

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

January 11, 2017

Greetings,

Below is your weekly St. Philip Information & News (SPIN). We hope that it will help you stay informed about the events here at St. Philip, encourage you to pray for those in our St. Philip community, and to help you prepare your hearts for worship this coming weekend.

If you do not wish to receive this weekly email publication, please let Linda Goodnough know by replying to this email.

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Worship News

Altar Flowers

We have openings on **January 15 and 29**. If you would like to celebrate or honor a special person or occasion, please contact the church office. The cost of an altar flower arrangement is \$25, and needs to be pre-paid. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the second service on Sunday.

Upcoming Worship, January 15, 2017

Please join us in worship on Sunday, **January 15** as we install Janet Shibly as our new Director of Music Ministries.

We will also be recognizing and honoring Coreen Wells, who served as our interim music director.

Upcoming Worship, January 22, 2017

Please join us in worship on Sunday, **January 22** as we install Angela Seep as our new Parish Secretary.

We will also recognize Beth DeBoer as this will be her last Sunday as one of our accompanists. We will have a reception for Beth during the coffee fellowship.

What is Global Church Sunday?

ELCA congregations and ministries are invited to celebrate our church's connections and common mission within Christ's global church by celebrating Global Church Sunday. It is a day to rejoice in our relationships with companions around the world, to learn more about how the ELCA is connected globally, and to support our church's global ministries in collaboration with our companions in Christ.

We will be celebrating Global Church Sunday on the weekend of **February 11th and 12th** at all three of our worship services. Come join us in learning more about our sisters and brothers in Madagascar and around the world!

Scripture Readings for January 14-15

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He

brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Worship Servants for January 14-15, 2017

Saturday worship, January 14, 2017

- Pianist – Naomi Doerr
- Cantor – Quinn Silco
- Usher – Joanne Ermold
- Altar Guild – LeRae Schnickel
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 15, 2017		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer	Renate Muthart
Lector	George Rasmussen	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	OPEN	Kaden Rahne, William Parker
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse, Karen Otto	Amy Rahne
Ushers	Jerry Black, Colin Black, Chuck Krieger, Roy Hager	Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge
Prayer Partners	OPEN	OPEN
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse	Lisa Edington, Victoria Edington
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall & family
Greeters	OPEN	
Ambassadors	Stacey Wacholz	
Coffee Cart	Brad & Roseanna Doty (Gender Reveal!)	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (1/14): Dick Rock	Week beg. 1/15: Sue Riecks

Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of St. Philip?

At St. Philip we offer two kinds of classes for those wishing to learn more about St. Philip, and for those desiring to become members.

The Inquirer Class is for those who are new to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), of which St. Philip is a part. This class covers what we believe about God and the practices of the church, including the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. We offer this class for those who have come from traditions other than the ELCA who wish to become members of St. Philip Lutheran Church.

The next set of Inquirer classes will be held over three Sundays: **January 8 - 22** from **9:30am to 10:30am in the Fireside Room**. Childcare will be provided through the church nursery.

The New Member Class is for those who are either transferring their membership from an ELCA congregation, those returning to active membership at St. Philip, or those who have completed the Inquirer Class. In this class you'll learn more about the ministry of St. Philip and how you can become part of our vision: "*All of us sharing our gifts in service.*"

The next New Member Class will be held over three Sundays: **February 5 - 19** from **9:30am to 10:30am** in the Fireside room. Childcare will be provided through the church nursery. *Please RSVP to the church office at 303.979.4491 if you plan to attend either of these classes and if you need child care.*

Sharing the Good News!

We have a new Secretary!

Angela Seep has accepted the position of Parish Secretary here at St. Philip. Angela has been a member for 7 years, and has assisted with church secretarial duties in the past. She is married and has two children, Cameron and Denna. We are pleased to welcome Angela as a part of our church staff!

Newest Addition to Wall of Crosses

Thanks go out to Chuck Krieger and Paula Willhouse for our newest addition to our wall of crosses in the church office. Chuck and Paula recently took a river cruise to Germany, and brought back a colorful metal cross from the Weltenburg Abbey. The abbey is one of Germany's oldest monasteries; it was founded in the 7th century, near the Danube Narrows, and is famous for its brewery, which was founded in 1050. Please stop by the church office and get a look at the newest addition – the vibrant colors and the creative design will quickly catch your eye!

Thanks from all over

We have been receiving thank you notes from various organizations thanking St. Philip for its generous gifts. The letters are posted on the Community Care & Compassion and Evangelism bulletin boards.

Church News

Is it a Boy? Girl? Come to the Doty Gender Reveal Party!

Pastor Brad and Roseanna are inviting everyone to join them for a gender reveal party during the coffee fellowship on **Sunday, January 15th** from 9:00-9:30am. They will be hosting the coffee cart with a fun gender reveal theme. The kids will be invited to break open a piñata to reveal the gender of Pastor Brad and Roseanna's baby! Pastor Brad and Roseanna don't know the gender of their baby and will find out with you at the gender reveal party. Come and see the surprise on their faces!

Community Care & Compassion Ministry

Lutheran Family Services

Lutheran Family Services needs more people to commit to be foster parents to children in need of a safe environment. Informational meetings for foster care in the Denver metro area will take place on Wednesday, **January 18th** from 12:30-1:30pm and from 5:30-6:30pm at the LFS office (363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 105, Denver, 80226). Please contact Anne Hamilton for more information at 303.217.5869.

The Older Adult & Caregiver Services program at Lutheran Family Services will continue into 2017. The monthly teleconference program has new updated topics, and now includes in-

person offerings. These conversations are always free of charge. For more information, please call 303.217.5964.

Family Promise

Thanks to so many for your help during our December Family Promise rotation. Our guest included four families who enjoyed the hospitality and wonderful food provided by congregation volunteers. It was a very cold week to be homeless, so a warm place to call home for the week was greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for our five rotations in 2017:

- 2/26 – 3/5
- 5/7 – 5/14
- 7/23 – 7/30
- 9/24 – 10/1
- 12/17 – 12/24

Please see or call Bob Delong for more information about Family Promise at 303.808.6423.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – January Donations

“You say “tomaytoe, I say tomahto ...” Regardless of how you say it, Sharing with Sheridan needs canned tomato items like sauce, whole, diced, paste, etc. Also needed are all types of canned fruit. Purchase one item each time you get groceries during the month! Sheridan Food Pantry is an outreach ministry of St. Philip. You may continue to help monetarily or with donated items as well. Remember, donations for Sharing with Sheridan may be dropped off at the NEW donation center located just outside the church office door. Look for the big Sharing with Sheridan banner above the donation cart! Thanks for all you’ve brought in 2016!

Discipleship Ministry

Children’s Ministries Update

Frolic Parent-Child Sunday School meets at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and then moves to the preschool wing after opening songs. Children ages 0-3 years and their caregivers are invited to meet other caregivers, hear a Bible story, sing songs, visit activity centers, and learn a ritual that can be shared daily in the home.

SPARK! Sunday continues with the story of Moses this week! PreK through 4th grade students are invited to explore the story of the Burning Bush on Sundays **January 15 and 22**. Opening program begins at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

5th and 6th Grade Sunday school meets at 9:30 am in FH1.

Sr. High Youth Group

Sr. high youth group for all youth in 9th grade through 12th grade is on! Sr. high youth group is a place for youth to come, be themselves, have fun and learn about God. We invite and encourage you to bring your friends for this time of fun, fellowship, Bible

study, games, service, and much more. The format for youth group is to meet at St. Philip twice a week from 7:00-8:30pm, have an off-site fun event once a month, and to do a service project once a month. Contact Pr. Brad for more information, or with questions. Please see the schedule below for the next youth group events:

- **January 15th: Fellowship Event: TBD (Look for an email from Pr. Brad)**
- January 22nd: Refuge (Youth worship service at Bethany Lutheran). Meet at St. Philip at 5:30pm and we will be back around 8:00pm
- January 29th: Service Event: TBD

Bible Study Groups at St. Philip

Men's Tuesday evening Bible study meets every week at 7pm at the home of Paul Selander (6338 S. Harlan Way, Littleton 80123). Questions? Call Paul at 303.794.9739, or email him at p73101@msn.com.

"Fellowship in the Word" is a men's Bible study that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am here at St. Philip in room MC-1. Pr. Glenn Isernhagen is the study facilitator.

"Let's Unwrap the Bible" is a women's Bible study that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am here at St. Philip in the Fireside room. Please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

Ruth Circle is a women's group that meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday here at St. Philip in FH-1 at 9:30am. Contact Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 for more information.

Evangelism & Global Outreach

ELCA Good Gifts – Not Too Late!

It's never too late to give a Good Gift, whether it's for Christmas or New Year's or anytime. Giving the gift of a chick or cow or a mosquito net is always welcome to those around the world who lack the basics of enough food and clean water. You can find the ELCA Good Gifts catalog on the table under the World Hunger bulletin board or go online to ELCA World Hunger.

Family Life Ministry

Ties to the Community January Meeting

Ties to the Community Ministry will meet Saturday **January 21st** from 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come to enjoy good coffee, company, tying of blankets, and hand quilting. No experience is necessary. Blankets and quilts are given to various organizations. Please contact LeRae Schnickel at tschnick1@msn.com with any questions.

Who Are the Silver Sages?

We are folks 55 and older, single, married or have a significant other. Our purpose is to offer opportunities for fellowship and learning where we can connect and build relationships.

If you'd like to brainstorm with us in planning activities, join us on Tuesday, **January 17th** at 9:30am at church in MC-1. Hope to see YOU there!! For info, contact Louanne Isernhagen at 303.736.8655 or Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

Silver Sages – Chili and Bunco Event

Come enjoy chili and play bunco with the Silver Sages! Wednesday, **February 1st** at 12noon at church. Donation \$5.00/person. Enjoy a warm bowl of homemade chili and then play Bunco. ALL seniors are invited. A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center kiosk in the narthex. Sign up by January 29th. Contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 for more information.

“Let’s Unwrap the Bible” Women’s Bible Study

Our next meeting will be January 25 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room at church. We'll study the *Book of Matthew* by Max Lucado, available at Mardel's or online. Bring your favorite beverage and have a "life-changing encounter with God's word." We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. For more information, please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

Ruth Circle – January Meeting

The Ruth Circle Bible study in January will be Paul's letter to the Galatians. We will meet in on Wednesday, **January 18th** in FH-1 at 9:15am. This will be our Winter/Spring 2017 study. Any questions pertaining to Ruth Circle can be directed to Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 or Margaret Rusch at 303.979.7456.

Men’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study

The men's Tuesday evening Bible study meets Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at p73101@msn.com.

Church Families in Need – Take Them A Meal

If you know of a member who may appreciate having meals brought to them, please call Karen Rossi at 720.935.3021(cell). Karen will contact the person/family, and set it up with them on the administrative side so their name will appear on the website. They will be included in the next week's SPIN list so others may sign up as well. Please be sure to leave a voicemail for Karen – she checks her messages often. Thank you for your support as we move forward in our Caring ministry for our beloved members.

Theater and Theology – “The Christians”- February 2017

A powerful examination of belief and behavior in America, “*The Christians*” is the groundbreaking new work from New Dramatists' resident playwright Lucas Hnath. The production enjoyed much critical praise during its off-Broadway debut in 2015, also garnering two Drama Desk Award nominations and winning an Outer Critics Circle Award in 2016.

The story follows Paul, a pastor in a rapidly growing mega church. Idolized by his ever-increasing flock, Paul has come a long way from his days preaching in a modest storefront. Things may appear to be going swimmingly, but when Paul delivers a sermon that dredges up unexpected questions, he tests the faith of many of his followers and cracks in the congregation begin to appear...

Performance is Tuesday, **February 14th** at 6:30pm. After the performance, the audience is invited to stay for a discussion led by Pastor Dan Bollman, a retired Lutheran pastor. Tickets are \$35 each (make checks payable to St. Philip; please write Theater & Theology on the memo line). Sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk by Sunday, **January 22, 2017**. Questions? Please contact Nancy Oelz at nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Calendar Events This Week (January 11 – January 22, 2017)

<p>Wednesday, January 11 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event</p>	<p>Monday, January 16 10:00a – Property Team Meeting (FH1a/b) 6:30p – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 6:30p – Worship Styles & Formats (MC-1)</p>
<p>Thursday, January 12 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30p – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30p – Endowment Team Meeting (MC-1) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 17 9:00a – Silver Sages (MC-1) 9:30a – Children’s Ministry Meeting (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scout Troop 554 (K, FH, entry) 7:00p – Men’s Bible study (Selander’s home)</p>
<p>Friday, January 13 (church office open 8-12noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, January 18 9:00a – Ruth Circle (FH-1a/b) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event</p>
<p>Saturday, January 14 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Thursday, January 19 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30p – Prayer team (Sanc) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3))</p>
<p>Sunday, January 15 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour (all ages) 9:30a – Inquirer’s Class (FS) 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)</p>	<p>Friday, January 20 (office open 8am - noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i></p>
	<p>Saturday, January 21 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Church Council Retreat (MC) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship</p>
	<p>Sunday, January 22 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour (all ages) 9:30a – Inquirer’s class (FS) 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)</p>

Community Events

Aspire Women's Event

Aspire is a 1 night, 3-hour event just for women, full of laughter, learning, stories and music. It is like a weekend retreat packed into one evening with National Speakers, Authors, Comedians, and Worship. The Littleton event will take place at Mission Hills Church on **February 17**. Visit www.aspirewomensevents.com for more details or call 480-812-1100 to register a group.

The Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale is sponsoring a workshop on Saturday, **February 18, 2017** from 9am-4pm at Concordia Lutheran Church (13371 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood). On Sunday, **February 19th**, please come enjoy the fruits of their labor at a free concert at 1pm at Concordia Lutheran. For more information, please contact Linda Thompson at 303.666.6642 or email at lthomprn@msn.com.

Ken Caryl Concerts in 2017

Thanks to all who have supported Ken Caryl Concerts in our first year! We are pleased with the positive response to our concerts and hope you will mark your calendar and invite your friends to join us for our 2017 concert series:

"Springtime in the Rockies" (American Music) - Saturday, **April 29, 2017** - 7:30pm

"Music from the Movies" - Sunday, **July 16, 2017** - 2:30pm

"Mostly Mozart" - Saturday, **September 30, 2017** - 7:30pm

"Christmas Classics" - Sunday, **December 3, 2017**- 2:30pm

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Glenn Isernhagen, Pastor Brad, Dave Husted, Pam Kubicek, Galinda Knight, Rita Kuenne, Karen Morin, Chuck Krieger, Beau Winters, John Collins, Gisela Fritsch, Janet Wagner, Ann Foster, Kathy Dechant, Bree Amsberry, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members: Friends and family of Sally Casterline (Nancy Hanson's sister), **Marilyn & Everett Doerr** (aunt and uncle of Pr. Nathan), **Chelsea Watts** (niece of Liz Watts), **Laura Wagner** (niece of Stacey Wacholz), **the family of Jeff Jarecki** (cousin of Monica Auch), **Ursel** (cousin of Renate Muthart), **D. C. Merling** (step-grandson of Kent & Shera Eddy), **Fawn Kemp and her children** (daughter & grandchildren of Phyllis & Larry Kemp), **Kathy Johnson** (mother of Anne Smith-Krause), **Brandan Tornes** (relative of the Stevermers), **Nathaniel Knight** (son of Robin & Galinda Knight), **Jack McNamara** (father of Mike McNamara), **Craig Buchholz** (father of Scott Buchholz), **Scott Worman** (son of Monica Auch), **Ryan Ermold** (son of Joanne Ermold), **Jim Dawson** (uncle of Dave Husted), **Bill Orf** (son-in-law of Howard & Nancy Hanson), **Ron & Louise Carlson** (Kirstine Rand's parents), and **Erika Kuenne** (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter).

Friends: John Clerici (Sue Riecks), **Bruce Lebsack** (Sue Miller), **Pam and Randy Fincher** (Linda Goodnough), **family and friends of Barbara Gauthier** (Roswech), **family and congregation of Pastor Bob Vaage** (Woods), **Janet and Lorin Aird** (Gail Thomas), **Darek & Lois Blankenbuhler, Claire, Nick** (Ariette Blankenbuhler), **Betty Johnson** (Karen Otto), **Bob Yackel** (Kathleen Reitz), **Nancy Bott** (Dori Hammer), **Gary** (Crowners), **Kent Christopher and his family** (Schutts), **the DeGiorgio family** (Sue Riecks), **Tami Morling** (Roswechs), **Lore Schnell** (Fritsch family), **Blaine Zenor** (Karen Morin), **Rev. Rick Thompson, Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniaks), **Nick Quintana** (Knight family), and **Dr. Jill Pechacek** (Roswech family).

Prayers of love, support, and encouragement for JoHanna Buchholz and Aaron Silco, as they continue their seminary studies.

Prayers for peace and healing for the people of Madagascar. Prayers of support and love for our companion synods and friends in Madagascar, and our Madagascar missionary Kirsten Laderach.

Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.

Prayers for all servicemen and women deployed around the world, especially those with ties to St. Philip. Prayers for healing and comfort for those suffering with physical and mental injuries.

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at 303.979.4491, or send an email to Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

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