

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

September 14, 2016

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

Upcoming Baptism - September 18, 2016

Please join us in worship at the 10:45am service on Sunday, September 18th, as we welcome Miles Wayne Caravajal in the waters of baptism. Miles is the infant son of Stephanie and Gregory Caravajal.

Upcoming Baptisms - September 25, 2016

We will be celebrating TWO baptisms at the second service on Sunday, September 25th! Alden Joshua Keltner, son of Aurora and Josh Keltner, and Rileigh Christine Loomis, daughter of Chris and Jessica (Houdek) Loomis will be baptized. Please join us in worship.

Scripture Readings for September 17-18, 2016

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'
³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'
⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Worship Servants for September 17-18, 2016

Saturday worship, September 17, 2016

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – Tom Schnickel
- Usher – Paul Stortz
- Altar Guild – LeRae Schnickel
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, September 18, 2016		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard	Bill Shepard
Lector	Suzanne Peterson	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	OPEN	Melissa Giesen, Brady Roswech
Communion Deacons	Sandi Stevermer, Paula Willhouse	Erica Giesen
Ushers	John Schutt, Connie Schutt,	Rod Mauler, Kris Mauler, Tyler Henson, Ron Ramey
Prayer Partners	Barb DeLong	Sandra Murphy
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse, JoAnn Breitbach	Diane Michael
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke	OPEN
Greeters	Jack & Donna Dice	
Ambassadors	Dick Rusch & Mary Hatlestad	
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Saturday (9/17): TBD	Week beg. 9/18: Peter Mielke & Rob Murphy

Sharing the Good News

God's Work. Your Hands. Our Blessing

Our building—both inside and outside—has received a much-needed facelift in recent weeks. What a difference you have made for us! So many people have contributed to this effort.

Thanks goes out to the narthex redesign team of Sandi Stevermer, Louanne Isernhagen, Susan Shepard, Barb Donaho and Kyle Pitts. These women have opened up our narthex space and made it much more welcoming. They have painted a couple of the walls, repurposed the mailboxes, added a couple of bistro tables purchased by Chuck Krieger and added two love seats. They had Larry Edwards repaint the cross on the wall near the SE sanctuary door. The narthex feels warm and inviting. The redesign team isn't done; they have more ideas, and more improvements will happen as soon as conveniently possible.

Thanks also go out to two other volunteers, Betty Welch and Liz Reed, who spent hours re-alphabetizing and re-organizing the mailboxes. They took what was a huge mess and made complete sense out of it.

Outside the building, Carolyn Rapp and Dianne Norell have made the planters so beautiful. They spend hours planting, watering and weeding so we can enjoy the beautiful flowers and shrubs.

The mowing teams have been “religious” each week about mowing and trimming. John Breed also spends hours with the trimmer sprucing up the grounds so neatly and taking out old deadwood.

And the property team members have spent weeks painting the outside of the building. They scraped down boards, re-nailed boards, filled in woodpecker holes and then painted. They climbed up and down ladders and got on top of the roof. After the main color paint was done, the trim work was started. The outside of the building looks so much nicer now! These hard working gentlemen include Jerry Mydlach, John Phillips, Michael Stevermer, Gaylen Rapp, Bill Colbenson, and Larry Edwards.

In addition to making the building look so much nicer, all of these people have saved you, the congregation, thousands of dollars by donating their time and talents. Please remember to thank each of them when you see them.

From all of us in the office, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU. Thank you for sharing your gifts in service to our congregation. You have certainly made a difference for all of us!

Church News

St. Philip Early Learning Center 25th Anniversary Children's Consignment Sale

Your ELC is gearing up for our special silver anniversary Children's Consignment and Bake Sale the week of October 2-8. This is SPELC's biggest fundraiser and we would appreciate your help. Volunteers are in great need throughout the week, including evening and weekend slots, and also for the bake sale. You can contact the volunteer team at elcjobs1@yahoo.com, call the SPELC office at 303.972.9774, or visit the website for more information: www.stphilipelc.org/mapaer-consignment-sale/.

Columbarium Project

The next big project for St. Philip is the design and construction of a columbarium. We are looking for members like you to be on our design team. Charlie Petersen has agreed to be our CAD expert but we would like a team of 4-5 additional people to actually come up with a design for this structure and to get this project completed. We need the following types of talents: a project manager, one or two aesthetic-type of people who could help with layout and placement, possibly a person to help with the county requirements (licenses, inspections, etc.) and someone as a general user—hopefully someone who would be interested in being laid to rest here so that they can have some input. If this sounds like something you would be interested in being involved with, please contact Linda at the church office – 303.979.4491.

Pictorial Directory Update – We're Taking Names

Over 135 families and individuals have already had their photos taken, so we are off to a good start! Our goal is to get 300 families and individuals in the new directory, so we still have some work to do, so you can expect to hear more about the directory in the coming weeks.

If you have not yet signed up for a photo session appointment, please do so NOW!! The photo shoots here at St. Philip were well received, and we are currently taking names of those who would be interested in a second photo shoot here at the church sometime in early December. Please call Linda Goodnough in the church office (303.979.4491) and let her know if you are interested in having your photo taken here at the next photo session.

However, please keep in mind that you can contact Bettinger directly to schedule an appointment at their studio; doing so will give you more background and setting options (you can even do an outdoor photo if you desire!). Call Bettinger at 303.400.6023 or go online to www.BettingerPhoto.com to schedule a studio appointment.

Above all, please remember that THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR HAVING YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN. The only fee you will pay is if you decide to purchase photos from Bettinger, and there is NO OBLIGATION to do so. The bonus to you is that by having your photo taken, you will receive a FREE 5x7 photograph and a complimentary copy of our new pictorial directory.

Please start making plans for having your photographs taken – we want to maximize congregational participation this year, and we need YOU to make the new directory a success!

We Want to Share Our Abundance!

Monica Auch has a bumper crop of delicious Concord grapes this year, and they are ready to be harvested! (They taste great, and are wonderful for making jelly!)

If you are interested in having some grapes, they are FREE for the picking – just contact Monica at 303.517.2102.

Worship & Music Ministry

Community Care & Compassion Ministry

Holy Hammers/Thrivent Builds Update

The Holy Hammers/Thrivent Builds house is completed for 2016. The home will be dedicated on Thursday, **September 29th at 6:00pm**. The address is 4101 N. Fraser Way in Denver, located just north of I-70 East at Chambers Road. Come and meet the recipient family and see their new home.

Next year's project will be in Sheridan Square, a new location just north of Fort Logan near Lowell Blvd. and Kenyon Avenue. This will be Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver's largest project to date comprising of 63 units (duplex and triplex) to be built over four years. Fortunately, our volunteers will not have to travel so far next year to participate in this worthwhile activity! For more information about the Holy Hammers and how you can get involved, please contact Roger Bracken at 303.795.5603 or email him at brackenridgeco33@comcast.net.

Blood Drive for Children's Hospital – September 23rd

Here's an easy way to provide on-going medical aid to children, and to support their medical care. Sign up to donate blood!

The Children's Hospital Blood Mobile will make its next visit to St. Philip on Friday, **September 23rd** from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm. The goal will again be to collect 32 pints of whole blood which will have a major impact on healing, and sometimes saving the life of young patients. Remember to allow 56 days between your whole blood donations (July 30th was the cut off day). Sign up online at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4aabab2da46-stphilips>

Harvest Dinner – September 24, 2016

Save the date for the 2nd annual Harvest Dinner on Saturday, September 24th at 6:15pm! We'll be celebrating another banner year in the donation garden with a potluck dinner, pumpkin raffle, door prizes, and games for the kids. Please bring a potluck item to share and/or a packet of new seeds for the garden. Everyone is welcome! For more

information, please contact Ana Tolentino at 303.949.6088 or email her at anaincolorado@gmail.com.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – A New Way to Donate

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry is an outreach ministry of St. Philip. Many of you have helped out in the past and that is sincerely appreciated! Starting in September, the food pantry team will be requesting a specific item each month with the idea that you will buy and donate that item each time you get groceries during the month. Of course, you may continue to help monetarily or with other items as well, but we think this approach will help both you and the pantry as we work with our neighbors in Sheridan. For the rest of August and for September, canned and jarred protein items are greatly needed. (Examples: peanut butter, canned chicken, canned tuna etc.)

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – ¿Habla Espanol?

The food pantry needs help with translating communications into Spanish. If you can help with this, please contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Sharing with Sheridan Needs Fresh Produce

Have extra garden produce? Sharing with Sheridan can use it! Just bring your extras to the church by noon on Thursday, and leave it on the Sharing with Sheridan table in the narthex. We will take it over to the food pantry. Thank you for sharing the bounty of your garden with us!

Discipleship Ministry

New Adult Discipleship Class – “The 5 Love Languages of Children”

Calling parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers of school-aged children to join a new adult education class focusing on children!! We will work through the book *"The 5 Love Languages of Children"* by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell with some additional teaching around children's temperament and normal (though sometimes challenging!!) developmental behaviors. The goal of the class and the book is "to help parents give their children a greater experience of the love you have for them" with the added benefit of increasing individual and family happiness and strength.

The class runs during the education hour from 9:30-10:30am starting on Sunday **September 18th** (in room MC-4/5), and will continue on Sept 25, Oct 9, Oct 16 and Oct 30 (note: no class Oct 2nd). Heather Varnell will be teaching the class. If you are interested but busy as one of our wonderful Sunday school volunteers, let Heather know. Feel free to join even just one of the classes--everyone is welcome as many or as few times you can come! The book is available at Mardel bookstore and on Amazon. Contact Heather Varnell with additional questions at 720.941.1605 or email her at heather.varnell@yahoo.com.

New Adult Discipleship Class – Study of Galatians

All are welcome to join the Galatians Bible Study during the Sunday Education Hour between services. We will read and study the book of Galatians which defines Christian liberty and refutes the idea that salvation is based on religious code. The book has been described as "a sword in a great warrior's hand", the warrior being Paul. Galatians is all about God's grace, and this grace is what sets Christianity apart from other religions. Please join us as we discover Paul's arguments to the early church that it is by faith, not by the law that we receive salvation. Juli Jacobson will be the class facilitator; the class will meet in room MC-1, from 9:30-10:30am, starting Sunday, September 18th.

Introducing Frolic! Faith Formation for Little Ones

Frolic is a family of early childhood (birth-3 years) faith formation resources for congregations and families. As part of our subscription to the online resource, we have the opportunity to sign up families of young children for a monthly Enewsletter. Each Enewsletter arrives on the first of the month and features four articles about child development and faith formation. The goal of each monthly issue is to support parents in helping their young children take their first steps of faith. Content is based on the age of your child and the month of the year. If you'd like to receive this Enewsletter, please contact JoHanna at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org with your child's name, date of birth, and email addresses for up to four caregivers who would like to receive this monthly Enewsletter. Each Enewsletter comes from the publisher Sparkhouse; they will use your email address only for this purpose. You may receive additional emails from St. Philip about children and family ministries, like Frolic parent-child Sunday School and family get-togethers!

Frolic Parent-Child Sunday School

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

SPARK! Sunday School Begins New Rotation

SPARK! Sunday School begins a new rotation this Sunday, September 18!

Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore the story of Lydia through the Cooking, Games, and Science workshops on September 18, 25, and October 2. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for the opening!

The 5th and 6th grade Sunday school meets at 9:30am in FH-1.

Sunday school registration forms may be picked up at the Sunday school sign-in table on Sunday morning or downloaded from our website: www.stphilip-co.org/childrens-ministries. One form covers all children birth-6th grade.

SPARK! Sunday school is in need of workshop leaders to facilitate learning through Art, Cooking, Drama, Games, Music, Science, or Video. Workshops leaders commit to teaching two Sundays at time; the lesson and materials are provided and set-up is done for you! Workshop leaders need only to come prepared to facilitate learning for and build relationships with a group of PreK-4th graders! Upcoming lessons include: Lydia, Ten Men Healed, Baby Moses, and Advent. Please contact JoHanna at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org to sign up to lead this important ministry to and with the children of St. Philip!

NEW Adult Discipleship Class – “Heaven”

So what is heaven about? How do we think and talk about heaven today? A recent poll suggested that over 70% of Americans believe in heaven, but when asked to discuss in more detail what that meant, very few had an answer. Where is it? When is it? What will it be like? Streets of gold? Will your friends and family be there? Does your soul go to heaven? And what is a “soul”? And the resurrection of the body? My old body? Don’t want it. Can I have your body? The questions are endless. Yet over the years many have tried to picture more clearly the afterlife. But in this day and age of science, it is difficult to even believe in heaven, yet alone describe it. The class looks like this:

- I. Introduction: Now not yet...Jacob’s ladder
- II. Eschatology (last things and “days”) and the Book of Revelation
- III. History of the idea part I: the ancients and their myths
- IV. History of the idea part II: the medieval world and the creation of heaven
- V. Empty belief or authentic faith? Science hints at the way
- VI. Back to the bible, a metaphorical life of worlds founded in faith

Last question: Does heaven exist if we don’t talk about it? Come, let us talk about it. Jerry Jantz will be leading this six-week long class which will begin on Sunday, September 18th, and will meet in MC-3 from 9:30-10:30am.

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.

Senior High Youth Group

Sr. High Youth group for all youth in 9th-12th grade has started again! 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 offsite 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:

September 18th: Elitch Gardens - Meet at church after the second service (around noon) and we will grab lunch on our way to Elitch's. The park closes at 6pm, so we will head back to the church and people can be picked up then, or we will head to Robert's Deli for dinner. The cost is either free or \$10; thank you to Tim Young for donating 10 tickets!

September 25th: Youth Group at St. Philip

October 2nd: Service Project – ELC Consignment Sale set-up from 4-6pm at St. Philip. Pizza will be served!

Evangelism & Global Outreach Ministry

ELCA Disaster Response – Gulf Coast Flooding

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Historic floodwaters have required tens of thousands of people to be rescued and even more have been evacuated as rain sweeps across southern Louisiana. Floodwaters have affected communication, overwhelmed streets and highways, and damaged or destroyed more than 40,000 homes. This flood comes on the heels of several other floods that have hit the Gulf Coast region, starting earlier this spring.

Entire neighborhoods and communities still remain under water, and the full extent of the damage has yet to be realized. We know that it will be a long road to recovery, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to assist through every phase of this disaster recovery process.

Your gifts are needed to help respond to the Gulf Coast flooding. Your gifts through Lutheran Disaster Response will bring God's hope, healing and refuge to those who are affected by these devastating floods. Lutheran Disaster Response coordinators are actively present, collaborating with local community leaders and officials to begin planning the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. We will respond and walk with survivors in the days, weeks, months and years ahead, for as long as we are needed.

Gifts designated for “**Gulf Coast Flooding**” will be used (100 percent) until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild their lives. Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help address the many needs, especially the long-term recovery efforts of those affected.

2016 Foothills CROP Hunger Walk

PLEASE JOIN US for the 2016 Foothills CROP Hunger Walk. This 5K hunger hike will take place on World Food Day, Sunday, **October 16, 2016** at Clement Park in Littleton. The Foothills CROP Hunger Walk provides food for those who hunger, while also giving an example of faithfulness and justice to our community. When you walk with us, your congregation will support the global hunger fighting work of Church World Service and the local hunger fighting work of The Action Center, the Arvada Food Bank, the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry, and Love INC of Littleton. The link to sign up for the St. Philip CROP Walk team is: [St. Philip Lutheran Church - Foothills \(CO\) CROP Hunger Walk](#). For more information, please contact Sue Counterterman at sue.counterterman@coloradoacademy.org.

2016 CROP Walk Coordinator Needed

Sue Counterterman is stepping down from the position of CROP Walk coordinator for St. Philip. St. Philip has participated in the Church World Service annual Foothills CROP Walk for decades, and our contributions have been significant. If you are interested in taking over this role for St. Philip, please contact Sue Counterterman at 720.218.9302.

Family Life Ministry

Men's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

The men's fellowship Tuesday evening Bible study has resumed! We are continuing our study of Romans. We meet each week at the Selander home located at 6338 W. Harlan Way, Littleton, 80123. Please come and join us. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at p73101@msn.com.

Theater and Theology – "Frankenstein"

The next offering for Theater and Theology is "*Frankenstein*" on Tuesday, **October 25th** 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 **October 2nd**. Questions? Please contact Nancy Oelz at nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Silver Sages Planning Session – September 15th

The Silver Sages will be holding a planning session for the Oktoberfest celebration on Thursday, **September 15th**, at 9:30am at church in MC-1. If you would like to help plan our Oktoberfest celebration set for September 23, come on over to church on the 15th. Many hands make the work load light! Contact Louanne Isernhagen at 303.736.8655.

Ties to the Community – September meeting

The women's quilting/sewing ministry will be meeting Saturday, **September 17, 2016** from 9:00 to 11:00am in the fellowship hall. Please come for coffee, fellowship and fun as we tie blankets and quilts together. We encourage you to come even if you can stay for only an hour. More hands make for less work and more fun. All materials are provided for your convenience. SEWING IS ONE WAY TO MEND THE SOUL! For more information, please contact LeRae Schnickel at tschnick1@msn.com.

Ruth Circle September Meeting

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, **September 21st** at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall Room 1. Our Bible study will be the book of Jonah. Ruth Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All women are welcome. Any questions, please contact Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 or Margaret Rusch at 303.979.7456.

ATTENTION Post-High School Students and Young Adults

Attention all Young Adults ages 18-26! Please send Anne Henning your mailing and emailing addresses for this upcoming year. Whether you are attending school in-state, out of state, living at home, working toward an undergraduate or post-graduate program, studying a trade, or taking a break from school – we want to stay in touch with you, pray for you and encourage you. Send this info to adhenning14@gmail.com by September 18th please.

Men's Breakfast at IHoP

The men's fellowship group meets for breakfast at 7am on Thursdays, at the IHoP at Bowles Crossing. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at p73101@msn.com.

Oktoberfest Celebration – Friday, September 23rd

We hope all seniors 55 and older--whether single, married, or single with a significant other--will join us for this event. We'll play some German music, have delightful conversation and the opportunity to greet new and old friends.

When: Friday, **September 23** from 5 to 7pm

Where: At the home of Louanne and Glenn Isernhagen, 7789 S. Waverly Mountain, Littleton.

BYOB: Bring your own beverage

Donation: \$10 per person

Menu: Bratwurst and buns, condiments, German potato salad and desserts.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk by Sunday, September 17th.

Church Families Need Help – Take Them A Meal

Family #1: Illness – Kathy Dechant has been ill, and she and her husband Jack would appreciate some meals. Please follow the instructions below to sign up on the Take Them A Meal website. Thank you!

1. Go to website, www.TakeThemAMeal.com.
2. Go to the center section entitled "Find"
3. Enter person's last name when prompted: **Dechant**
4. Enter the password. Password is the person's last name: **Dechant**

Family #2: New Baby - Alysha and Nick Deaver just had a baby, and would greatly appreciate having some meals brought to them. Please follow the instructions below to sign up on the Take Them A Meal website. Thank you!

1. Go to website, www.TakeThemAMeal.com.
2. Go to the center section entitled "Find"
3. Enter person's last name when prompted: **Deaver**
4. Enter the password. Password is the person's last name: **Deaver**
5. Sign up for whatever you can do.

If you know of a member who may appreciate having meals brought to them, but whose name isn't listed, 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.

"Let's Unwrap the Bible" Women's Bible Study

All women are welcome. We'll begin our year on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:30am in the Fireside room. We'll study the minor prophets from the "Life Change Series-- Minor Prophets 1, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah and Micah." The book is published by Nav Press, and is available at Mardel or online. PLEASE read pages 4-12, and review lesson 1 which will be our topic for discussion on September 14th. Bring your favorite beverage and have a "life-changing encounter with God's word" as we converse about scripture and faith. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. Our next meeting will be **September 28th**. For more information, please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 or Sandra Fishko at 720.502.3628.

"Fellowship in the Word" is Back!

The men's Bible study, "Fellowship in the Word" will resume meeting in September, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 9:30am in room MC-1 here at the church. Next meeting in September will be Wednesday, **September 28th**. Need more information? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.475.4834 or gisernhagen@gmail.com.

ELCA & Rocky Mountain Synod News

New President Elected in Madagascar Lutheran Church

The Fiangonana Loterana Malagasy (FLM), the Malagasy Lutheran Church, held their National Assembly September 6-14, 2016. During this assembly they elected their church leadership: National President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and Vice General Secretary. We are waiting to hear from the Global Mission Unit for official results of the election.

Prayer for Madagascar:

Holy one, You raise up leaders to serve the church around the world. Send your spirit of wisdom to all who gather for the FLM National Assembly as they elect new leadership. Bring peace to all who are anxious during this time of transition. Give strength to all who are called to lead your church in Madagascar. Amen.

Calendar Events This Week (September 14 – September 25)

Wednesday, September 14 9:30a – “Fellowship in the Word” (MC-1) 9:30a – “Let’s Unwrap the Bible” (FS) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (entire bldg)	Monday, September 19 6:00P – Property team (FH-1) 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS) 7:00P – Columbine Townhouse mtg (MC-3)
Thursday, September 15 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 9:30a – Silver Sages meeting (MC-1) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Choir rehearsal (Sanc/CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Tuesday, September 20 6:30P – Troop 554 meeting (FH, entry, K) 6:30P – Endowment team (MC-1) 7:00P – Handbell choir rehearsal (Sanc)
Friday, September 16 (office open 8am - noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>	Wednesday, September 21 9:30a – Ruth Circle (FH-1) 9:30a – “Let’s Unwrap the Bible” (FS) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (entire bldg)
Saturday, September 17 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship	Thursday, September 22 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 12:00N – Women’s luncheon (Le Bistro) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Choir rehearsal (Sanc/CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Sunday, September 18 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 9:30a – Children & Youth Sunday school (FH) 9:30a – Frolic! (preschool wing) 9:30a – Inquirer’s Class (FS) 9:30a – Galatians adult class (MC-1) 9:30a – “Heaven” adult class (MC-3) 9:30a – “5 Love Languages” adult class (MC-4/5) 10:45a – Worship 12:00N – Executive Council planning (FH-1) 12:00N – Sr. High Youth Group (Elitch Gardens)	Friday, September 23 (office open 8am - noon) 9:00a – Blood Drive for Children’s Hosp.
	Saturday, September 24 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship 6:15P – Harvest Dinner (FH, K)
	Sunday, September 25 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)

Community Events

Cry Out! Prayer Session for Women

On September 23rd at 6:30pm, please join other women of faith to pray for our world. The Cry Out! prayer session will be at Bear Creek Church (3101 S. Kipling, Lakewood). For more information about the prayer session, please contact Carol Giles at 303.989.1982.

Senior Law and Safety Summit – October 14, 2016

This educational program focuses on topics pertaining to legal, safety, and fraud awareness issues in later life. Seniors, family members, professionals in the field of aging; and individuals contemplating retirement are particularly encouraged to attend. Registration is \$10, and includes snacks, a box lunch, the 2016 Senior Law handbook, and the opportunity to sign up at no cost for a private consultation with an attorney on a first-come, first-serve basis. Medicare counselors will also be available to answer questions. Free parking/shuttle services provide to take participants between Cabela's and the Schwab Event Center. For more information, please call 720.874.8487 or email bmw@da18.state.co.us.

The event will take place at the Charles Schwab Events Center in Lone Tree, from 8am until 1:35pm. You are encouraged to sign up early; space is limited.

Workshop topics include:

- Safe investing
- Fraud Protection
- Crime Prevention
- Medicare and Benefits
- ID Theft Prevention
- Wills, Trusts, Probate
- Powers of Attorney
- Reverse Mortgages

Lutheran Chorale Concert

The Lutheran Chorale is excited to announce their 2016-2017 season. We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary as well as Martin Luther's 500th anniversary of nailing the 95 Theses to the cathedral door.

Rehearsals will begin on **Monday, September 12th** at 7:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood. If you have any questions please contact our director, David Hodel, at 303.551.2822 or Linda Thompson at 303.666.6642. There will be no auditions; all are welcome!

Our concert season will begin with a Reformation concert on **Sunday, October 16th**. We will perform at 3pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church (6774 W. 66th Ave. Arvada), and at 7:30pm at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church (720 Kipling St, Lakewood). The performances are FREE; a free-will offering will be collected.

2016 Foothills CROP Hunger Walk

PLEASE JOIN US for the 2016 Foothills CROP Hunger Walk. This 5K hunger hike will take place on World Food Day, Sunday, **October 16, 2016** at Clement Park in Littleton. The Foothills CROP Hunger Walk provides food for those who hunger, while also giving an example of faithfulness and justice to our community. When you walk with us, your

congregation will support the global hunger fighting work of Church World Service and the local hunger fighting work of The Action Center, the Arvada Food Bank, the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry, and Love INC of Littleton. The link to sign up for the St. Philip CROP Walk team is: [St. Philip Lutheran Church - Foothills \(CO\) CROP Hunger Walk](#). For more information, please contact Sue Counterterman at sue.counterterman@coloradoacademy.org.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Linda Heesch, Phyllis Kemp, Bree Amsberry, Rita Kuenne, Bob LeVin and his family, Connie Bloom, Kathy Dechant, Renate Muthart, Virginia Brennan, Dale & Marlene Hackstaff, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members: Anne (sister of Paula Rogge), **Lincoln and his family** (son of Carolyn Endecott), **Ronald Kimmel** (relative of Galinda Knight), **Brandan Tornes** (relative of the Stevermers), **Rose Canales** (mother of Linda Baker), **Craig Buchholz** (father of Scott Buchholz), **Scott Worman** (son of Monica Auch), **Ryan Ermold** (son of Joanne Ermold), **Nathaniel Knight** (son of Robin & Galinda Knight), **Jim Dawson** (uncle of Dave Husted), **Bill Orf** (son-in-law of Howard & Nancy Hanson), **Ron & Louise Carlson** (Kirstine Rand's parents), **Erika Kuenne** (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter), and **Sally Casterline** (Nancy Hanson's sister).

Friends: Lore Schnell & Helmut Heinle (Fritsch family), **Samantha Braun** (Vehrs), **Pr. Vernon Gunderman** (Seep), **Rev. Rick Thompson**, **Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniaks), **Nick Quintana** (Knight family), and **Dr. Jill Pechacek** (Roswech family).

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 Sue Riecks at sriecks@stphilip-co.org. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

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