St. Philip Information and News (SPIN) A weekly electronic newsletter

February 22, 2017

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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 Cliff and Kay Mosier in memory of their daughter, Valerie.

We have two March dates and all weekends in April available. 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 26**, as we baptize Olivia Marie Cannelongo, daughter of Brooke and David Cannelongo, at the 10:45am service. Let us all join together to welcome Olivia into God's family.

Worship Servants for February 25 & 26, 2017

Saturday worship, February 25, 2017

Pianist – Becky Miller Cantor – Taylor White Usher – Paul Stortz Altar Guild – Suzanne Peterson A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, February 26, 2017						
	8:00am		10:45am			
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard					
Lector	Karen Morin		Renate Muthart			
Acolytes	Jordan lannella, Riley Barthels		Andy Carlson, Anna Carlson			
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto		Renate Muthart			
Ushers	,	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, ay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach		Nick & Nancy Schell, Rob Simons, Hank Parker		
Altar Guild	OPEN		OPEN Jennifer I		Jennifer Butts	
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve F	Steve Rower		Wall Family		
Greeters	Michael & Sandi Stevermer, Emma & Michael		OPEN			
Ambassadors	Stacy Wacholz					
Coffee Cart	Phyllis & Larry Kemp					
KeyKeepers	Sat. (2/25): Caroly	n Rapp	app Week beg. 2/26: Bob Kidder			

Sharing the Gratitude

Thank You

Linda Vehrs, Lisa Edington, and Teresa Burns started a group for women here at St. Philip in 1984 to make quilts for those in need. Virginia Reitze became a member from the beginning, as well as Marilyn Belford, Kathy Reitz, and many others. Margaret Rusch assumed leadership in 1990, followed by Barb Donaho – almost 20 years ago. We appreciate what this group has accomplished and thank each of you!

Thank You

Thank you for your recent gifts given to your synod and received by ELCA World Hunger in December 2016.

On Epiphany, God reveals Jesus to the nations by the leading of a star. We pray for God to lead us by faith to know God's presence in our lives. Your gift to ELCA World Hunger is surely a manifestation of your faith in God's grace and mercy, and a witness to the light that shines brightly through Christ to all the nations.

Thank you for accompanying companion churches and trusted partners as they work together to provide water and sanitation, education and training, agriculture and nutrition, income and savings, health care and prevention – whatever it takes until all are fed.

With gratefulness and in the light and life of Christ, Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Church News

Congregational Meeting

This Sunday, February 26, there will be a Congregational Meeting between services. Please plan on attending. In preparation for the meeting, the Annual Report is out now and can be accessed online at http://www.stphilip-co.org/annual-report/. You can also pick up a copy in the Narthex.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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)! 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.

Monthly Financial Report

As of the end of	Lanuary 201	7-		
As of the end of	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	
Income	75,836	53,767	22,069	
Expenses	58,223	61,540	3,317	
	17,613	(7,773)	25,386	
Contributions				
	2017	2016		
YTD Actual	63,027	52,220		
YTD Budgeted	49,870			
	13,157			
ELCA World Hu	_			
	2017			
YTD Actual	\$542	\$646		
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January		Rainbow Trail		
January	,	Prior Year Education		
January	1,087.94	Secretary Computer		
	7,141.44			

St. Philip Mission Endowment Fund

Do you have an estate plan? Does it include a gift or bequest to St. Philip to support the church's mission in perpetuity? On **Sunday, March 5** the Endowment Committee will be hosting the Coffee Cart and providing literature to inform members on how the Mission Endowment Fund works and its benefits. Committee members will be on hand to answer questions. Application forms for this year's grants will also be available and accepted from **March 5-April 30**.

Cribbage Tournament

The 2017 Cribbage Tournament will be held on **April 1** from 10:30am to 2pm. The cost per person will be \$20 and will include lunch, which will be served by the Women of St. Philip. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Kiosk soon. Call Chuck Krieger with any questions at 720.231.3025.

Ministry News

Community Care & Compassion

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!

Food Bank of the Rockies

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 purchases. It's a win-win! We have a group scheduled to work on **Saturday**, **March 11** from 9-noon. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com. And for your future planning, we will be working every second Saturday from 9-noon.

Discipleship Ministry

<u>Lutheranism: Deeply Rooted Bearing Fruit - All Congregational Bible Study</u>

As the Lutheran Church approaches the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, 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. 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 midweek 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.

First Communion

Fifth grade students and their families are invited to attend First Communion classes on **April 2** (noon to 2pm) and **April 9** (noon to 3pm). The extended time on the 9th includes acolyte training. We will begin with lunch and then move into learning about Holy Communion. The students will make their own chalices that they can then use at their First Communion, on **Maundy Thursday**, **April 13**. Students and their families are also invited to share in a traditional Seder Meal before service. Please contact the pastors with any questions about First Communion.

Children's Ministries Update

Frolic Parent-Child Sunday School will NOT be meeting this Sunday, February 26. Please plan to attend the congregational meeting instead and make use of the nursery as needed.

SPARK! Sunday continues in the story of "Moses and the 10 Plagues" with the Bible Skills and Games workshop this **Sunday**, **February 26**.

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

Looking for a gift for a special little one? Shop faith-filled, award-winning children's books at St. Philip's Sparkhouse Family Book Fair **March 12-26**. There will be special pricing (up to 50% off) and free shipping on all purchases, plus St. Philip earns book rewards for our church and early learning center with each purchase! Payment is by cash or check only, and orders must be received by **March 26**. Look for the book cart in the narthex on Sundays between services, or by the office during SPELC drop-off and pick-up times.

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. Please see the schedule below for the next youth group events:

- **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

Family Life Ministry

Baby Haven Tour

On **March 6** we will be able to tour Baby Haven from 9:30am–11am. The Women of St. Philip support Baby Haven with Pay It Forward. We also remember them fondly and generously every Christmas. All women are invited to join this tour. Please sign up at the Welcome Kiosk. You can contact Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 with any questions.

Theater & Theology

Our next play is *Disgraced* on **April 25** at 6:30pm in the Ricketson Theater. This is a Pulitzer Prize-winning play which explores the conflicts that a man faces between his Islamic faith and modern culture. Sign up to attend the play at the kiosk by **April 2**. Tickets are \$35 each, and you may put your check in the collection plate or drop it off in the church office. Please make your check out to St. Philip and put Theater & Theology on the memo line along with the name of the play. You will receive your ticket at the Ricketson Theater between 6:00pm and 6:15pm on the evening of the performance.

Leader Needed

The quilters from Ties to the Community are looking for a leader and some ladies to help with the monthly meetings. We will cut and sew fabric to make quilts, pillow cases, and pillow case dresses for those in need. This ministry has been in place at St. Philip for almost 30 years, and we're hoping there is someone with an interest in keeping it going. Please contact Char Nauman at 303.973.8820 or naumancm@aol.com for more information.

<u>Church Families in Need – Take Them A Meal</u>

If you know of a member who may appreciate having meals brought to them, please call Karen Rossi at 720.935.3021(cell).

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. 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.

Women's Luncheon meets the 4th Thursday of each month (tomorrow!) at The Bistro, located at 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. in the Aspen Grove Shopping Center, the northeast corner. We meet at 12pm, and no reservation is needed. Please contact Char Nauman at 303.884.9798 with any questions.

Community Events

Free Children's Clothing Swap

Heritage United Methodist Church is hosting an opportunity to exchange your clean, gently used children's clothing for donated clothing from other families. Drop off your outgrown clothes at Heritage UMC (7077 S. Simms St. Littleton 80127) on **Friday, March 10** from 5-7pm. Select "new" clothing to meet your needs on **Saturday, March 11** from 9-10:30am. Sizes from newborn through elementary school are welcome!

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.

Calendar Events This Week (February 22-March 5, 2017)

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Wednesday, February 22	Tuesday, February 28 – Shrove Tuesday				
9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1)	Family Promise				
9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS)	5:30p - New Member/Pancake Dinner (FH)				
1:30p – Prayer Team (Sanc)	6:30p – Boy Scout Troop 554 (K, FH, entry)				
6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event	7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc)				
,	7:00p – Men's Bible Study (Selander's home)				
Thursday, February 23	Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday				
7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing)	Family Promise				
12:00p – Women's Fellowship Luncheon (offsite)	1:30p – Prayer Team (Sanc)				
	7:00p – Ash Wednesday Worship Service				
Friday, February 24 (church office open 8-12noon)	Thursday, March 2				
No activities scheduled.	Family Promise				
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	7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR)				
	7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (Sanc)				
Saturday, February 25	Friday, March 3 (church office open 8-12noon)				
9:00a - ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3)	Family Promise				
10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)	No activities scheduled.				
11:00a – Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Sanc)	Two delivities sorieddied.				
5:30p – Worship					
Sunday, February 26 - New Members Received	Saturday, March 4				
Family Promise	Family Promise				
8:00a – Worship	9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3)				
9:00a - Coffee Fellowship (narthex)	10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)				
9:30a – Education Hour (all ages)	5:30p – Worship				
10:45a – Worship					
7:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)					
Monday, February 27	Sunday, March 5				
Family Promise	Family Promise				
6:30p – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS)	8:00a – Worship				
7:00p - Council Meeting (FH-1a/b)	9:00a - Coffee Fellowship (narthex)				
7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Meeting (Narthex)	9:30a – Education Hour (all ages)				
	10:45a – Worship				
	7:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)				

Save The Date				
April 1	Cribbage Tournament			
April 29	Ken Caryl Concerts "Springtime in the Rockies"			
July 10-14 am	Vacation Bible School			
July 10-14 pm	St. Philip Fine Arts Academy			
July 16	Ken Caryl Concerts "Music from the Movies"			
July 30-August 5	Juniors Camp at Rainbow Trail			
August 21	6 th Annual Golf Tournament			

In Our Thoughts & Frayers

Members: Norma Yonker, Cody Celusniak, Rita Kuenne, Ray Peterson, Galinda Knight, Chuck Krieger, John Collins, Janet Wagner, Ann Foster, Kathy Dechant, Bree Amsberry, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members:

Jen Mosser (Erin White's cousin) Shad Morgheim (Carolyn Morgheim's son)

Paul Taylor (Jeff Taylor's father) **Andy Taylor** (Jeff Taylor's brother) Fawn Kemp & her children (Kemp's daughter & grandchildren)

Kathy Johnson (Anne Smith-Krause's mother)

Richard Truman (Arne Truman's nephew)

Brandan Tornes (Stevermers relative) Nathaniel Knight (Robin & Galinda Knight's son)

Jack McNamara (Mike McNamara's father)

Craig Buchholz (Scott Buchholz's father)

Scott Worman (Monica Auch's son) Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son) Jim Dawson (Dave Husted's uncle) Bill Orf (Howard & Nancy Hanson's son-in-law)

Ron & Louise Carlson (Kirstine Rand's parents)

Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

The husband & family of Jen Jack (Kuenne) (Jacobson)

Betty Johnson (Otto)

Keith Stechmesser (Philpy)

Derry Ebert (Clough) Marci Block (Clough)

David (Rogge)

Judy Peterson (Christensen) Rev. Eric Rauch (Reitz)

Joe Soehn (Henning)

Kent Christopher & family (Schutt)

Ryan Pfister (Belford) **DeGiorgio Family** (Riecks) Blaine Zenor (Morin)

Emily Mulhollen (Celusniak) Dr. Jill Pechacek (Roswech)

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. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

February 26, 2017 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>					
3/2	Connie Bloom 3/18		Gwen Swenson-Hale Cindy Sunde		
3/3	Paula Rogge		Bryant Barchet		
3/4	Amy Rahne	3/19	Alan Lofblad Matthew Herzl Brittany Morgan		
3/5	Cliff Mosier Anita Twisselman				
3/6	Roseanna Doty	3/20	Liz Reed Bryan Eberts		
3/7	Sydney Giesen Gail Rower		John Selden		
	Jessica Simons Skyler Gates	3/21	Nancy Bott Lynn Nourse George Rasmussen		
3/8	Norma Jean Bennigsdorf Kent Eddy	3/22	Damon Dailey		
	Austin Barchet	3/23	Nancy Jacobs		
3/9	Mary DeBoer Lynn Mossbrucker		Alana Borstad Bjorn Borstad		
	Nathan Obermeyer	3/24	Anne Husted		
	Jakob Blandin	3/25	Brooke Cannelongo		
3/10	Bob Delong Abby Husted		Nathan Whittenburg		
3/12	Lisa Eberts	3/26	Bruce Anderson		
0, 12	Shari Newton John Phillips	3/27	Madalyn Murphy Dillon Keller		
3/13	Fred Peters	3/28	George Jacobson		
3/14	Allan Hale Anne Henning	3/29	Dave Oelz Sandra Murphy Nancy Schell		
3/15	Eric McDaniel Pam Vandereau		Audrey Minger		
3/16	Monica Auch	3/30	Florence Jackson Nancy Hanson		
3/17	Robert LeVin Dave Husted		Devin Eberts Miranda Bleau		
	Bob Morton Pat Thomas	3/31	Levi DeBoer Nick Deaver		
	Bob Morton	3/31			

Anniversaries

- 3/3 Dave & Nancy Oelz
- 3/8 Norma & Doug Mayotte
- 3/10 Fred & Sharon Peters
- 3/14 Mary Jane & Bob Rhodes
- 3/15 William & Mette Castor
- 3/16 Mike & Linda McNamara
- 3/20 Mike & Jeri Rhodes
- 3/24 Eric & Keri Brusven
- 3/25 Michael & Vickie Greunke

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