

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

November 9, 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

Altar Flowers

November 13 – No altar flowers have been donated or dedicated for this week.

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 13th**; 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.

Upcoming Worship – November 19th and 20th – 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 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.

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 23rd – 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 27th – First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent begins this coming Sunday, November 27th. 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 25th, when the season of Christmas arrives.

Upcoming Worship – Wednesday, December 11th – Memory Tree Service

On Sunday, **December 11th**, at 9:15am, we will hold a brief ceremony remembering our departed love ones at the big blue spruce near the sidewalk at the entrance of the north courtyard. You are invited to bring an ornament to be placed on the tree in memory of your loved one. It will remain on the tree through the holiday season, and then be taken off in early January. You can then pick up your ornament in the church office. Extra ornaments will be available on the 11th if you forget yours and would still like to participate.

Scripture Readings for November 12-13, 2016

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Worship Servants for November 12-13, 2016

Saturday worship, November 12, 2016

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – TBD
- Usher – Monica Auch
- Altar Guild – Rita Kuenne
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 13, 2016			
	8:00am		10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Klingman		Anne Klingman
Lector	OPEN		Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	OPEN		OPEN
Communion Deacons	Peter Mielke, Karen Otto		Renate Muthart
Ushers	John Selden, Mike Graff, Tim Young		Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge
Prayer Partners	n/a		n/a
Altar Guild	Connie Schutt	Mary Hatlestad, Carolyn Endecott	Teresa Cline
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower		John Wall & family
Greeters	OPEN		
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer		
Coffee Cart	Ed & Gisela Fritsch		
KeyKeepers	Sat. (11/12): Dick Rock		Week beg. 11/13: Chuck Krieger

Sharing the Good News!

Thank You from Phyllis Kemp

I would like to thank you all for praying for me during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you, Pastor Brad, for calling the house the day of surgery. Pastor Nathan, thank you for coming to see me in the hospital and praying with me. I know the reason I recovered so quickly was because I was surrounded by prayer. Thank you all, Phyllis Kemp

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.

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.

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

Fall Harvest Food Drive

The Community Care & Compassion ministry will be collecting items throughout the month of November for distribution to local food banks. Our focus this year is on peanut butter, meal-type soups, cereal, jelly, canned meats, baked beans, and pork & beans – items which are always in demand. All the items gathered will be shared between the Denver Inner City Parish and the Sheridan Food Pantry. Your support is greatly appreciated. Note: the collection table for the fall harvest food drive is located down the hallway from the narthex, underneath the bulletin boards. Questions about donations can be directed to Karen Otto at 720.290.1360 or karenlotto@msn.com.

Love INC Has A Job Opportunity

God's blessings to you and your congregation. The heartbeat of Love In the Name of Christ (INC) is the Clearinghouse, where our neighbors in need can call in with requests for help. We have a job opening for the position of Clearinghouse Coordinator. The Clearinghouse Coordinator works with volunteers to address those needs, connecting them to ministries and services in the community, and following up with them, all in a spirit of Christian love. The job description is posted on the Community bulletin board outside the St. Philip church office.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – Holiday Project Opportunity

If you are a member of a group that is looking for a holiday project, consider a collection for Sharing with Sheridan. Contact LeRae Schnickel at tschnick1@msn.com or 303.579.6853.

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.

Mark your calendar for our next rotation coming up soon December 11 -18. For more information, please contact Bob Delong at 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 4th**.

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 20th**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org).

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

Mentors Needed for our Confirmation Students

St. Philip is continuing its mentoring program for our confirmation students! Our goal is to pair up one confirmation student with one adult in the congregation. There are four weeks in Advent this year, so the mentors will meet with their mentee for four weeks on Wednesday evenings starting on November 30th. We will come together for dinner at 6pm where the confirmation students and mentors will eat together and then after dinner will continue the conversation one-on-one for thirty minutes. At 7:00pm we will enter the sanctuary for the mid-week Advent service. We will do the same during the six weeks of Lent.

The responsibility of the mentors will be to get to know the confirmation student you are paired up with, talk with them, pray for them, encourage them, and support them in their life and faith.

Are you interested in being a mentor for one of our confirmation students? This year we have fourteen 7th grade confirmation students, so we are looking for fourteen mentors. If you are interested in being a mentor please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk and Pastor Brad will be in contact with you. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Brad.

Support Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp - Colorado Gives Day is December 6, 2016

We are blessed to have a huge community of people that love and support the ministry that happens at Rainbow Trail! Last year this community stepped up in huge ways on Colorado Gives Day and raised just over \$83,000. That is a tremendous statement of the importance of RTLCLC in the faith development of children. Your contributions to our ministry are needed more than ever. The gifts received on this day help us to provide great staff, excellent facilities, and life changing experiences to our campers. The goal for this year's Colorado Gives Day is **\$88,000**. We know this is an aggressive goal, but with the help of people just like you, this is a very attainable goal! We reached \$83,000 with just 236 gifts last year. Imagine where we would be if we doubled the number of people giving to RTLCLC on this day! You don't have to live in Colorado to give. Please give, and invite your friends to give a gift to Rainbow Trail through ColoradoGives.org on December 6th. Thanks for your faithful support of this ministry!

Adult Discipleship Class – “Making Peace with Conflict”

Conflict equals differences plus tension. Who doesn't have conflict in their life? Conflict is a natural part of living. Living in this world filled with relationships, there will be conflict in our lives. The question is not whether we have conflict, but how can we gain skills to address the issues of conflict in a more constructive manner.

For four weeks, beginning Sunday, **November 27th**, Pastor Nathan will lead a discussion on how we can develop better skills in dealing with the conflict situations in our lives using the book, *Making Peace with Conflict: Practical Skills for Conflict Transformation* edited by Carolyn Schrock-Shenk and Lawrence Ressler and compiled by many different authors. This class will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:30am in room MC-4/5. Join us as we look to become peacemakers in a world that struggles with divisiveness.

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

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 4th grade students are invited to explore the story of Baby Moses on 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.

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 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>.

Family Advent Event – November 20th

Sunday, **November 20**, children birth through 6th 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 18th

The Children's Christmas program is Sunday, **December 18** at the 10:45am service. Families with children birth through 6th 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.

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 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 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.

Buy a Smoked Turkey Breast to Support Youth Mission Trip

The men of St. Philip will once again be smoking boneless turkey breasts for Thanksgiving. These turkey breasts are approximately 4.75 lbs and are very tasty after being smoked for 3-4 hours. The cost is \$30 each with all proceeds going to support the Sr. High Youth Mission Trip to Acadiana, Louisiana to do flood relief after the August 2016 floods. You may order your turkey by signing up at the Welcome Center kiosk or by contacting Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org) by Sunday, **November 20th**. The turkey breasts can then be picked up on Wednesday, November 23rd between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

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.

Family Life Ministry

Ruth Circle – November, December, & January Meetings

The next meeting of Ruth Circle will be Wednesday, **November 16th** at 9:30am. All women are welcome to attend this Bible study group.

Ruth Circle will be meeting on December 3rd, at 11:30am for the Christmas lunch. Please join us for the ornament exchange. The sign-up sheet for the lunch is at the Welcome Center kiosk.

The Ruth Circle Bible study in January will be Paul's letter to the Galatians. This will be our Winter/Spring 2017 study. Any questions pertaining to Ruth Circle can be directed to Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 or Margaret Rusch at 303.979.7456.

Men's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

The men's Tuesday evening Bible study is on break until November 29th. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at p73101@msn.com.

November Sew-In and Luncheon

Attention all St. Philip Women: the Ties to Community ministry is meeting Saturday, **November 19th** 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. We look forward to a fun morning of women together, young and old.

Women of St. Philip Christmas Potluck Luncheon

All women are invited to the Women's Fellowship and Ruth Circle's luncheon on Saturday, **December 3rd** 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. 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.

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) 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 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 – December Meeting

The St. Philip Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **December 14th** at 6:30pm in the youth room to discuss the novel *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini. 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 23rd** 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 23rd**. Need more information? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.475.4834 or gisernhagen@gmail.com.

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
	2,468.40	

Calendar Events This Week (November 9 – November 20)

Wednesday, November 9 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning (FH, K, Sanc) 7:00P – Music Director Task Force (MC-3)	Monday, November 14 1:00P – Assemble college care pkgs. (MC-4/5) 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS)
Thursday, November 10 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Tuesday, November 15 9:30a – Children's ministry team mtg. (FS) 1:30P – SPLC staff mtg. (MC-1) 7:00P – Handbell Choir (Sanc) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 (FH, K, entry)
Friday, November 11 Veterans Day (office open 8am - noon) 12:00N – Silver Sages activity (MC-4/5)	Wednesday, November 16 9:30a – Ruth Circle (FH-1) 6:00P – Confirmation Servant Event (YR)
Saturday, November 12 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – CHCA meeting (MC-1) 9:00a – Memorial service for Phyllis Davison 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:00a – Davison funeral reception (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship	Thursday, November 17 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Sunday, November 13 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 10:45a – Worship 1:00P – Sr. High Youth service project (off-site)	Friday, November 18 (office open 8am - noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
	Saturday, November 19 Women of St. Philip - hang quilts (Sanc) 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – Ties to the Community Sew-In (FH, K) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship
	Sunday, November 20-Christ the King Sunday Women's Pay It Forward 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Congregational meeting (Sanc) 9:30a – Education Hour – children & youth 10:45a – Worship 12:00N – Executive Council mtg. (FH-1) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)

Community Events

Highlands Ranch Senior Health & Information Fair

The Highlands Ranch Senior Health and Information Fair is taking place on Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at **the Recreation Center at Eastridge** (9568 University Blvd, Highlands Ranch). There will be more than 70 service professionals; on-site and simple health screenings will be offered. Educational breakout sessions will follow from 12:15 to 3pm on the topics of legal paperwork, Medicare choices and identity theft & fraud prevention.

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, or by phone, 303.987.7845.

For more information, please check out our website at thelutheranchorale.org, or email us at 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 or 303.517.4895. CDs will be delivered before Christmas and make a perfect gift!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: JoHanna Buchholz and her family, Joanne Ermold, Janet Wagner, Jeanne Rasmussen, Gary Philpy, Ann Foster, Ray Peterson, Karen Morin, Jeff Giesen, Bree Amsberry, Rita Kuenne, Kathy Dechant, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members: Amy Bentley (daughter of Rita Bentley), **Scott Hoff** (Ji Henson), **Chelsea Jacobson** (relative of George & Nancy Jacobson), **Corban Lapp** (grandson of Carmen & Lloyd Fulenwider), **Heidi** (niece of Tom Schnickel), **Chelsea Watts** (relative of Liz Watts), **Fawn Kemp** (daughter of Phyllis & Larry Kemp), **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: Beverly (Karen Otto), **Richard** (Carolyn Endecott), **Brendt** (Suzanne Peterson), **Darla Dailey** (Eberts), **Tami Morling** (Roswechs), **Beverly Decker** (Jacobsons), **Marci Block** (Linda Thomas), **Chas Goldstien** (DeBoers), **Lore Schnell** (Fritsch family), **Blaine Zenor** (Karen Morin), **Rev. Rick Thompson**, **Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniaks), **Nick Quintana** (Knight family), and **Dr. Jill Pechacek** (Roswech family).

Prayers for 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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