

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

September 28, 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

This Week in Worship – October 2, 2016

This is the second week of our stewardship drive; the focus of worship this week will be “This Service of Love to Others.”

Upcoming Worship – October 9, 2016

This is the third week of our stewardship drive; the focus of worship this week will be “This Service of Love to the Church.”

Upcoming Worship – October 16, 2016

This is the fourth week of our stewardship drive; the focus of worship this week will be “This Service of Love through Our Gifts.”

Upcoming Worship – October 23, 2016

October 23rd will be a busy and joyful day at St. Philip!

This is Commitment Sunday, the culmination of our stewardship drive, where we hand in our pledges and other tithes and gifts in offering and they are dedicated to the church. We will also be welcoming our newest members into our family of faith that morning. And finally, please join us as we celebrate the baptism of Alden Joshua Keltner at the 10:45am service. Alden is the son of Aurora and Josh Keltner.

Upcoming Worship – October 30th – REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The Reformation began in earnest in 1517 with Martin Luther’s posting his 95 theses on the University chapel door at Wittenberg. The 95 theses expressed his desire to reform the church that he loved. He wanted to enter into dialogue with others to bring his church’s practices into greater agreement with his understanding of the gospel message as found in scripture.

One of the great focal points of these theses rests in Romans 3:19-28---one of the central readings on this day in the church year. *“For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”* (Romans 3:22c-24).

It is fitting that St. Philip will have nine young people affirm their baptisms at the 10:45am service on the 30th. It is fitting that all of us are grounded in the Word of God. Through that Word, God works in us the gift of faith so that we can receive his love in Christ Jesus!

Altar Flowers

October 2 – Robin and Galinda Knight are dedicating the altar flowers this week to honor the memory of Edgar Knight.

Scripture Readings for October 1-2, 2016

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust,

and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Worship Servants for October 1-2, 2016

Saturday worship, October 1, 2016

- Pianist – Naomi Doerr
- Cantor – Erika McDaniel
- Usher – Joanne Ermold
- Altar Guild – Rita Kuenne
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 2, 2016		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Linda Vehrs	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse	Kris Mauler
Ushers	Tom Silco, Quinn Silco, Bill Colbenson, George Rasmussen	Brian Lamb, Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse
Prayer Partners	Barb Delong	Naomi Doerr
Altar Guild	Barb Delong, Carole Kessler	Betty Welch, Kris Mauler
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall & family
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	
Coffee Cart	The Borstad family	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (10/1): John Breed	Week beg. 10/2: John Breed

Church News

Memorial Service for Dale Hackstaff

Dale Hackstaff died on Friday, September 23, 2016. A memorial service will be held for Dale at 12:30pm on Thursday, September 29th at Drinkwine Mortuary (999 W. Littleton Blvd, Littleton 80120). His ashes will be interred at Fort Logan National Cemetery immediately following the memorial service. An open house/reception will be held at the home of Eddie and Sheena Hackstaff (son and daughter-in-law of Dale) after the service at Ft. Logan. Their address is 2840 S. Dexter Way, Denver.

If you are interested in providing a salad (any type) for the reception, please call Juli Cooley at 303.903.9651. The salad can be brought to St. Philip before 12:00noon on the 29th. A friend of Juli's will then deliver these salads to the reception.

Please keep Marlene and the entire Hackstaff family in your prayers.

Alan Davis' Farewell – October 9, 2016

Our Director of Music Ministries, Alan Davis, has taken a full-time job as a high school music teacher at Brighton High School (see last week's SPIN). This past week he found out that he has to take professional development classes three nights a week beginning on October 11th to fulfill an agreement that the teacher's union made with the school district. This makes it impossible for Alan to continue to serve as our music director through the end of this year as originally planned.

Alan's last Sunday with us will now be October 9th. Please join us in worship as we bid farewell to Alan, and thank him for his service to St. Philip on that day. We will have a card for Alan in the narthex this weekend and next for anyone who wishes to sign.

Please know that the personnel committee is working to have interim directors in place for the Sanctuary Choir and the handbell choir while a music director search task force is being put in place to search for a new Director of Music Ministries at St. Philip.

Personnel Committee
St. Philip Lutheran Church

Early Learning Center 25th Anniversary Children's Consignment & Bake Sale

Our preschool's special silver anniversary Children's Consignment and Bake Sale is next week, **October 2-8!** This is SPELC's biggest fundraiser and we would appreciate your help. Volunteers are in great need throughout the week for both the Consignment & Bake Sale, including evening and weekend slots. We would also appreciate donations of home-baked goods for our bake sale. You can contact the volunteer team at elcjobs1@yahoo.com, call the SPELC office at 303.972.9774, or for more information, view the website: 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 – Next Photo Session Scheduled!

Because of the great response to our first scheduled photo session here at the church, Bettinger Photography has scheduled a second session for Monday & Tuesday, **November 7th and 8th**. The Monday session will be from 1-4pm, and the Tuesday session will be from 4-7pm.

If you have already given your name to Linda Goodnough indicating an interest in having your photo taken here at church, you will receive a call from Bettinger directly to schedule an appointment time.

If you have not yet signed up for a photo session appointment, please do so NOW!! Please contact Bettinger directly at 303.400.6023 or go online to www.BettingerPhoto.com. You can also 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.

Lost Something?

Our narthex has undergone some lovely changes recently, but any time you make changes, confusion can result. In case you were wondering what happened to our Lost & Found bin, it is now in the lovely donation cart located by the church office. This donation cart, built entirely out of recycled and repurposed parts of other St. Philip furniture and equipment, has the donation bins for Lost & Found, Soles 4 Souls, Sharing with Sheridan, the box tops and labels for the Navajo Indian reservation and the

eyeglasses donated for Saving Sight. Please take a moment to come down and see the donation cart – it is a wonderful addition to the narthex!

Worship & Music Ministry

Be a Part of Worship!

Want to know how YOU can be a communion deacon, an usher, a greeter, an audio-visual tech, an altar guild member, or any of the other volunteers who contribute to our worship life? Come to coffee fellowship in the narthex on **October 9th at 9:00am** and find out! As part of our “This Service of Love” emphasis this year, we would like to get everyone involved in some way! It’s a great way to serve and meet new people. There are opportunities for all!

Community Care & Compassion Ministry

Jeffco Connects

Join your community in making a change. Divorce, alcoholism, and suicide rates trend higher than national averages in Jefferson County. A group of community leaders have come together through the efforts of the nation’s oldest and largest grassroots network, the Industrial Areas Foundation. Its mission is to deepen relationships across lines that divide and build an organization of diverse Jeffco institutions to make a difference here. The next meeting of Jeffco Connects will be Sunday, **October 30th**, here at St. Philip, during the Education Hour (9:30-10:30am) in room MC-4/5.

Family Promise – October Rotation

Our next week for hosting homeless families will be **October 16-23**. Volunteer sign-up sheets can be found at the Family Promise table in the narthex. See where you might share your gifts with a homeless family who will be very grateful for your help.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – A New Way to Donate

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry is an outreach ministry of St. Philip. For October, the food pantry team is requesting meal-type soups—purchase one 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. (Note: Donations for Sharing with Sheridan may be dropped off at the NEW donation cart located just outside the church office door. Look for the big Sharing with Sheridan banner above the donation cart!)

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.

Discipleship Ministry

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 is for children ages 0-3 years and their caregivers. This is a time for adult caregivers (parents, grandparents, and the like) to meet other caregivers, hear a Bible story in an infant-friendly format, sing songs, visit learning centers, and learn a ritual that can be shared daily in the home. Meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30am for the Sunday school opening, and then follow the facilitator to the classroom in the preschool wing.

SPARK! Sunday School Update

SPARK! Sunday school continues with the story of Lydia this week! Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore the story of Lydia through the cooking, games, and science workshops on **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 – “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 six-week class runs during the education hour from 9:30-10:30am starting on Sunday September 18th (in room MC-4/5), and will continue until Oct 23rd. 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. *Please note: This class will NOT meet on Sunday, October 2nd.*

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.

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:

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

Bible Study Groups at St. Philip

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

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

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

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

Evangelism & Global Outreach Ministry

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 Counterman at sue.counterman@coloradoacademy.org.

2016 CROP Walk Coordinator Needed

Sue Counterman 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 Counterman 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.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am in FH-1. All women are welcome. At our next meeting on **October 19th** we will study God's forgiveness in Matthew 20:1-16. Any questions, please contact Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 or Margaret Rusch at 303.979.7456.

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.

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

How Do You Share God's Love?

Many people today face life's challenges without hearing the words of God's love, forgiveness and hope. Yet Scripture calls us to, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." God's love is a gift – too good not to share. Spread the good news and share God's love with a gift to ELCA Vision for Mission. For a limited time, now until Oct. 31, with every gift, you will receive a 2016 ELCA window cling. Display your ELCA window cling in a prominent place, showing your commitment to our shared ministry and inviting others to worship. Your support will help strengthen the church's witness to love by serving our neighbor, proclaiming the good news close to home, throughout the U.S. and around the world.

Make your check out to "ELCA Vision for Mission" and mail to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or place it in the offering plate. Write "window cling" on your check's memo line. Visit www.ELCA.org/VisionforMission for more information.

Church Financial Update

Financial Update as of August 2016

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	465,406	482,975	(17,569)
Expenses	<u>455,964</u>	<u>506,597</u>	<u>50,633</u>
	9,442	(23,622)	33,064

CONTRIBUTIONS

	2016	2015
YTD Actual	441,353	441,242
YTD Budgeted	<u>449,600</u>	
	(8,247)	

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

	2016	2015
YTD Actual	\$4,830	\$5,424

SPEND OUT OF RESERVES

January	734.20	Lutheran Family Services
	734.20	MOSAIC of Denver
	<u>1,000.00</u>	Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
	2,468.40	

Calendar Events This Week (September 28 – October 9)

<p>Wednesday, September 28 9:30a – “Fellowship in the Word” (MC-1) 9:30a – “Let’s Unwrap the Bible” (FS) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (entire bldg)</p>	<p>Monday, October 3 ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (off-site) 7:00P – Troop 554 committee mtg. (Ed. wing)</p>
<p>Thursday, September 29 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Choir rehearsal (Sanc/CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 4 ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) 1:30P – SPLC staff meeting (off-site) 6:30P – Troop 554 meeting (Ed. wing) 7:00P – Handbell choir rehearsal (Sanc)</p>
<p>Friday, September 30(office open 8am - noon) Confirmation Retreat @ Sky Ranch LC <i>No other activities scheduled.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, October 5 ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) 1:00P – Worship Styles & Formats team (MC-3) 6:00P – Confirmation Servant event</p>
<p>Saturday, October 1 Confirmation Retreat @ Sky Ranch LC 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</p>	<p>Thursday, October 6 ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Choir rehearsal (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (Sanc)</p>
<p>Sunday, October 2 Confirmation Retreat @ Sky Ranch LC ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 10:45a – Worship 4:00P – Sr. High Youth Group service event</p>	<p>Friday, October 7 (office open 8am - noon) ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) <i>No other activities scheduled.</i></p>
	<p>Saturday, October 8 ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (Sanc) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (Sanc) 5:30P – Worship</p>
	<p>Sunday, October 9 ELC Consignment Sale (entire building) 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:00a – Ministry tables (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)</p>

Community Events

Seeds of South Sudan Luncheon

Seeds of South Sudan will be hosting the third annual luncheon at Montview Presbyterian Church on Sunday **October 2nd at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Arok Garang, former *Lost Boy of Sudan*, and founder of Seeds of South Sudan has presented at St. Philip Church and shared his story. The luncheon will focus on our first college scholarship recipient who has begun medical school at the University of Nairobi this September. The luncheon is catered by Relish Catering and is free and open to the public. RSVP is suggested. Please see the website at www.seedsofsouthsudan.org or contact Sue Counterman for further information.

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

Ken Caryl Concert Series

St. Philip's outreach concert series, KC concerts, invites you to our 3rd concert, "Oktoberfest" on **Saturday, October 15th** at 7:30pm. The program will feature works by German composers performed by our handbell choir, Kristen Celusniak, Naomi Doerr, Beth DeBoer, Beth Faerber, Anne Husted, Josh Keltner, and friends. Our newly organized youth handbell choir will also perform under the direction of Louanne Isernhagen. All are welcome to this free concert. Refreshments will be served and one lucky audience member will receive a gift certificate to a local craft brewery. Children are invited to participate in the coloring contest. Coloring contest forms can be picked up at the Welcome Center kiosk.

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.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays			Anniversaries
10/1	10/11	10/20	10/5
Katie Amaya	Megan Bolt	John Vanderau	Jay & Cindy Breidenbach
Laura Cashman	Taylor White	Gillian McDaniel	
Erin Dunbar		Leyna Sanford	10/6
	10/12		David & Kristen O'Hanahan
10/2	Will Joslin	10/21	
Hope Bergren	Jack Carlson	Rachael Murphy	10/7
Linda Thomas			Joe & Jennifer Razes
Zachary Shepard	10/13	10/23	
	Pam Kubicek	Trevor Woods	10/10
10/3	Aaron Breed		Kathy & Paul Stortz
Emma Murphy		10/24	
	10/14	Laura Iverson	10/11
10/4	Diane Michael	Katie Whitaker	Kirstine & Mark Rand
Lorene Kirby	Brady Roswech		
Mark Selander		10/25	10/15
Kyle Castor	10/15	Rebecca Luoma	Roy & Ann Hager
	Marcia Wagner		Jon & Amy Leonard
10/5	Loretta Schmidt	10/26	Kyle & Andrew Pitts
Sandra Fishko	Angy Lyslo	Barb Donaho	
Kathy Wilhite		Brian Counterman	10/16
Judi Barchet	10/16		Gary & Barb Donaho
	JoAnn Breitbach	10/29	
10/7		Joel Sigdestad	10/21
Connie Schutt	10/17		Ron & Karen Rossi
Leilani Borstad	Gisela Fritsch	10/30	
	Maxwell Fritsch	Linda Swain	10/23
10/8		Charlie Petersen	Nick & Nancy Schell
Rob Simons	10/18		
	Ron Rossi	10/31	10/24
10/10	Kyle Pitts	Roger Crowner	Danny & Laura Worzella
Gary Donaho	Kayleigh O'Hanahan		
Charlie Stevens			10/27
			Paul & Laurie Selander
			10/28
			Charlie & Erin Petersen

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Marlene Hackstaff and her family, Denton West and his family, Jeff Giesen, Logan Kime, Gail Thomas & Travis Stokes, Linda Heesch, Bree Amsberry, Jo Rock, Rita Kuenne, Bob LeVin and his family, Connie Bloom, Kathy Dechant, Renate Muthart, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members: Fawn Kemp (daughter of Phyllis & Larry Kemp), **Bette Brown** (aunt of Lesia Hatlestad), **Jeff Hansen** (brother-in-law of Brian Lamb), **Brandan Tornes** (relative of the Stevermers), **Jack McNamara** (father of Mike McNamara), **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: Alicia (Lesia Hatlestad), **Paula Sandmans** (Lesia Hatlestad), **Uta** (Annelore Fecht), **Elliott Birell** (Stevermers), **Chas & Kathy Goldstien** (Mary DeBoer), **Bert Schroeder** (Bill & Marilyn Reitz), **Lore Schnell & Helmut Heinle** (Fritsch family), **Blaine Zenor** (Karen Morin), **Rev. Rick Thompson**, **Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniaks), **Nick Quintana** (Knight family), and **Dr. Jill Pechacek** (Roswech family).

Prayers of thanksgiving for Phyllis Kemp's successful surgery.

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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