

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

## *A weekly electronic newsletter*

**November 2, 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 – 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.

Please join us at the 10:45am service as Jeremy Fritsch, Julie Wall, and Juliana Lofblad are confirmed.

### **Altar Flowers**

**November 6** – The altar will be blessed with flowers in honor of All Saints Sunday, and to honor the memory of those who died within the last year.

If you would like to celebrate or honor a special person or occasion, please contact the church office. The cost of an altar flower arrangement is \$25, and needs to be pre-paid. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the second service on Sunday.

### **Upcoming Worship – November 13 – Veterans Day Tribute**

Please plan to come EARLY to worship on Sunday, **November 13<sup>th</sup>**; we will be featuring a Veterans Day tribute slideshow as the prelude to both worship services. The slideshow will highlight those with ties to St. Philip who have served in the armed forces. We hope you can join us in honoring our veterans. Please note: if you are a veteran and have not submitted a photo of yourself before, please contact Sue Riecks in the church office (303.979.4491) as soon as possible. We wish to include all of our members who have served our country in the armed forces in the slideshow.

### **Upcoming Worship – November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King Sunday**

In celebration of Christ the King Sunday, children of all ages are invited to carry a crown to the cross at the beginning of both worship services.

### **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.

Ladies, please stop by the Welcome Center kiosk and pick up your thankoffering box. Checks may be made payable to St. Philip Lutheran Church, with a "Pay It Forward" notation on the memo line.

**Upcoming Worship – Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Eve worship**

Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve as we give thanks for our many blessings. Bring a non-perishable item as part of your offering.

**Upcoming Worship – Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent**

The season of Advent begins this coming Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The season of Advent marks the beginning of our church year and comprises the four weeks before Christmas. Advent comes from the Latin word "to come." We use these four weeks to prepare and anticipate the fullness of time at Christ's second coming. It is a season of hope, of both darkness and light, repentance, and watchfulness. The season of Advent ends on December 25<sup>th</sup>, when the season of Christmas arrives.

## **Scripture Readings for November 5-6, 2016**

### **FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

*The book of Daniel was written in the second century B.C.E., when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.*

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. <sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23**

*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

<sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31**

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.*

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled." "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry." "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

<sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

## Worship Servants for November 5-6, 2016

### Saturday worship, November 5, 2016

- Pianist – Naomi Doerr
- Cantor – Tom Schnickel
- Usher – Joanne Ermold
- Altar Guild – Linda Heesch
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

| Worship Servants for Sunday, November 6, 2016 |  |                             |                                   |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | 8:00am                                   |                             | 10:45am                           |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>                     | Anne Smith-Krause                        |                             | Renate Muthart                    |
| <b>Lector</b>                                 | George Rasmussen                         |                             | Jonathan Anderson                 |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                               | OPEN                                     |                             | OPEN                              |
| <b>Communion Deacons</b>                      | OPEN                                     |                             | OPEN                              |
| <b>Ushers</b>                                 | John Selden, Mike Graff, Tim Young       |                             | Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge |
| <b>Prayer Partners</b>                        | OPEN                                     |                             | OPEN                              |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                            | Barb DeLong                              | Carole Kessler, Betty Welch | Kris Mauler                       |
| <b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>                 | Steve Rower                              |                             | John Wall & family                |
| <b>Greeters</b>                               | OPEN                                     |                             |                                   |
| <b>Ambassadors</b>                            | Glenn & Louanne Isernhagen               |                             |                                   |
| <b>Coffee Cart</b>                            | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Girls |                             |                                   |
| <b>KeyKeepers</b>                             | <b>Sat. (11/5):</b> John Breed           |                             | <b>Week beg. 11/6:</b> Sue Riecks |

## **Sharing the Good News!**

### **Thank You from Jo Rock**

Thanks to all the people who have prayed for my health, sent cards and well wishes. My 32 days of radiation for cancer on my nose are over, so I can now leave town for a while (Hawaii, here I come)! Thanks again. Jo Rock

### **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!

### **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.

## **Church News**

### **Memorial Service for Renee Hartman**

A memorial service for Renee Hartman will be held at St. Philip on December 10, 2016 at 1pm. A reception in the fellowship hall will immediately follow the service.

### **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.

### **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.

## **Worship & Music Ministry**

### **Advent Readers Needed**

It's hard to believe that the first Sunday in Advent is **November 27!** As is our custom, we need people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath on Sunday mornings during Advent. We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, singles, or groups of singles. Sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk or contact Jan Philpy at [gjphilpy@gmail.com](mailto:gjphilpy@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **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](mailto:twellsc645@gmail.com).

## **Community Care & Compassion Ministry**

### **Thank You from Family Promise**

Thanks to everyone who helped with our October Family Promise rotation. We hosted five families including 5 adults and 7 children. Several families are very close to moving into permanent housing. In fact, one family will be moving into their own apartment this week. This family has no furniture, so if anyone has anything to donate you can contact the mother – Crystal Olko, 720.706.0944 or [crystalolko@yahoo.com](mailto:crystalolko@yahoo.com).

Mark your calendar for our next rotation coming up soon December 11 -18. For more information, please contact Bob Delong at [delongfamilybob@gmail.com](mailto:delongfamilybob@gmail.com).

### **It's Time for the Angel Tree**

Lutheran Family Services needs our hands for God's work in helping refugees. We are providing necessities for our neighbors who are in need. Here's how the Angel Tree works:

1. Take an angel ornament off the tree.
2. Sign your name, contact information, and the number on the angel on the Angel



Tree sheet at the Welcome Center kiosk.

3. Return your angel ornament with your UNWRAPPED gift to the donation center **NO LATER THAN December 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Any questions? Please call Carl or Rita Kuenne at 720.320.7201. Blessings to you!

### **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 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad ([bdoty@stphilip-co.org](mailto: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 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.

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – November Donations**

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry is an outreach ministry of St. Philip. For November, the food pantry team is requesting **peanut butter** and **canned meats** and **canned fish**. Purchase one item each time you get groceries during the month! Of course, you may continue to help monetarily or with other items as well, but we think this approach will help both you and the pantry as we work with our neighbors in Sheridan. And remember, 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

## **Adult Discipleship Class – “Trinity”**

TRINITY...Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is the new adult education class that Jerry Jantz is teaching on Sunday mornings from 9:30am–10:30am in MC-3.

How are we to think and talk of the Trinity today? Three Gods in One? You have to be kidding me. In this, an era when our understandings are conditioned by the idea of relationship, the notion of the Trinity takes on new meanings. And the “dance,” in Greek “perichoresis”, between these personas of God is especially informative. Keep in mind that we are made in God’s image...are we also a “trinity”? Or maybe the Dance of God dances through us. Come and join me for discussion.

- I. Introduction and Preview
- II. History of the development of the idea
  - a. Bible references
  - b. Argument everywhere...not clear how to talk about God since Jesus
  - c. Temporary closure in the Creeds, but open to discussion even today
- III. Perichoresis...the Dance of God
  - a. Chora and the Soul of God
  - b. Chora and our souls
  - c. David Bohm and the dance in quantum physics
  - d. Kenosis and thermodynamics...all part of the dance
  - e. Genesis and the “tehom,” the chaos out of which all is created
    - i. In psychology, the unconscious
  - f. The work of art, the conversation between us, and perspective on life that defines us
- IV. Meanings for us today
  - a. Made in God’s image?
  - b. The Church involvement in the Dance
- V. Summary and Review

## **Family Advent Event – November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, **November 20**, children birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade *and their families* are invited to the Family Advent Event! During the Sunday school hour, families will have the opportunity to hear about the season of Advent and make a “Manger on the Mantle” (think Advent calendar meets Elf on the Shelf) to take home and use in Christmas preparations.

## **Children’s Christmas Program – December 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Children’s Christmas program is Sunday, **December 18** at the 10:45am service. Families with children birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade should save the date! Children that would like to share their musical talent during the prelude or communion at the service are asked to contact Kristen Celusniak at [kristen.celusniak@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.celusniak@gmail.com).

## **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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 RTLC 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 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Brad Doty at [bdoty@stphilip-co.org](mailto: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 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.

### **SPARK! Sunday School Needs Workshop Leaders**

**SPARK!** Sunday school is in need of workshop leaders to facilitate learning and fun with our Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade group, once with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 continues with the story of Baby Moses this Sunday! Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to explore the story of Baby Moses on Nov. 6, and Nov. 13 through the art, cooking, and music 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.

### **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:

**November 6<sup>th</sup>:** "Refuge" youth service at Bethany Lutheran. (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](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 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.”

## **Family Life Ministry**

### **November Sew-In and Luncheon**

Attention all St. Philip Women: the Ties to Community ministry is meeting Saturday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** from 9-12 pm. We plan to tie quilts, tie blankets and make pillowcases. Bring a dish to share for the luncheon that begins at 11:30am. We welcome all women who would like to participate in some warm fellowship. Can't make it for the whole morning? That's okay, come for as long as you can. Can't sew or quilt? No experience is necessary! For additional information, contact LeRae Schnickel at 303.579.6853 or email at [lschnickel@icloud.com](mailto:lschnickel@icloud.com). We look forward to a fun morning of women together, young and old.

### **Women's Christmas Potluck Luncheon**

All women are invited to the Women's Fellowship and Ruth Circle's luncheon on Saturday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the fellowship hall at 11:30am. Bring your favorite dish to share with our baked ham! Also, please bring a new wrapped \$5 ornament for our ornament exchange." The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center kiosk in the narthex.

### **Thanksgiving Pie Social**

The annual Thanksgiving Pie Social will take place on Wednesday, **November 23** immediately following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service (at approximately 8pm). Please bring your favorite pie to share, and enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Please drop off your pie in the fellowship hall before the Thanksgiving worship. **Please pre-cut your pie**, and write the name of your pie on a placecard (available on the tables).

### **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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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. 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **College Outreach Team Needs New Members**

The College Outreach Ministry is looking for a few new team members. If you want to encourage and bless our college and post-graduate students, then this team is for you. All that is required is your help with the packing and mailing of 50-60 boxes twice a year. The time commitment is no more than approximately 3 hours twice a year. I may occasionally need help tracking down the students' addresses, but that can be done

through a few phone calls, emails or Facebook messages. Please contact Anne Henning ([adhenning14@gmail.com](mailto:adhenning14@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining this team.

From Anne Henning: Please join me in thanking Kirstine Rand for her many years of service on the College Outreach Team. Kirstine has served on the team during the past 8 years that I have been the leader. Thank you, Kirstine for your dedication to the college age students!!!

### **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!

### **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 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 9<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, **November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Need more information? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.475.4834 or [gisernhagen@gmail.com](mailto:gisernhagen@gmail.com).

## **Church Financial Update**

### ***Financial Update as of September 2016***

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

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

#### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

|            | <b>2016</b> | <b>2015</b> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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 |
|         | 2,468.40        |                             |



## Calendar Events This Week (November 2 – November 13)

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| <b>Wednesday, November 2</b><br>6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc)   | <b>Monday, November 7</b><br>ALL DAY – Bettinger Photography (MC-4/5)<br>6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS)<br>7:00P – BS Troop 554 comm. Mtg. (FH-1)  |
| <b>Thursday, November 3</b><br>7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing)<br>1:00P – Worship planning (MC-1)<br>1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc)<br>6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR)<br>7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)   | <b>Tuesday, November 8</b><br>ALL DAY – Bettinger Photography (MC-4/5)<br>1:30P – SPLC staff mtg.(MC-1)<br>6:30P – Book Club (YR)<br>6:30P – SPELC Governing Board (FH-1)<br>7:00P – Handbell Choir (Sanc)<br>7:00P – BS Troop 554 (FH, K, entry)<br>7:00P – Men’s Bible Study (Selander’s home) |
| <b>Friday, November 4</b> (office open 8am - noon)<br><i>No activities scheduled.</i>   | <b>Wednesday, November 9</b><br>9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS)<br>9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1)<br>6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc)  |
| <b>Saturday, November 5</b><br>8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard)<br>9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3)<br>10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)<br><b>5:30P – Worship</b>  | <b>Thursday, November 10</b><br>7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing)<br>1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc)<br>6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR)<br>7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)  |
| <b>Sunday, November 6*</b><br><b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b><br><b>8:00a – Worship</b><br>9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex)<br>9:30a – Education Hour – all ages<br><b>10:45a – Worship</b><br>12:00N – Confirmation Huddle (YR)<br>12:30P – Football banquet (FH, K)<br>7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)<br><b>*Daylight Saving Time ends; set your clocks BACK</b> | <b>Friday, November 11 Veterans Day</b><br>(office open 8am - noon)<br>12:00N – Silver Sages activity (MC-4/5)   |
|   | <b>Saturday, November 12</b><br>8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard)<br>9:00a – Memorial service for Phyllis Davison<br>9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3)<br>10:00a – Davison funeral reception (FH)<br>10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)<br><b>5:30P – Worship</b>                     |
|   | <b>Sunday, November 13</b><br><b>8:00a – Worship</b><br>9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex)<br>9:30a – Education Hour – all ages<br><b>10:45a – Worship – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation</b><br>7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)   |

## **Community Events**

### **The Lutheran Chorale**

The Lutheran Chorale would like to invite you to attend a concert that will be filled with familiar carols welcoming in the festive celebration of Christmas. "Welcome Joyous Season" will be performed at the Lakewood Cultural Center (470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood), on Thursday, **December 1**, 2016 at 7:30 pm. The Messiah Lutheran Children's Chorale of Longmont will be joining us. We will also be having our annual silent auction prior to the concert with the doors opening at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold for the concert: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Students(13+) \$10 and Children(3-12) \$5. You can pick up your tickets at the Lakewood Cultural Center box office during weekdays, online at [Lakewood.org/tickets](http://Lakewood.org/tickets), or by phone, 303.987.7845.

For more information, please check out our website at [thelutheranchorale.org](http://thelutheranchorale.org), or email us at [thelutheranchorale@comcast.net](mailto:thelutheranchorale@comcast.net), or call Linda Thompson, 303.666.6642.

### **Ken Caryl Concerts**

Thanks to all who have supported Ken Caryl Concerts in our first year! We are pleased with the positive response to our concerts and hope you will mark your calendar and invite your friends to join us for our 2017 concert series:

"Springtime in the Rockies" (American Music) - Saturday, April 29 - 7:30pm

"Music from the Movies" - Sunday, July 16 - 2:30pm

"Mostly Mozart" - Saturday, September 30 - 7:30pm

"Christmas Classics" - Sunday, December 1 - 2:30pm

### **Concert CDs Available for Purchase!**

If you enjoyed the Oktoberfest concert, or you missed it and would like to hear it, please order a copy of the CD! Each CD is \$10 and all of the proceeds will go to the concert fund. Contact Kristen Celusniak to place your order - [kristen.celusniak@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.celusniak@gmail.com) or 303.517.4895. CDs will be delivered before Christmas and make a perfect gift!

## **In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Members of St. Philip: Jeanne Rasmussen, Gary Philpy, Ray Peterson, Karen Morin, Jeff Giesen, Bree Amsberry, 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: Darla Dailey** (Eberts), **Tami Morling** (Roswechs), **Beverly Decker** (Jacobsons), **Marci Block** (Linda Thomas), **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](mailto:sriecks@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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