

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

October 26, 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 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 ten 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!

Confirmation Study Bibles

The study bibles of our 9th grade confirmation class are located in the narthex on a table. These 9th graders will be affirming their baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:45am service on Sunday, **October 30th**. 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!

Altar Flowers

October 30 – The altar will be blessed with flowers in honor of Reformation, and the youth being confirmed.

Upcoming Worship – November 6th – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 6th 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 1st**.

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

Upcoming Worship – November 19th and 20th – "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 29-30, 2016

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in

his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Worship Servants for October 29-30, 2016

Saturday worship, October 29, 2016

- Pianist – Coreen Wells
- Cantor – Beth Clough
- Usher – Paul Stortz
- Altar Guild – Galinda Knight
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 30, 2016			
	8:00am		10:45am
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard		Bill Shepard
Lector	Suzanne Peterson		Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Erin Finnerty		Collin McAdams, Roni Pixley
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse, LeRae Schnickel		Susan Shepard
Ushers	Tom Silco, Quinn Silco, Bill Colbenson, George Rasmussen		Brian Lamb, Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse
Prayer Partners	n/a		n/a
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse	Jeri Phillips	Carolyn Endecott
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke		John Wall & family
Greeters	Bob Kidder ²		
Ambassadors	Dick Rusch & Mary Hatlestad		
Coffee Cart	Chuck Krieger & Paula Willhouse		
KeyKeepers	Sat. (10/29): Sue Riecks		Week beg. 10/30: Bob Kidder

Sharing the Good News!

The Dotys Are Expecting!

Pastor Brad and Roseanna are excited to announce that they are expecting another child! Baby Doty #2 is due on May 7, 2017. Roseanna is doing great and Lucas is very excited to have a little brother or sister. They are planning on finding out the gender of the baby this time and they will be planning a gender reveal party at the beginning of the year, so keep your eye out for an announcement of the party in January!

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

Offering Counters Needed

The offering counting team needs some new members. The counters meet each Monday morning at 9:00am to count the money received in worship. NO experience necessary (although it does help if you can count to ten!). Please contact Linda Goodnough in the church office (303.979.4491) if you are interested in helping.

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 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!

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 so I can add you to our list and get you plugged in for this joyous season. Coreen Wells, interim music director.

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.

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Choir meets and rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8pm. No auditions are needed; please come and join us in song! For more information, please contact Coreen Wells at twellsc645@gmail.com.

Community Care & Compassion Ministry

Operation Christmas Child

The Sr. High youth have decided that they would like to reach out to children in need for Christmas. Through Operation Christmas Child they will be able to help and bless children in third world countries, but they need your help. The youth are inviting the congregation to help by packing your own shoe box that will be sent overseas for Christmas. Here's how to pack your shoe box:

1. Get a shoe box (there are Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes at the church as well),
2. Choose who you want to pack the shoe box for (a boy or a girl between the ages of 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14),
3. Fill it with toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, crafts, any clothing or accessories you'd like to include or can fit in the shoe box , and a personal note.
4. Finally, bring the shoe box to church on or before Sunday, **November 20th**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org).

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 9th** 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 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 9th** 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.

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!)

Volunteer Opportunity

Next opportunity to help Sharing with Sheridan by volunteering at Food Bank of the Rockies is **October 29th** 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 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 30th**, here at St. Philip, during the Education Hour (9:30-10:30am) in room MC-4/5.

Discipleship Ministry

Senior High Youth Gathering

The Senior High Youth Gathering is at Rainbow Trail this year! Every year there is a youth gathering in the Rocky Mountain Synod where youth from Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and El Paso, Texas come together for one big event. This year the event will be from Friday, November 18 to Sunday, November 20th. We will plan on meeting at St. Philip at 4pm (please let me know if you would like to come, but cannot make it to the church until later) and we will be back around 3pm on Sunday. The theme of the gathering is "Reformation: Nailed It!" The speaker is Dan Bock, Children, Youth and Families Minister at Evergreen Lutheran Church. The weekend will be filled with fun camp activities, a thought provoking study, enthusiastic RTALC staff, delicious home-made meals, and serenity that only the mountains can offer. The cost, for you, for the youth gathering is \$125. The sign up deadline is November 13th. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Brad Doty at bdoty@stphilip-co.org. We do need a female adult leader, so if you are a female adult and would like to join us, please let Pastor Brad know as well.

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

Family Halloween Party – October 28th

It's time to get your spooky costumes ready and plan to join us on **Friday, October 28th** for the 6th 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 6th 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.

SPARK! Sunday School Needs YOU!

SPARK! Sunday school is in need of workshop leaders to facilitate learning and fun with our Pre-K through 4th grade students in the areas of art, cooking, drama, games, music, science, and video. Workshop leaders need only to come familiar with the lesson; all of the materials are ready to go! Each workshop leader leads two Sundays out of the three in each unit—once with the kindergarten and 1st grade group, once with the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade group. Sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-201617>.

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 begins a new unit this Sunday! Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore the story of Baby Moses on Oct. 30, Nov. 6, and Nov. 13 through the art, cooking, and music workshops. Meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30am for the opening!

5th & 6th Grade Update and Events

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

Senior High Youth Group

Sr. High Youth group for all youth in 9th-12th grade is on! Sr. high youth group is a place for youth to come, be themselves, have fun and learn about God. We invite and encourage you to bring your friends for this time of fun, fellowship, Bible study, games, service, and much more. The format for youth group is to meet at St. Philip twice a week from 7:00-8:30pm, have an 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 30th: Youth Group at St. Philip – Pumpkin carving contest!

November 6th: “Refuge” (St. Philip is leading refuge this evening) Meet at St. Philip at 5:00pm, be back at 8pm.

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

ELCA Advocacy Report

Shera Eddy and LeRae Schnickel attended Advocacy Team Training at the RMS office Saturday, October 8. John Johnson, ELCA Director of Domestic Policy in Washington D.C. was a guest presenter along with two Advocacy Teams from Atonement Lutheran in Lakewood and Holy Trinity Lutheran in Littleton.

The ELCA advocacy is based on the following four Biblical values: care for creation, concern for people living in poverty, struggling with hunger and disease, peace making, and hospitality to strangers. As the ELCA, we believe God is calling us into the world to serve together. ELCA advocacy is a wide-ranging effort, touching on some very local concerns to complex international issues like migration.

We enjoyed learning how our sister churches, Atonement and Holy Trinity, are lifting up social issues to their members and raising their level of concern for our neighbors near and far. Please pick up the October issue of Living Lutheran to read more about Lutherans and advocacy. "Advocacy is witness," said Amy Reumann, director of ELCA Advocacy, Washington, D.C. It is witness to Christ; it is where my witness to Christ makes me care for my neighbor."

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, 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

College Outreach Fall Packages

Look for pennants in the narthex – no, not football pennants, but snack pennants for all of the post-high school students in our congregation. The pennants will appear Saturday, October 29th. Each pennant will highlight some snacks that we are collecting for the fall care packages. Take as many pennants as you wish, and return the highlighted snacks to the collection bins by the office no later than Sunday, **Nov. 13th**. The students love the boxes filled with snacks, prayers and good wishes from St. Philip. Thank you for helping us with this ministry that reaches over 50 students.

Silver Sages – November Meeting

Honor Our Veterans -- "THE COLORADO HONOR FLIGHT"

The Silver Sages are hosting a veteran appreciation gathering on Friday, **November 11th** 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 8th** 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!

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.

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.

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 in Need – Take Them A Meal

If you know of a member who may appreciate having meals brought to them, 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, **November 9th** 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 2nd and 4th 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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 9:30am in room MC-1 here at the church. Next meeting in September will be Wednesday, **November 9th**. 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 September 2016

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	521,682	539,386	(17,704)
Expenses	<u>517,329</u>	<u>567,880</u>	<u>50,551</u>
	4,353	(28,494)	32,847

CONTRIBUTIONS

	2016	2015
YTD Actual	492,855	490,507
YTD Budgeted	<u>501,300</u>	
	(8,445)	

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

	2016	2015
YTD Actual	\$5,372	\$5,882

SPEND OUT OF RESERVES

January	734.20	Lutheran Family Services
	734.20	MOSAIC of Denver
	<u>1,000.00</u>	Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
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November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Calendar Events This Week (October 19 – October 30)

Wednesday, October 26 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc)	Monday, October 31 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS)
Thursday, October 27 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)	Tuesday, November 1 1:30P – SPLC staff mtg.(MC-1) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 (FH, K, entry) 7:00P – Men's Bible Study (Selander's home)
Friday, October 28 (office open 8am - noon) 5:00P – Halloween party setup 6:00P – Confirmation servant event	Wednesday, November 2 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc)
Saturday, October 29 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship 6:00P – Confirmation servant event (FH, K) 6:30P – Confirmation Dinner (FH, K)	Thursday, November 3 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:00P – Worship planning (MC-1) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Sunday, October 30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 9:30a – Jeffco Connects forum (MC-4/5) 10:45a – Worship – 9th grade Confirmation 6:00P – Youth mission trip mtg. (MC-4/5) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)	Friday, November 4 (office open 8am - noon) 6:00P – Confirmation fellowship event
	Saturday, November 5 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
	Sunday, November 6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 10:45a – Worship – 9th grade Confirmation 12:00N – Confirmation Huddle (YR) 12:30P – Football banquet (FH, K) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Ray Peterson, Karen Morin, Jeff Giesen, Bree Amsberry, Jo Rock, Rita Kuenne, Kathy Dechant, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members: Fawn Kemp (daughter of Phyllis & Larry Kemp), **Caroline, Diana, & Jennifer** (daughters of Arnie Truman), **the family & friends of Chris Foster** (grandson of Ann Foster), **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), **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), **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 thankfulness from Ann & Roy Hager for their 50 years of marriage.

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

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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