

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

February 8, 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 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.

Here's what is in this week's SPIN:

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Worship News

Lenten Service Time Change

Starting March 8, our Midweek Lenten Worship will be at 6pm. Bread and Broth will start at 5:30pm. This change is an attempt to be inclusive of families with young children who may wish to participate in our midweek services.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week have been donated by Carol Doehler in memory of her mother's birthday.

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 Baptism

Join us this Sunday, **February 12**, as we baptize Drew Alice Mennona, daughter of Bryan and Cori Mennona, at the 10:45am service. Let us all join together to welcome Drew into God's family.

Worship Notes

In an effort to reduce the size of the SPIN, the Lectionary verses for the upcoming weekend's church services will be sent together in a monthly email. Birthdays and Anniversaries will also be distributed in this manner from now on.

Worship Servants for February 11&12, 2017

Saturday worship, February 11, 2017

- Pianist – Michael Clough
- Cantor – Beth Clough
- Usher – OPEN
- Altar Guild – Linda Heesch
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, February 12, 2017			
	8:00am		10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Smith-Krause		Jan Philpy
Lector	Chris Youngren		Renate Muthart
Acolytes	Abby Husted, Roni Pixley		Brendan Larson, Kaden Rahne
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto, Diane Bracken		Amy Rahne
Ushers	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach		Nick & Nancy Schell, Rob Simons, Hank Parker
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse	Mary Hatlestad, Carolyn Endecott	Teresa Cline
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke		OPEN
Greeters	OPEN		
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt		
Coffee Cart	Silver Sages		
KeyKeepers	Sat. (2/11): Dick Rock		Week beg. 2/12: Jay Breidenbach

Becoming a Member of St. Philip

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

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 Thanks!

Thank You

The staff of St. Philip would like to thank everyone who remembered us with gifts this Christmas season. You are a wonderful congregation to serve, and we are blessed through you!

The Staff of St. Philip Lutheran Church

Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food, and kindness during my mother's recent illness and death. We are surrounded by blessings, and are so grateful for our church family during this difficult time.

Bill and Susan Shepard and family

Thank You from the Colorado National Guard

We just received and opened the two care packages from St. Philip Lutheran Church. Thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers!

The items in the care packages are perfect! The jerky and dried fruit were handed out to each platoon. The movies will be great for our movie nights. We have a Clif bar addict so those went to him! Gum is always a popular item and the jelly beans and red sticks are the commander's favorite. We also were in need of AA batteries. So you guys hit a home run!

Thank you again – what a blessing! Please extend our sincere gratitude from TF Berserker and the men and women of the Colorado Army National Guard for the generosity and thoughtfulness of those back home that support us. It is not forgotten! God bless!

Best regards,
CH Jeff Bell

Task Force Chaplain
Task Force Berserker
3rd Battalion, 157th Field Artillery

Thank You

Thank you to all who have prayed, sent me cards, and wished me well. I am truly blessed to have such loving friends. I really appreciate your concerns for me.
God bless you all.
Chuck Krieger

Church News

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Everyone is invited to come out for an evening of fun and frivolity! The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/New Member Dinner will be held on **February 28** at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. Come when you can and join us for some live music, Mardi Gras beads and crowns, new members to meet, and delicious pancakes (regular and gluten-free) for all to enjoy! Sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk if you know you are coming or just show up. The youth going to Louisiana to do flood relief for their mission trip will be making and serving the pancakes. There will be a free-will offering to support the youth going on the mission trip. Come and join the fun!

Lutheranism: Deeply Rooted Bearing Fruit - All Congregational Bible Study

How much do you know about Lutheranism and Martin Luther? Everything? Barely anything? Some? Well, this Bible study is for you! As the Lutheran Church approaches the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, on October 31, 2017, St. Philip will be doing an all-congregational study on Lutheranism and Martin Luther. The study is based on a book titled "Together by Grace." You do not have to have read the book to participate in this study, but books are available if you would like to go deeper into Lutheranism and Martin Luther. There will be two opportunities to participate: Sunday mornings during the Sunday School/Adult Education hour (9:30-10:30am) as well as on Wednesday evenings, after mid week Lenten worship, from 6:45pm-7:45pm. The Sunday class will begin on **March 5**, and we will be meeting in MC 4/5 for the first week. The Wednesday evening class will begin on **March 8** and meet in MC 4/5. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad or Pastor Nathan.

Memory Tree Ornaments

The ornaments have been taken off the memory tree. If you have a personal ornament that you put on the tree, please come to the church office to pick it up.

Book Sale a Success!

The Narthex Redesign Team would like to thank you for helping us whittle down the number of books in the Fireside Room and raising \$360 for the Senior High Youth Mission Trip through the Book Sale.

Ministry News

Community Care & Compassion

Family Promise February Rotation

Our next hosting week will be **February 26 – March 5**. All are welcome to come learn more about Family Promise, and help in providing hospitality for homeless families. Volunteer sign-up sheets can be found at the sign-up table in the narthex. There are many ways that you can help. Come and see how you can apply your unique gifts to this ministry.

Here are our next four rotations in 2017:

- May 7-14
- July 23-30
- September 24 – October 1
- December 17-24

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

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – February Donations

Did you know that protein items cost more than other items at Food Bank of the Rockies? Please help by picking up a protein item each time you shop this month – things like tuna, peanut butter, canned meats, stew, or chili with meat. Please place these items in the bins by the office. Thank you!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity on a Saturday? For everyone who volunteers at the Food Bank of the Rockies, Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry gets credit to use for food purchase. It's a win-win! We have a group scheduled to work on **Saturday, February 11** from 9am-noon. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

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, engage at activity centers, and learn a ritual that can be shared daily in the home. To receive monthly updates from Frolic, tailored for the age of your child and season of the year, please provide an email address and birth date of your child to JoHanna Buchholz at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org.

SPARK! Sunday finishes up their Lord's Prayer rotation this week! Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore through games, cooking, and drama workshops. The fun begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall with opening songs and story!
5th and 6th Grade Sunday school meets at 9:30 am in FH1.

Save these Summer Dates!

- **July 10-14 (morning):** Vacation Bible School for incoming Pre-K (4 years) through 4th grade
- **July 10-14 (afternoon):** St. Philip Fine Arts Academy for incoming 5th graders and older
- **July 30-August 5:** Juniors Camp at Rainbow Trail for incoming 4th through 6th graders. Another Juniors camp is offered for this same age group June 18-24 if the July date does not work for your family. Intro to camp mini-camps are also offered for incoming 2nd and 3rd graders throughout the summer. Please see the brochure in the narthex or visit Rainbow Trail's website at www.rainbowtrail.org.

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 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 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:

- **February 12:** Fellowship Event - Scavenger Hunt - Meet at St. Philip - 7:00-8:30pm
- **February 19:** Youth Group at St. Philip from 7:00-8:30pm
- **February 26:** Service Project - TBD
- **March 5:** Refuge (Worship for high school youth, by high school youth) at Bethany Lutheran - Meet at St. Philip at 5:30pm

Evangelism & Global Outreach

Note Card Sale in Support of Seeds of South Sudan

Arok Garang, founder of Seeds of South Sudan, is familiar to the St. Philip community. Last year he spoke during the education hour about our mission to educate, empower, and equip children surviving the genocide in what is now South Sudan.

One way that you can help the mission of Seeds of South Sudan (SOSS), is by purchasing note cards. Kent Denver student Kohl Terry has personally created note cards with five original animal pictures for SOSS. 100% of the proceeds go to supporting the needs of the 65 orphans who are in the program in Kenya. Cards are \$10. Sue Counterman and Angela Seep both have cards for purchase. Also, please look for the cards on the Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex.

You can find out more about SOSS at our website, www.seedsofsouthsudan.org, or by contacting Sue Counterman. Thank you for supporting our students.

Spread the Love with ELCA Good Gifts!

Share a smile with your valentine, and share the love with families in need. Shop ELCA Good Gifts for Valentine's Day, and print a card to let your valentine know about the gift you've made in their honor. Check out <https://community.elca.org/good-gifts-2015/valentines> for more information.

Family Life Ministry

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 – “Two Degrees”

Our next play will be the world premiere of *Two Degrees*. The smallest changes can lead to the biggest impact, and no one knows that better than Emma, a scientist studying climate change in Greenland. Still grappling with the unexpected death of her husband, she is invited to the nation's capital to share her findings at a Senate hearing that could define her career and her cause. But if she can't overcome her tumultuous inner struggle, her dedication and sacrifices may not be enough to make the difference in the world that she's always wanted.

This performance is Tuesday, **March 7** at 6:30pm in the Jones Theater. After the play, 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 **February 14**. Questions? Please contact Nancy Oelz at nancyoelz@gmail.com.

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. Our next gathering will be **February 22**. We are currently studying the Book of Matthew by Max Lucado. We invite you to join us for conversation about scripture and fellowship. Please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. Philip in FH-1 at 9:30am. We will be studying the book of Galatians for the next several months. All women of the church are welcome. Please contact Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 for more information.

Calendar Events This Week (February 8-19, 2017)

Wednesday, February 8 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 1:30p – Prayer Team (Sanc) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event	Monday, February 13 6:30p – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS)
Thursday, February 9 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Tuesday, February 14 8:45a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 6:00p – Book Club (YR) 6:30p – Boy Scout Troop 554 (K, FH, entry) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (Selander's home)
Friday, February 10 (church office open 8-12noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>	Wednesday, February 15 9:00a – Ruth Circle (FH-1a/b) 1:30p – Prayer Team (Sanc) 6:00p – Confirmation Servant Event
Saturday, February 11 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship 6:30p – 5 th & 6 th Grade Game Night (MC-4/5)	Thursday, February 16 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Sunday, February 12 – Global Church Sunday 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour (all ages) 9:30a – New Member Class (FS) 10:45a – Worship 12:30p – CMTA Boys Recital (Sanc) 7:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)	Friday, February 17 (church office open 8-12noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
	Saturday, February 18 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
	Sunday, February 19 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour (all ages) 9:30a – New Member Class (FS) 10:45a – Worship 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 for more details or call 480-812-1100 to register a group.

The Concordia Choir

The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, MN has two upcoming concerts. Rene Clausen conducts the 72-voice a cappella choir in several spirituals and hymns plus a folk-inspired section titled "How Can I Keep From Singing?" The first performance will be Sunday, **February 26** at 7:30pm at Augustana Lutheran Church. The second will be at Bethany Lutheran Church on **February 27** at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at concordiatickets.com, by calling 800-838-3006, or at the door.

Sandi Patty: Forever Grateful

Sandi Patty's farewell tour, "Forever Grateful" is coming to Colorado! She will perform at the Sunrise Church in Colorado Springs on **February 28** at 7pm. Special guests include Veritas. For tickets go to premierproductions.com or call 719.598.7013 for more information.

The Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale is performing a free spring concert entitled "Century Celebration" on Sunday, **March 12** at 3pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (2100 N. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood). For more information, please contact Linda Thompson at 303.666.6642 or email at lthomprn@msn.com.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Joanne Ermold, Roy Hager, Gary Donaho, Annelore Fecht, Janet Shibly, Susan Shepard, Ray Peterson, Paul Sunde, Glenn Isernhagen, Galinda Knight, Rita Kuenne, Chuck Krieger, John Collins, Janet Wagner, Ann Foster, Kathy Dechant, Bree Amsberry, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members: Cathy Truman (sister-in-law of Harriet Truman), Erica Skeels (niece/cousin of Anderson family), Laura Bauer (Carol Whittenburg's sister), Richard Truman (Arne Truman's nephew), Brian Lewis (husband of Sherri Lewis), Sarah DeBoer (daughter of Mary & Steve DeBoer), family and friends of Vivian DeBoer (aunt of Steve DeBoer), David DeBoer (Steve DeBoer's cousin), William (grandson of Roy & Ann Hager), 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: Tami Morling (Roswech), Michelle Foust (Roswech), family and friends of Dr. Bob Johnson (Anderson), family and friends of Elizabeth Skogstad (Anderson), family and friends of Fisher Wald (Anderson), family and friends of Natalie Beatrice Olson (Anderson), Annie, Gareth, & Tucker Schuth (Anderson), Joe Soehn (Henning), Gerry Engert (Seep), Kathy Milnes (Endecott), Bob Kid (Endecott), Paula Flynn (Stevermer), June Cho (Kuenne), Norman Greenhouse (Karen Smith), family and friends of Russ Spiegel (Otto), Keith Stechmesser (Gary Philpy), Kent Christopher and his family (Schutts), Ryan Pfister (Belford), 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 protection and blessing for Pastor Brad as he travels to Madagascar with the Rocky Mountain Synod to visit our sisters and brothers in our companion synods.

Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.

Prayers for all friends and families who have lost parents, siblings, children, and friends to PTSD.

Prayers for leaders who govern at all levels to work for just causes, for local and national governments to care for their people, and for advocates who speak for the voiceless.

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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