

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

## *A weekly electronic newsletter*

**October 12, 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 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.”

### Altar Flowers

**October 16** – The altar will be blessed with flowers in celebration of autumn.

### Upcoming Worship – October 23, 2016

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> – 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 ten young people affirm their baptisms at the 10:45am service on the 30<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### Upcoming Worship – November 6<sup>th</sup> – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 6<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Sunday, when we honor the memory of those who have died in the past year.

The names of all the saints will be listed in the worship bulletin; during communion you are invited to light a candle to honor the memory of your saint(s). During worship, the names of all members of St. Philip who have died in the past year will be read aloud. If you have lost someone dear to you in the past year and wish to have their name listed in the bulletin, please complete a Connection Card or call the church office. The deadline for submitting names is **Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Additional note:** Daylight Saving Time ends November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday evening.

## **Scripture Readings for October 15-16, 2016**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

### **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**

*Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-34**

<sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Worship Servants for October 15-16, 2016

### Saturday worship, October 15, 2016

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

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 16, 2016			
	8:00am		10:45am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Anne Klingman		Sandi Stevermer
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Baker		Jonathan Anderson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caroline Casson, Sarah Casson		Abby Husted
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Linda Vehrs		Amy Rahne, LeRae Schnickel
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Silco, Quinn Silco, Bill Colbenson, George Rasmussen		Brian Lamb, Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse
<b>Prayer Partners</b>	Jill Luer		Rebecca Near
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Paula Willhouse	JoAnn Breitbach Carole Kessler	Diane Michael
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	<b>OPEN</b>		John Wall & family
<b>Greeters</b>	JoAnn Breitbach		
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Char Nauman & Lorren Ballard		
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	Karen Smith		
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	<b>Sat. (10/15):</b> Sue Riecks	<b>Week beg. 10/16:</b> Mark Pixley	

## Church News

### **Who is on the Search Task Force for a New Music Director?**

The Personnel Committee, the group who is tasked with the work of filling vacant or new staff positions, has put together a search task force for our part-time position of Director of Music Ministries. Those who have agreed to serve are: Dick Rock, Michael Clough, Jim Keller, Angela Seep, and Josh Keltner. If you have questions about our search process for this position, you may contact any of these task force members.

### **FREE 5-Gallon Buckets**

FREE to anyone...we have multiple 5-gallon plastic paint buckets that are now cleaned out and ready to be given away. I am certain one can find a good use for them in a garage or basement or other storage capacity. If you would like any or all of these paint buckets, please either come by and pick them up, or call Linda at the church office at 303.979.4491 and she will put them aside for you.

### **Congregational Meeting – November 20, 2016**

Please plan to attend! The fall meeting of the congregation of St. Philip will take place at **9:30am** between services on Sunday, **November 20**, 2016. Our 2017 budget will be discussed and approved, and new members elected to the church council. Brief bios of the council candidates will be published when available.

### **Pictorial Directory Update – Next Photo Sessions 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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](http://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!

## **Community Care & Compassion Ministry**

### **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. We are in particular need for an evening host and overnight hosts. Please see or call Bob Delong for details at 303.808.6423.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Next opportunity to help Sharing with Sheridan by volunteering at Food Bank of the Rockies is **October 29<sup>th</sup>** from 9 to noon and carpooling is available. This is a great option for anyone—families, singles, groups. Contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or [ckess911@aol.com](mailto:ckess911@aol.com) for more information or to sign up.

### **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 30<sup>th</sup>**, here at St. Philip, during the Education Hour (9:30-10:30am) in room MC-4/5.

### **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](mailto:ckess911@aol.com).

# Discipleship Ministry

## **Family Halloween Party – October 28<sup>th</sup>**

It's time to get your spooky costumes ready and plan to join us on **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual St. Philip Lutheran Church Family Halloween party! The party is from 6:30 to 8:00pm, and activities will include an indoor Trick-or-Treat Street, games, prizes, food, and fun! Kids ages 0 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come in costume and bring a trick-or-treat bag. Also, this year, we are asking each family to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry.

Seventh graders and older are welcome to wear a costume and volunteer to help run the activities.

A donation bin for candy will be located in the donation cart next to the church office. This year we are also looking for donations of King Soopers or Costco gift cards as well as squeeze tubes of gel cookie/cake frosting. These items will help us in providing a fun surprise for our little ghosts and goblins. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Melissa Keller (720.891.8761) or visit the St. Philip Lutheran Church Facebook page for more details. Please go to SignUp Genius to volunteer to help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BACAF23A7FF2-stphilip>.

We hope you will join us for a “spooktacular” good time!

## **Confirmation Gift**

This year's confirmation class voted to give a \$125 gift through the ELCA's Good Gifts program to provide a microloan to a woman to help her and her family escape poverty. By starting her own small business sewing, weaving, baking, or running a storefront, she can create a steady source of income to support her family. And as women repay their loans, they are reinvested in the cooperative so the cycle of giving continues to grow.

## **Frolic! Faith Formation for Little Ones**

Sign up for the Frolic Enewsletter and receive monthly articles on child development and faith formation! The goal of each monthly issue is to support parents in helping their young children (birth-3 years) take their first steps of faith. Content is based on the age of your child and the month of the year. To sign-up, please contact JoHanna Buchholz at [jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org](mailto:jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org) with your child's name, date of birth, and email addresses for up to four caregivers (grandparents, aunts and uncles, godparents) 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 other get-togethers!

### **Frolic Parent-Child Sunday School**

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

### **SPARK! Sunday School Update**

SPARK! Sunday school continues with the story of "Ten Men Healed" this Sunday, **October 16**. Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to explore the story of "Ten Men Healed" through the art, cooking, and science workshops on October 9, 16, and 23. Meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30am for the opening!

### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Update and Events**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school meets at 9:30am in FH-1. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade October outing is going to the corn maze at Chatfield Farms. An evite was sent out with the details. If you did not receive the evite, our contact information for you may be missing or incorrect. Please contact JoHanna at [jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org](mailto:jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org) for information on this and other get-togethers!

### **Senior High Youth Group**

Sr. High Youth group for all youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is on! Sr. high youth group is a place for youth to come, be themselves, have fun and learn about God. We invite and encourage you to bring your friends for this time of fun, fellowship, Bible study, games, service, and much more. The format for youth group is to meet at St. Philip twice a week from 7:00-8:30pm, have an 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 16<sup>th</sup>**: Fellowship Event – Dinner and Corn Maze – meet at the church at 6pm and bring \$\$ for dinner and corn maze.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>: "Refuge" (youth worship service at Bethany) Meet at St. Philip at 5:30pm, be back at 8pm.

October 30<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at St. Philip – Pumpkin carving contest!

November 6<sup>th</sup>: "Refuge" (St. Philip is leading refuge this evening) Meet at St. Philip at 5:00pm, be back at 8pm.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> (in room MC-4/5), and will continue until Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:p73101@msn.com).

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

“**Let’s Unwrap the Bible**” is a women’s Bible study that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:30am here at St. Philip in the Fireside room. Please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

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

## **Evangelism & Global Outreach Ministry**

### **ELCA Disaster Response – Hurricane Matthew**

**Your gifts are needed now for Hurricane Matthew.** Your support through Lutheran Disaster Response will bring God’s hope and healing to those who have been or will be affected by this hurricane. Our response already spans across several countries. Together, we will work with trusted partners and companion churches that know the communities well and are preparing recovery efforts. Although the hurricane has not yet reached the U.S. coast, Lutheran Disaster Response coordinators are collaborating with local community leaders, civic organizations, ecumenical partners and officials to begin planning the proper response.

**The storm is not over. You can help now. Gifts designated for “Hurricane Matthew” will be used in full (100 percent) until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild.**

You can give several different ways. You can phone in your donation to 800.638.3522, go online to [www.elca.org/donate](http://www.elca.org/donate), or you can write a check. Please make your checks to Lutheran Disaster Response, and write “Hurricane Matthew” on the memo line. You can place your check in the offering, or mail it to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 Stay connected to the latest events and our response to this and other disasters through our Facebook page. Join me in prayer and partnership to help spread the word. Thank you!

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### **World Food Day**

World Food Day is a day of action against hunger. On **Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**, people around the world will come together to declare their commitment to eradicate hunger in our lifetime. Because, when it comes to hunger, the only acceptable number in the world is zero. Join people from around the world to mark World Food Day as a special occasion to take action, learn more and join together to fight hunger. Consider making a special offering for ELCA World Hunger, and support our church’s work in sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

### **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](mailto:sue.counterman@coloradoacademy.org).

## Family Life Ministry

### **Ties to the Community – October Meeting**

This Saturday, **October 15**, 2016, the Ties to the Community ministry will meet to complete the tying of fleece that will be donated to the Fort Carson soldiers. The more hands, the merrier! Come at 9:00am to the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship. Women young and old are welcome. Contact LeRae Schnickel for more information at 303.579.6853 or email at [tschnick1@msn.com](mailto:tschnick1@msn.com).

### **Silver Sages – November Meeting**

Honor Our Veterans -- "THE COLORADO HONOR FLIGHT"

The Silver Sages are hosting a veterans appreciation gathering on Friday, **November 11<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30pm at St. Philip in room MC 4/5. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Hitchcock of Littleton who will speak and show pictures about his trip with the Colorado Honor Flight program which flies veterans to Washington DC to visit the war memorials and other highlights. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk in the narthex.

### **St. Philip Book Club – November Meeting**

The St. Philip Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the youth room to discuss the novel *The Light Between the Oceans*. The Book Club is open to all who enjoy reading interesting literature. Light refreshments are usually served. Please join us for some great discussions!

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Chili Cook-Off**

Mark your calendars! Save the date! Saturday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** is when the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Men of St. Philip Chili Cook-Off commences! Come, savor the tasty concoctions, and marvel at the culinary skills of the men of our congregation as they compete in preparing a variety of chili dishes! And to add to the fun, not only will this be a chili cook-off, but it will double as our new member dinner! This will be the perfect opportunity to eat AND greet! (Attendance and participation is free, but a free-will offering will be welcomed.) Prizes will be offered for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, plus a special award for the Best Named Chili. Winners are determined by popular vote of the audience, so be sure to encourage all your family and friends to attend!

The cook-off rules are simple: All men of St. Philip are invited to create a chili and enter the contest; all entries must be ready to eat and be served by 6:30PM. Chili is defined as: a spicy stew containing chili pepper, other seasonings, meat and often tomatoes and beans. *Sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk today! Due to space constraints only 50 contestants will be allowed. Don't delay, sign up NOW!*

### **Men's Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

The men's fellowship Tuesday evening Bible study has resumed! We have finished our study of Romans, and have begun a new study of the book of Ezekiel. Come and join us as we look at "dem bones" and all the prophecies of Ezekiel. 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](mailto:p73101@msn.com).

### **Theater and Theology – "The Book of Will"- January 2017**

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have masterpieces like *Romeo and Juliet*. But without two of his friends, we would have lost Shakespeare's plays forever! A hilarious, heartfelt story of the characters behind the stories we know so well. The next offering for Theater and Theology is "*The Book of Will*" on Tuesday, **January 24, 2017** 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 **January 1, 2017**. Questions? Please contact Nancy Oelz at [nancyoelz@gmail.com](mailto:nancyoelz@gmail.com).

### **Ruth Circle**

Ruth Circle meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30am in the Fireside room\*. All women are welcome. At our next meeting on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** 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. \*Please note, this is a room change for this time only, due to Family Promise being here.

### **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](mailto:p73101@msn.com).

### **Church Families Need Help – Take Them A Meal**

**Person #1: Recovering from surgery** – Renate Muthart recently had knee surgery, and while she is healing well, it is a slow and somewhat lonely process. Renate would appreciate having a snack or small treat brought in by someone who can then stay and visit for a little while. Please follow the instructions below to sign up on the Take Them A Meal website. Thank you!

1. Go to website, [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com).
2. Go to the center section entitled "Find"
3. Enter person's last name when prompted: **Muthart**

4. Enter the password. Password is the person's last name: **Muthart**

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. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, **October 26<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. We're studying the minor prophets from the *Life Change Series--Minor Prophets 1*. The book is available at Mardel's or online. Bring your favorite beverage and have a "life-changing encounter with God's Word." We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning of the month. For more information, contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

### **“Fellowship in the Word” is Back!**

The men's Bible study, “Fellowship in the Word” will resume meeting in September, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, at 9:30am in room MC-1 here at the church. Next meeting in September will be Wednesday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Need more information? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.475.4834 or [gisernhagen@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.ELCA.org/VisionforMission) for more information.

# Church Financial Update

## *Financial Update as of August 2016*

	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
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**

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

### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
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 (October 12 – October 23)

<p><b>Wednesday, October 12</b>          Adult Mission Trip to Taos, NM          9:30a – “Fellowship in the Word” (MC-1)          9:30a – “Let’s Unwrap the Bible” (FS)          6:00P – Confirmation Learning event (entire bldg)</p>	<p><b>Monday, October 17</b>          Family Promise Week          6:00P – Property team mtg. (FH-2)          6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 13</b>          Adult Mission Trip to Taos, NM          7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing)          1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc)          7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 18</b>          Family Promise Week          1:30P – SPLC staff mtg.          7:00P – Handbell Choir (Sanc)          7:00P – Men’s Bible Study (Selander’s home)</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 14</b> (office open 8am - noon)          Adult Mission Trip to Taos, NM  <i>No other activities scheduled..</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 19</b>          Family Promise Week          9:30a – Ruth Circle (FH-2)          6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 15</b>          Adult Mission Trip to Taos, NM          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)  <b>5:30P – Worship</b>          7:00P – Ken Caryl Concert Series (Sanc, narthex)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 20</b>          Family Promise Week          7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing)          1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc)          6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR)          7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (Sanc)</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 16</b>          Family Promise week begins; guests arrive          CROP Hunger Walk – Clement Park  <b>8:00a – Worship</b>          9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex)          9:30a – Education Hour – all ages  <b>10:45a – Worship</b>          12:00N – Executive Council mtg. (FH-1)          7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 21</b> (office open 8am - noon)          Family Promise Week  <i>No other activities scheduled.</i></p>
	<p><b>Saturday, October 22</b>          Family Promise Week          8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard)          9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (Sanc)          10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)  <b>5:30P – Worship</b>          6:30P – Chili Cook-Off/New Member Dinner</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, October 23</b>  <b>Commitment Sunday, Receive New Members</b>          Family Promise week ends; guests depart  <b>8:00a – Worship</b>          9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex)          9:30a – Education Hour – all ages  <b>10:45a – Worship</b>          7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)</p>

## Community Events

### **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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> concert, "Oktoberfest" on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as Martin Luther's 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of nailing the 95 Theses to the cathedral door.

Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood, 80214. 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 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will perform at 3pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church (6774 W. 66<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sue.counterterman@coloradoacademy.org).

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Members of St. Philip: The family of Renee Hartman, Jeanne Rasmussen, Ray Peterson, Bob Wagner, Ann Foster, Marlene Hackstaff and her family, Denton West and his family, Jeff Giesen, Logan Kime, Gail Thomas & Travis Stokes, Bree Amsberry, Jo Rock, Rita Kuenne, Bob LeVin and his family, Kathy Dechant, Renate Muthart, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.**

**Family Members: Jane and Tish** (cousins of Carol Doehler), **Cecilia Donaho** (granddaughter-in-law of Gary & Barb Donaho), **Janet Arceneaux** (relative of Michael & Sandi Stevermer), **Ingrid Thompson** (granddaughter of Leif & Ann Nelson), **Steve Muthart** (son of Renate Muthart), **Marv & Margaret Van Campen** (cousin of Don Urben), **Kathy Glasgow** (stepmother of Cindy Breidenbach), **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), **Nathaniel Knight** (son of Robin & Galinda Knight), **Jack McNamara** (father of Mike McNamara), **Craig Buchholz** (father of Scott Buchholz), **Scott Worman** (son of Monica Auch), **Ryan Ermold** (son of Joanne Ermold), **Jim Dawson** (uncle of Dave Husted), **Bill Orf** (son-in-law of Howard & Nancy Hanson), **Ron & Louise Carlson** (Kirstine Rand's parents), **Erika Kuenne** (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter), and **Sally Casterline** (Nancy Hanson's sister).

**Friends: The Vandergriff family** (DeBoers), **Chas Goldstien** (DeBoers), **Wally** (DeBoers), **Dottie** (DeBoers), **Bill Kopp** (Nelson family), **the Pacheco family** (Anderson family), **Dylan** (Sheryl Garcia), **Ginny Trautman** (Marilyn Reitz), **Sue King and her family** (Mary Hatlestad), **the DeGiorgio family** (Sue Riecks), **Tami Marling** (the Roswech family), **Alicia** (Lesia Hatlestad), **Paula Sandmans** (Lesia Hatlestad), **Uta** (Annelore Fecht), **Bert Lore Schnell** (Fritsch family), **Blaine Zenor** (Karen Morin), **Rev. Rick Thompson**, **Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniaks), **Nick Quintana** (Knight family), and **Dr. Jill Pechacek** (Roswech family).

**Prayers for all those affected by Hurricane Matthew.**

**Prayers of thanksgiving, praise and glory for the birth of Weston Zachary Delong, first grandchild of Barb and Bob Delong. Weston is the son of Zachary and Kim Delong. Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Brooks Harrison Kelly, infant son of Erika & Jordan Kelly, friends of the Anderson 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](mailto:sriecks@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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