

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

## *A weekly electronic newsletter*

**January 18, 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**

The altar flowers this week have been donated by Jack and Donna Dice in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

We have openings on **January 29, February 12, and February 26**. 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** at all three of our worship services. Come join us in learning more about our sisters and brothers in Madagascar and around the world!

## **Worship Notes**

### **Scripture Readings for January 21-22**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in

a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## Worship Servants for January 21-22, 2017

### Saturday worship, January 21, 2017

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – OPEN
- Usher – Monica Auch
- Altar Guild – Galinda Knight
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 22, 2017			
	8:00am		10:45am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bill Shepard		
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Youngren		Renate Muthart
<b>Acolytes</b>	OPEN		OPEN
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Peter Mielke, Sandi Stevermer		Renate Muthart
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Black, Colin Black, Chuck Krieger, Roy Hager		Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge
<b>Altar Guild</b>	OPEN	Carole Kessler	OPEN
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Beth Mielke		John Wall & family
<b>Greeters</b>	OPEN		
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Dick Rusch and Mary Hatlestad		
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	Bill & Dottie Colbenson		
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	<b>Sat. (1/21):</b> Karen Otto		<b>Week beg. 1/22:</b> Peter Mielke

## **Becoming a Member of St. Philip**

### **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!**

### **It's a Girl!**

The Gender Reveal piñata revealed that Pastor Brad and Roseanna are having a baby girl! The Doty family is thrilled, and thanks everyone who joined them in the celebration. Baby Girl Doty is due in early May.

### **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!

## **Church News**

### **Thank you**

Dear St. Philip Friends,

Thank you so much for the gift you gave me on Sunday! The gift card to the Cheesecake Factory will be enjoyed; it is one of my favorite places. You have been so supportive during this interim process, and I have really enjoyed working with the choir – they are truly a jewel. Thanks again.

In Christ's love,

*Coreen*

## **Ministry News**

### **Community Care & Compassion**

#### **Lutheran Family Services**

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**

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 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 Sunday **January 22**. Opening program begins at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday school** meets at 9:30 am in FH1.

### **Sr. High Youth Survey**

Every couple of years as new youth enter into high school and older youth graduate from high school we have to reevaluate Sr. High Youth Group as schedules and interests change. Pastor Brad and the Sr. High Youth Leadership Team are looking at how we can reach more of our Sr. High Youth, so we have created a survey for all of our Sr. High Youth to fill out. We would like you to be honest because we want youth group and youth events to be what you want them to be. Please respond to Pastor Brad's email at [bdoty@stphilip-co.org](mailto:bdoty@stphilip-co.org) or copy and paste this link into your web browser to fill out the online survey: <http://www.stphilip-co.org/youth-survey/>.

### **Sr. High Youth Group**

Sr. high youth group for all youth in 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>: Refuge (Youth worship service at Bethany Lutheran). Meet at St. Philip at 5:30pm and we will be back around 8:00pm**
- **January 29<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto:p73101@msn.com).

**"Fellowship in the Word"** is a men's Bible study that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 canceled today. It is a women's group that meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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 21** 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](mailto:tschnick1@msn.com) with any questions.

### **Women's Luncheon**

The Women's Luncheon is starting up again! Our first get together in the new year will be **January 26**. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at The Bistro in Aspen Grove at noon.

### **Silver Sages – Chili and Bunco Event**



Come enjoy chili and play Bunco with the Silver Sages! Wednesday, **February 1** at 12pm 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 29**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every month. For more information, please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:nancyoelz@gmail.com).

## Calendar Events This Week (January 18 – January 29, 2017)

<b>Wednesday, January 18</b> 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event	<b>Monday, January 23</b> 6:30p – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Meeting (MC-4/5)
<b>Thursday, January 19</b> 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30p – Prayer team (Sanc) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	<b>Tuesday, January 24</b> 8:45a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 6:30p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 6:30p – Boy Scout Troop 554 (K, FH, entry) 7:00p – Men’s Bible Study (Selander’s home)
<b>Friday, January 20</b> (church office open 8-12noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>	<b>Wednesday, January 25</b> 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00p – Confirmation Fellowship Event
<b>Saturday, January 21</b> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Church Council Retreat (MC-4/5) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30p – Worship</b>	<b>Thursday, January 26</b> 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 12:00p – Women’s Fellowship Lucheon 1:30p – Prayer team (Sanc) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3))
<b>Sunday, January 22</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour (all ages) 9:30a – Inquirer’s Class (FS) <b>10:45a – Worship</b> 7:00p– Sr. High Youth Group (YR)	<b>Friday, January 27</b> (office open 8am - noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
	<b>Saturday, January 28</b> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30p – Worship</b>
	<b>Sunday, January 29</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour (all ages) 9:30a – Inquirer’s class (FS) <b>10:45a – Worship</b> 7:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)

## 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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:** Ray Peterson, Janet Shibly, Bill and Susan Shepard, Paul Sunde and his family, Glenn Isernhagen, Pam Kubicek, Galinda Knight, Rita Kuenne, Karen Morin, Chuck Krieger, Beau Winters, John Collins, Gisela Fritsch, Janet Wagner, Ann Foster, Kathy Dechant, Bree Amsberry, and Ron Rossi.

**Family Members:** Gerry Jungmeyer (mother of Janet Shibly), James Bauch (son of Lillian Bauch), Chelsea Jacobson (family member of Nancy & George Jacobson), Barbara Schmitt (mother of Susan Shepard), Sandy (sister of Susan Shepard), family and friends of Carmen Sunde (mother of Paul Sunde), 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), Brandon 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:** Keith Stechmesser (Gary Philpy), family and friends of Claire Pepe (Jack & Donna Dice), June Cho (Carl & Rita Kuenne), Abi Shaw (Jonathan Anderson), Norman Greenhouse (Karen Smith), 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), family and friends of 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 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](mailto:aseep@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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