worship that all actions of worship point to and come from the signs and symbols of the service: the Word and the Meal. All songs, prayers, and actions are responses to God in Christ who is present with us in our worship.

Christians gather for one purpose on Sunday mornings: to offer our praise to God. However, at St Philip we still acknowledge the civic holidays before and after the service. We have wonderful patriotic slide shows for Memorial Day and Veterans Day which run as our prelude and postlude. This Sunday, as it is the 4th of July weekend, Gretchen Martin has planned a patriotic postlude.

Yes, we all love our country and our God; but the worship hour is God's and God's alone. or

Altar Flowers

This weekend's altar flowers were donated by Tom and Anne Henning to celebrate their **29th** wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Tom and Anne!

There are still some dates available on the 2014 flower calendar. Altar flower arrangements cost \$25, and must be pre-paid. Please call the church office for details. cs



Attendance

Total Attendance	240
Worshipers on Sunday 9:30am, 06/29/14	<u>107</u>
Worshipers on Sunday 8am, 06/29/14	100
Worshipers on Saturday, 06/28/14	33

Lighting FUNdraising Update

The FUNdraising numbers are in and they look very good. Among the golf outing, golf hole/golf cart sponsors, the silent auction, and the wall of wine we made \$12,000 — all of which will go toward the sanctuary lighting. Thank you to the team of Kristen Celusniak, Jerry Mydlach, Jan Philpy, and Erin White. You did an incredible job and spent so many hours on this FUNdraiser. I am extremely grateful for each one of you and the talents you brought to the table. Thank you, too, to everyone who participated in the golf outing and in the bidding wars. I hope you had a lot of fun and we appreciate your support.

The total cost for our new lights is \$37,400. We will get some money back in the form of Xcel rebates, but we don't yet know the number. That dollar amounts sounds very expensive, but in reality it isn't so bad. The money will replace 14 of the silver pendant lights that fuse together about every two to three weeks as well as the 8 fixtures over the baptismal area in the dropped ceiling. These 22 lights are LED fixtures with LED bulbs and will not need to be replaced for 17-22 years! It also includes \$4,500 for installation of the new lights. These new fixtures are compatible with the current dimming system and the current control modules. No additional wiring will need to be done. We will save money on our utilities as well as not replacing light bulbs all the time. We will be more green. Additionally, Scott Miller will get to have some time on the weekends for his family instead of repairing and replacing the light fixtures here. He has spent countless hours on this, but the last four to five years have been very time consuming. Thank you, Scott, for your ministry.

We anticipate the lights will be installed by the time Pr. Nathan returns from his sabbatical around mid August. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of our church council or Linda in the church office. Again, thank you all very much for your support and participation.

St. Philip Communications Going "Green"

At the synod assembly in May, a resolution was passed to develop a synod-wide "greening program" to recommend that all congregations work to "go green" in an effort to become better stewards of creation. Our church council has agreed that there are more steps we can take as a congregation to go green. We have already done a few things to make us more energy conscious and efficient:

- We have replaced old T-12 light bulbs with more energy efficient T-8 bulbs.
- We have installed HVAC controls which prevent the heating and air conditioning from running during times when they aren't needed.
- We plan to replace 14 canned lights and 8 recessed lights in the sanctuary with LED lights that will burn longer and brighter at a much reduced cost.

The biggest change we will make, however, is the way we will communicate with each of you. We will be switching over to more electronic communications, which will not only be more green, but will reach many more of our parishioners. The three main changes in communications will be:

- 1. The Happenings will no longer be a printed weekly newsletter. Instead, as you enter worship you will receive a one-page worship bulletin which outlines the service.
- 2. An email blast will be sent out each Wednesday to the congregation containing ministry information and insights into the upcoming worship theme.
- 3. The Happenings newsletter will convert to an monthly e-newsletter and will be posted on our website. You will receive a message with a link to the website when the monthly newsletter is posted.

We will still have a limited number of newsletters available for those who do not have access to internet or email. In addition, all homebound members will continue to receive a printed copy. Please contact Linda Goodnough in the church office with any questions or concerns. cos

FAMILY LIFE

Coffee Fellowship Today

Megan & Christopher Patterson are the Coffee Hosts today. Thank you!



Coffee fellowship is from 9-9:30 in the narthex. Please join us for light refreshments and lots of great conversa-

We still have some dates available in July and August on the Coffee Fellowship sign-up sheet. Please consider volunteering to be a host. If you are a Coffee Fellowship "virgin," simply check the appropriate box on the sign-up form, and the Coffee Cart Coordinator will contact you to help quide

you through your first time. The sign-up sheet can be found on the clipboard at the Coffee Cart in the narthex.

Men's Softball Schedule

The softball season is underway, with only six more weeks to go. Our men's team is having a great time each Sunday playing at the Schaefer Athletic Complex (Kipling & Hampden), and welcome any and all who wish to come see them play and cheer them on!

Here is the schedule for the next six weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Field</u>
July 6	No Game	
July 13	2:00pm	SAC #1
July 20	5:00pm	SAC #4
July 27	2pm & 3pm	SAC #1 ơ

Miss Paula, our nursery supervisor, will be on vacation for several weeks this summer. We need an adult volunteer to be in charge of caring for the little ones during Sunday worship on these dates: July 13 and July 27.



If you are interested, please contact Linda Goodnough in the office (303.979.491). cs

DISCIPLESHIP

Summer Activities for Children

Sunday School is taking a break until fall, but the Children's Ministry is still very active. Here are some of the fun activities planned for this summer for our Sunday School children and youth.

Pool Party!

Incoming 5, 6, and 7th graders are invited to a pool party on Monday, July 7, following VBS. Contact JoHanna at ibuchholz@stphilipco.org for the details. Also coming this summer: mini golf in August!

Summer Movies

Come in and cool off! Bring a blanket, lunch, and a friend. Best suited for ages 0-8 years and their parents. Thursdays, July 17, and August 14 beginning at noon in the Youth Room. **RSVP** Aurora Keltner at aurorastphilip@gmail.com. cs

Summer Youth Group

Every Wednesday from June 4—August 14

Summer Youth Group is for all youth going into grade 7 through the youth who just graduated high school. We will meet every Wednesday, beginning June 4th and ending August 14th. Most weeks we will meet from 6:30-8:30pm in the Youth Room.

Once a month we will have a day trip. Contact Pastor Brad with any questions. cs

COMMUNITY CARE & COMPASSION



Sheridan Food Bank Project

The food bank, located in the Sheridan Rec. Center, opened June 5th, and will be open for distribution every Thursday evening from 4:30pm-7pm. The following needs are critical to our continued success:

Food and Other Donations Needed:

- 1-2lb. bags of dried beans
- Canned black beans & corn
- Tomato sauce
- Canned meats
- 1-2lb. bags of sugar
- 1-2lb. bags of rice
- Canned fruit
- Massa
- Packaged tortillas
- Cooking oil
- Personal care items*
- Diapers (smaller sizes) & wipes

Please note: large containers or bags of food are not helpful because we do not have authorization from the health department to open and divide food items.

*Helpful Tip: When you travel, please save the small personal size hygiene items from hotels and donate them!

We still desperately need volunteers to:

- Pick up food at the Food Bank of the Rockies once a week. You must have a van, SUV, pickup truck or trailer.
- Meet and help unload the FBR pickup vehicle. Days and times will vary.
- Help on Thursdays, anytime from noon to 8pm, but particularly during the distribution time. The ability to speak Spanish is extremely helpful.

Please contact Karen Otto for more information about how you can help. Contact Karen at: karenlotto@msn.com or 720.290.1360. *cs*

Upcoming Family Promise Rotation

July 27-August 3

Summer is moving right along, and our next Family Promise rotation is only a few weeks away. This rotation will begin on July 27 and end on August 3. As many of you will be on vacation during that time frame, our need for volunteers will be great. Please consider signing up to help our team provide for several homeless families during that host week. Signup sheets for supplies, food, driving, and hosting will be at the Family Promise table in the narthex from now right up to the beginning of the rotation.

For further information, see or call one of our team members: Bob Delong, Karen Otto, Karen Smith, and Mike Graff. 🕫

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Then we have to go a step farther and ask for forgiveness from the person we have hurt. It's also hard to forgive someone else because they have really hurt you. It may or may not have been intentional, but it still can be hard to forgive them. A person may be wondering if they are truly even sorry for what they have done, but it isn't our job to judge. We truly do struggle with sin and brokenness every day of our lives and forgiveness has to be part of our lives as we are in relationship with each other.

This topic of forgiveness will be our topic for Vacation Bible School this week, the Mission Trip at the end of July, as well as for the sermon the next couple of weeks as we read Romans. As you struggle with your sin and brokenness, may you remember God's love and forgiveness in your life!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Brad Doty

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We Welcome The RTLC Day Camp Team To St. Philip !





Millie Reeves graduated from Regis University in Den-

ver, with a Psychology degree. She wants to volunteer with some rehab, social work, and guidance counseling positions before attending graduate school. Her interests include pizza, high fives, and helping lead Confirmation group at her home church in Boulder.



Gustav Meyners was born in Gallup, New Mexico, and currently resides in Fort Hamilton, New York. This is his second year with the St. Philip VBS program. He graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne University with a Bachelor of Arts in both Public Relations and German. He likes running, soft blankets, and long walks along the beach.



Kenny Blair is a student at University of Colorado and is serving as a counselor at RTLC for the first time this summer. He loves to run, play basketball, and spend time talking about God with his friends and family.



McKenzie Wedel is from Colorado Springs, and will be a junior at Hasting College in Nebraska. She is a Broadcasting major and has held many positions within the college media department. She was a camper for eight years, and this is her second summer on staff.



Elsa Meyners will be a freshman at Regis University. Her major is Environmental Studies. Elsa enjoys dancing, hiking, and being outdoors. Elsa is from Gallup, New Mexico, but currently lives in Brooklyn, New York. cos

These pictures are of our confirmation youth that went to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp for a week of confirmation camp. There were eight youth from St. Philip and Pastor Brad who went to camp from June 22-28. They all had a great time at camp doing many activities, including: hiking, wood carving, archery, Bible Study, worship, dancing, rafting, walking through the life of Christ, high ropes and much more. Rainbow Trail is a great place for these youth to learn about God, grow in their faith, and form friendships with other campers. cs















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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP

SUN, July 6

8:00a	Worship
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9:00a Coffee Fellov	wship
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- 9:30a Worship
- 4:00P Men's softball (SAC #1)

MON, July 7

10:30a

Vacation Bible School

Prayer Team (Sanctuary)

6:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS)

TUE, July 8

Vacation Bible School	
1:00P	SPLC staff meeting (FS)

- **4:30P** Garden Autism Services (MC-4/5)
- **6:30P** Book Club room set-up (YR)
- 6:30P Boy Scouts Troop 554 Meeting (FH)
- 7:00P Book Club (YR)

WED, July 9

Vacation Bible School

6:30P Summer Youth Group (YR)

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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8am to 5pm Friday: 8am to 12:00noon

Senior Pastor: Nathan P. Doerr Associate Pastor: Brad Doty Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Nancy Beyer Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries: JoHanna Buchholz Organist: Gretchen Martin Business Administrator: Linda Goodnough Editorial Assistant: Susan Riecks Receptionist: Dana Usinger Nursery: Paula Googins cs THU, July 10

Vacation Bible School

7:00a Men's breakfast (off-site at Robert's Deli)

FRI, July 11 - Church Office open 8am-noon Vacation Bible School

No activities scheduled

SAT, July 12

- 9:00a ACA (MC-3)
- 9:45a Able-Chef Program (Kitchen/FH)
- 10:30a Al-Anon (MC-3)
- 5:30P Worship

SUN, July 13

Youth Mission Trip to Anapra, Mexico

- 8:00a Worship
- 9:00a Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30a Worship
- 1:00P Men's softball (SAC #1)





KeyKeeper Duty

The KeyKeeper this week (07/05--07/12) is **TBD.** Next week's Keykeeper (07/13-07/19) will be Howard Hanson. Thank you for your service! os

