

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

## *A weekly electronic newsletter*

**October 19, 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 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. Our New Members are: Bruce & Judy Anderson, Jamie & Matt Pollett, and Brook & David Cannelongo and their two children, Matthew and Olivia.

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.

### **Altar Flowers**

**October 23** – The altar will be blessed with flowers dedicated by Rick and Sue Riecks in celebration of their daughter's October birthday.

### **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!

### **Confirmation Study Bibles**

The study bibles of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class are located in the narthex on a table. These 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be affirming their baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:45am service on Sunday, **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please take time to highlight or underline a key verse that has strengthened you in your faith journey in these bibles. It may be just the verse they need to guide them in their walk of faith!

### **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.

### **Upcoming Worship – November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – “Pay It Forward”**

The Women of St. Philip are encouraging the women of our congregation to start saving their spare change so we can pool our resources to help other women both here and abroad who are less fortunate. Collection boxes are available in the narthex. Check or cash will also be accepted.

"Pay it Forward" offerings will be collected on November 19 and 20, at all three worship services. The Pay It Forward donations will be equally divided to the following three charities:

- Baby Haven-founded in 1992; supports women, mothers, and infants. They offer intensive addiction treatment with a 90% success rate.
- Delores Project-formed in 2000; provides shelter and services for homeless women.
- Women's Development Association-founded in 1997; its mission is to encourage, train, and support women and children in literacy, health education, and economic empowerment.

### **Scripture Readings for October 22-23, 2016**

#### **FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

#### **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.*

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

<sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that

through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

## Worship Servants for October 22-23, 2016

### Saturday worship, October 22, 2016

- Pianist – Naomi Doerr
- Cantor – Taylor White
- Usher – Joanne Ermold
- Altar Guild – Suzanne Peterson
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 23, 2016			
	8:00am		10:45am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sandi Stevermer		Mike Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Youngren		Jonathan Anderson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Erin Finnerty		Taylor White, Jacob White
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Linda Vehrs, LeRae Schnickel		OPEN
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Silco, Quinn Silco, Bill Colbenson, George Rasmussen		Brian Lamb, Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse
<b>Prayer Partners</b>	n/a		n/a
<b>Altar Guild</b>	OPEN	Lisa Edington Victoria Edington	Jennifer Butts
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Steve Rower		John Wall & family
<b>Greeters</b>	Marilyn Belford		McDaniel family
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Stacey Wacholz		
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	MOSAIC		
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	<b>Sat. (10/22):</b> Carolyn Rapp		<b>Week beg. 10/23:</b> Rob Murphy

## Sharing the Good News!

### Interim Sanctuary Choir Director Chosen

Coreen Wells, one of our two accompanists at St. Philip, has graciously agreed to serve as our interim sanctuary choir director while we search for someone to serve as our Director of Music Ministries. Please welcome Coreen as she directs our sanctuary choir and arranges vocalists and instrumentalists for our worship services.

## **Church News**

### **Proposed Columbarium Project Report**

The columbarium team had their first meeting earlier this week. Team members in attendance were Larry Kemp (engineer), Charlie Petersen (architect/design), Cindy Breidenbach (design), two members from Eidos Architect and Linda Goodnough (business administrator). Team members absent were John Schutt (project manager) and Chuck Rogge (lighting engineer). It is intended that the columbarium will be placed in the back yard outside of the sanctuary on the west side, on the upper section close to the retaining wall but built into the natural berm of the hill. We had discussions regarding the size of the columbarium and different design ideas. Our next step is to contact Jefferson County to see what requirements need to be met. The columbarium team will keep the congregation informed as the team conducts its research, and members are welcome to give feedback about the proposed project. Again, if any members of the congregation would want to be included on this team, please feel free to contact Linda Goodnough in the church office (303.979.4491).

### **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!

## **Worship & Music Ministry**

### **Attention, Vocalists and Instrumentalists!**

Come help us celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ during this Christmas season. If you sing – come join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the choir room. If you play an instrument, please contact Coreen Wells at [twellsc645@gmail.com](mailto:twellsc645@gmail.com) so I can add you to our list and get you plugged in for this joyous season. Coreen Wells, interim music director.

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## **Community Care & Compassion Ministry**

### **Lutheran Family Services- Caregiver Education**

An offering from the Older Adult and Caregiver Services program of Lutheran Family Services is a **FREE** monthly teleconference allowing you an opportunity to gain knowledge about topics related to aging from the comfort of your home or office. Join us Wednesday, **November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00noon to 1:00pm for “Understanding Caregiver Fatigue” to learn about the signs and symptoms of caregiver fatigue and how to regain balance in your life. To register, visit our website at [www.lfsrm.org/caregiver-services](http://www.lfsrm.org/caregiver-services) or call 970.232.1180 or 303.217.5864.

### **Lutheran Family Services- Foster Care**

Every day there are children in need of a safe environment in Colorado and we need more people to commit to these children! Informational meetings for foster care in the Denver metro area are on **November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30-1:30pm and from 5:30-6:30pm at the LFS office 363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 105, Denver, 80226. We hope to see you! Please contact Anne Hamilton for more information 303.217.5869.

### **Thank You from Love INC**

Love In the Name of Christ (INC) celebrated God’s grace and the generosity of many in the success of our annual fundraiser, The Empty Bowl, on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your participation and support! Through your generosity and partnership, Love INC’s mission “to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ” is accomplished. Praise God!

### **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!)

## **Discipleship Ministry**

### **Sr. High Youth Mission Trip**

This summer, the youth will be going on a mission trip to Louisiana to help with flood relief efforts. We will be working with Rebuilding Together Acadiana in Louisiana and staying at a local Lutheran church. The trip dates will be approximately July 22-30, 2017.

Youth currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through youth in their senior year of high school and their parents are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, **October 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-7:00pm in MC-4/5. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad.

### **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>.

*Please note: Due to recent nation-wide scare incidents involving clowns, the Children's Ministry Team is requesting that no one wear a clown costume for the safety and well-being of all Halloween party participants.*

### **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 23**. 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. 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 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

## Family Life Ministry

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

Honor Our Veterans -- "THE COLORADO HONOR FLIGHT"

The Silver Sages are hosting a veteran 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).

### **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, **October 26<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.



## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays			Anniversaries
<b><u>11/1</u></b>	<b><u>11/11</u></b>	<b><u>11/24</u></b>	<b><u>11/4</u></b>
Donna Dice	Angela Seep	Roger Bracken	Mark & Jenny Minardi
Robert Rhodes	Collin McAdams		
Mike Iverson		<b><u>11/25</u></b>	<b><u>11/8</u></b>
	<b><u>11/12</u></b>	Tracy Stabrava	Jim & Kellie Cimino
<b><u>11/2</u></b>	John Miller	Agnes Benko	
Michael Greunke			<b><u>11/12</u></b>
Eric Whittenburg	<b><u>11/13</u></b>	<b><u>11/26</u></b>	John & Jeri Phillips
	Marc DeFur	Bob Wagner	
<b><u>11/3</u></b>		Scott Miller	<b><u>11/20</u></b>
Michael Rhodes	<b><u>11/14</u></b>	Jenny Minardi	Robert & Martha Miller
Andrew Hancock	Virginia Reitze	Christopher Castor	
Lora Stevens	Dick Rusch		<b><u>11/21</u></b>
Owen Joslin		<b><u>11/28</u></b>	Don & Lynae Foley
Jonathan Anderson	<b><u>11/15</u></b>	Joanne Ermold	Mike Burgess & Lynn Mossbrucker
	Sarah Miller	Steve Fritsch	
<b><u>11/4</u></b>	Jack Anderson	Tessa Leonard	
Karen Otto			
Rob Carlson	<b><u>11/16</u></b>	<b><u>11/29</u></b>	
	Vicki Slusser	Brenda Norgren	
<b><u>11/5</u></b>	Bill Colbenson	Stella Selander	
Carol Doehler		Griffin Minardi	
	<b><u>11/20</u></b>		
<b><u>11/6</u></b>	Galinda Knight		
Marilyn Belford	Josh Keltner		
	Cameron Seep		
<b><u>11/7</u></b>			
Andrea Schmidt	<b><u>11/21</u></b>		
	Linda Heesch		
<b><u>11/8</u></b>			
Everett Thomas	<b><u>11/22</u></b>		
	Jonathan Norgren		
<b><u>11/9</u></b>			
Malcom Perkins-Smith			
<b><u>11/10</u></b>			
Nancy Oelz			
Debbie Schmidt			
Michael Selander			

## Calendar Events This Week (October 19 – October 30)

<b>Wednesday, October 19</b> Family Promise Week 9:30a – Ruth Circle (FH-2) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc)	<b>Monday, October 24</b> 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS) 7:00P – Church Council (FH-1) 7:00P – Troop 554 PLC mtg (MC-4/5)
<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)	<b>Tuesday, October 25</b> 1:30P – SPLC staff mtg.(MC-1) 7:00P – Handbell Choir (Sanc) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 (FH, K, entry) 7:00P – Men’s Bible Study (Selander’s home)
<b>Friday, October 21</b> (office open 8am - noon) Family Promise Week <i>No other activities scheduled.</i>	<b>Wednesday, October 26</b> 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc)
<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 (Sanc) <b>5:30P – Worship</b> 6:30P – Chili Cook-Off/New Member Dinner (FH)	<b>Thursday, October 27</b> 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 12:00N – Women’s luncheon (Le Bistro rest.) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
<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 – Keltner baptism</b> 2:30P – 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> graders (Chatfield Corn Maze) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (Bethany Luth.)	<b>Friday, October 28</b> (office open 8am - noon) 5:00P – Halloween party setup 6:00P – Confirmation servant event
	<b>Saturday, October 29</b> 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30P – Worship</b> 6:00P – Confirmation servant event (FH, K) 6:30P – Confirmation Dinner (FH, K)
	<b>Sunday, October 30</b> <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 9:30a – Jeffco Connects forum (MC-4/5) <b>10:45a – Worship – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation</b> 6:00P – Youth mission trip mtg. (MC-4/5) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)



## **In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Members of St. Philip: Karen Morin, Ray Peterson, the family of Renee Hartman, Jeanne Rasmussen, Bob Wagner, Ann Foster, Marlene Hackstaff and her family, Jeff Giesen, Bree Amsberry, Jo Rock, Rita Kuenne, Kathy Dechant, Renate Muthart, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.**

**Family Members: Virginia Shepard** (mother of Bill Shepard), **Barbara Schmitt** (mother of Susan Shepard), **David Miller** (brother-in-law of Sue Miller), **Bonnie** (cousin of Linda Vehrs), **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), **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: Heidi** (Jonathan Anderson), **Fred Radloff** (the Stevermers), **the Vandergriff family** (DeBoers), **Chas Goldstien** (DeBoers), **Wally** (DeBoers), **Dottie** (DeBoers), **Bill Kopp** (Nelson family), **the DeGiorgio family** (Sue Riecks), **Lore Schnell** (Fritsch family), **Blaine Zenor** (Karen Morin), **Rev. Rick Thompson**, **Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniaks), **Nick Quintana** (Knight family), and **Dr. Jill Pechacek** (Roswech family).

**Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Charlotte Jade Gonzales, daughter of Selina & Alex Gonzales, friends of Sherry Anderson.**

**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 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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