# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN) A weekly electronic newsletter

### **November 16, 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.

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### **Worship News**

#### **Altar Flowers**

**November 20** – Ray & Suzanne Peterson are dedicating the altar flowers in celebration of their daughter Katherine's birthday.

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.

<u>Upcoming Worship – November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King Sunday</u> In celebration of Christ the King Sunday, at both worship services, children of all ages are invited to join the processional in and carry a crown to lay at the base of the cross.

#### Upcoming Worship - November 19th and 20th - "Pay It Forward"

"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.

In honor of the "Pay It Forward" all of our worship servants this weekend are women. Thank you, one and all, for your service to St. Philip – our congregation is blessed by you.

<u>Upcoming Worship – Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving Eve worship</u> Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve as we give thanks for our many blessings. Bring a non-perishable item as part of your offering.

# <u>Upcoming Worship - Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent</u>

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.

<u>Upcoming Worship – Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Memory Tree Service</u>
On Sunday, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 11<sup>th</sup> if you forget yours and would still like to participate.

#### Scripture Readings for November 19-20, 2016

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

#### **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

#### GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

# Worship Servants for November 19-20, 2016

## Saturday worship, November 19, 2016

- Pianist Michael Clough
- Cantor Beth Clough
- Usher Monica Auch
- Altar Guild LeRae Schnickel
- A/V Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 20, 2016							
	8:00am		10:45am				
Hymn Song Leader	Linda Thomas		Anne Husted				
Pay It Forward Speaker	Linda Baker		Sherry Anderson				
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer		Renate Muthart				
Lector	Chris Youngren		Suzanne Peterson				
Acolytes	Abby Husted		Julie Wall				
Communion Deacons	Diane Bracken, Paula Willhouse		Susan Shepard, Linda Baker				
Ushers	Anne Husted, Mary DeBoer, Sandra Fishko, Galinda Knight		Nancy Schell, Char Nauman, Dawn Collins, Carol Wall				
Prayer Partners	Heather Varnell		Naomi Doerr				
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse	Carole K	essler, E	Betty Welch	Diane Michael		
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke		Wall family				
Greeters	Carolyn Endecott, Kathy Reitz, Vicki Slusser		Shera Eddy, Diane Michael				
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt						
Coffee Cart	Mary Hatlestad						
KeyKeepers	<b>Sat. (11/19):</b> Dick Rock		Week beg. 11/20: Peter Mielke				

### **Sharing the Good News!**

#### THANK YOU, John!

A very heartfelt thank you goes out to John Breed who has been working almost every day for the past two weeks to rake up and bag all the leaves that have fallen on the church property. John not only raked up leaves to tidy the church grounds, but he created some lovely leaf piles for the preschool children to enjoy – fun for all! Thank you, John, for your service to our congregation.

#### <u>Update and Thank You from the Narthex Redesign Committee</u>

The Narthex Redesign Committee hopes you are enjoying the changes we have been slowly making. We still have more things we'd like to accomplish, but plan to take a small hiatus during the holiday season. We would like to give a huge shout-out to the property team for all of their help in accomplishing our wishes, especially John Phillips, Jerry Mydlach, and Tom Schnickel.

#### Track Lighting Fixtures Available for Taking

There are several track lighting fixtures available for free to anyone who would like them. They were removed from the Fireside room as part of the redesign, and are in excellent condition. There are several fixtures, each one about 12 feet long, with 8-10 individual lights. Please contact Jerry Mydlach or Linda Goodnough if interested.

#### Thank You from the Family Promise Team

The Family Promise team wishes to say a special "thank you" to Boy Scout Troop 554 for providing dinner one evening each time we host a Family Promise rotation. Their continued support is much appreciated.

#### 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**

Below are the bios for the prospective church council members: Katie Amaya, Heather Varnell, and Samantha Kime. Also included are bios for the candidates for the endowment committee: Bruce Anderson, Gary Philpy, and Monica Auch.

#### **Church Council Candidates (3)**

Name: Katie Amaya

Explain how your gifts and talents will be useful in your new role at St Philip: Some of my gifts include building relationships, enabling others to act, leading people through change and seeking to understand what I don't know. Many of these characteristics come from being a servant leader, which despite the name is not about being servile, but rather it is about being a servant first. Other characteristics expressed in this leadership style include listening and understanding, empathy, acceptance, being action, goal and relationship oriented, nurturing the growth of others, and being dependable and trusted. I believe that my gifts as a servant leader will make me a strong contributor to council.

# Share your experience and/or educational background that will help you be of service to the Church and congregation of St Philip:

I attended St. Olaf College with a BA in Social Studies Education and the University of Minnesota with a Masters of Public Health. I currently work for Denver Public Health and specialize in quality improvement, strategic planning, and training facilitation. I have unique experiences working on the White Mountain Apache reservation, at the United Nations in New York City, in East Africa (Uganda and Tanzania) and with refugees in Minnesota. I bring a mission-oriented perspective to the table and enjoy working with diverse groups of people.

#### When did you join the ministry of St. Philip?

My husband Renzo and I joined St. Philip in 2013.

#### Finally, share something about your family or Church history:

Renzo and I have one daughter, Melia (2 years old). Most of our family is back in the Midwest (MN/WI) or overseas (Spain/Colombia). Renzo and I moved to Denver in 2011 to escape the cold Minnesota winters and be close to the mountains. I am a lifelong Lutheran, have been on council at a previous congregation, and spent one year after college volunteering with Urban Servant Corps in Denver (similar to Lutheran Volunteer Corps).

#### What are a few of the activities or hobbies you enjoy?

I enjoy hiking in the mountains, running, going to open space dog parks, traveling and trying new ice cream places.

#### Name: Heather Varnell

#### Explain how your gifts and talents will be useful in your new role at St Philip:

When we joined St. Philip and completed the Spiritual Gifts Assessment, my top 3 were Service, Faith and Administration. I am an organized and goal-oriented person. I value and understand the need for discussion of issues/decisions, but one of my strengths is to help guide a group toward the goal of making a decision. I am happy to work hard behind the scenes to plan, organize and execute activities. I also feel a calling toward education related to families and children. I will love to explore opportunities within council to strengthen my participation in this area of faith.

# Share your experience and/or educational background that will help you be of service to the Church and congregation of St Philip:

I am a pediatrician by training and currently work part time at a community health center in an underserved area of Denver. Much of my passion for children and families comes from my work experiences and a desire to strengthen communities for the benefit and support of families. Charles and I have been married for 17 years and have 3 daughters, ages 10, 7 and 5. The church is an important part of our lives. Through council, I will have the opportunity to serve the church. I will enjoy being a voice for young families on the council.

Music is also an important part of my life and I've very much enjoyed playing in the handbell choir. I hope to offer support for music ministries in our church.

#### What are a few of the activities or hobbies you enjoy?

Reading, spending time outside and cooking are my favorite activities. I am also blessed to be able to spend time at my daughter's elementary school helping in their classes and with various activities.

#### When did you join the ministry of St. Philip?

We joined St. Philip in 2014.

#### Finally, share something about your family or Church history:

I grew up Lutheran in Centennial, Colorado. Charles and I were members of Messiah Lutheran Church in the Park Hill neighborhood of Denver for 12 years prior to moving to Littleton. Our 3 daughters were baptized there.

#### Name: Samantha Kime

#### Explain how your gifts and talents will be useful in your new role at St Philip:

Gifts and talents: organized and a planner, welcoming and hosting, great at listening to understand others. I'm an extremely organized person and love to meet new people. I also have a great listening ear and like to help people in need.

# Share your experience and/or educational background that will help you be of service to the Church and congregation of St Philip:

Before becoming a stay at home wife and mom, I was an Executive Assistant to the VP of a large industrial construction company, and for 12 years spend my "working" career in the Administrative world. I was very successful in this kind of work because of my attention to details, planning and organizational skills and keeping schedules. Now, as a stay at home wife and mom, I find I do the same kind of work but for 3 "bosses"! ©

#### What are a few of the activities or hobbies you enjoy?

I enjoy spending time with my husband and young boys and our two dogs. We like to be outdoors hiking, playing at the park, or even just taking a stroll around the neighborhood and talking with our neighbors. Personally I enjoy reading and scrapbooking.

#### When did you join the ministry of St. Philip?

We started worshiping at St. Philip in November of 2015, and became "official" members in February 2016.

#### Finally, share something about your family or Church history:

I was raised in the Lutheran church as a child, but when my parents divorced (age 8), my father didn't make worship a priority in our weekly routine. My sister and I were still raised with very strong Christian values, and spent every summer on our family's farm in North Dakota where our grandparents had us involved in Sunday school and worship at the town's Lutheran church. As a young adult I struggled to find my place in faith, until I met and married Dave. Together we were committed to finding a home church, and after 7 years together and two children later, we found St. Philip.

#### **Endowment Committee (3)**

#### Name: Bruce Anderson

#### Explain how your gifts and talents will be useful in your new role at St Philip:

My gifts and talents stem from my growing up, education and life experiences. I grew up in a loving supportive Lutheran family and enjoy the same today with Judy, my wife,

and family. Creativity in seeing what does not exist and what could be is my greatest gift. Creating new technologies then building and managing companies, in startup situations, has been my lifetime objectives, goals and satisfaction. Gifts for use at St Philips are general management skills, financial and investment management, creativity, team creation, problem solving. An endowment fund needs personnel that focus on the creation and maintenance of the fund as well companionate giving. I look to help manage the economic success of the fund as well as the compassion outreach.

# Share your experience and/or educational background that will help you be of service to the Church and congregation of St Philip:

I attended Michigan State University with a BS and MS in Metallurgical Engineering, and a MBA from Clarkson of New York. I have specialized in business startups, technical product development and commercialization. I have led some significant corporate startups that I have owned. I currently actively work and consult on patent programs with new technologies and commercialization opportunities for those technologies.

#### When did you join the ministry of St. Philip?

My wife Judy and I joined St. Philip on October 23, 2016

#### Finally, share something about your family or Church history:

Judy and I have three sons and seven grandchildren. All live in the greater Denver and Silverthorne areas. Family has drawn Judy and I to the Denver area. I am a lifelong Lutheran and have served on church councils, congregation president, endowment committee, etc. In particular, I assisted in founding the endowment fund at my last Lutheran church

#### What are a few of the activities or hobbies you enjoy?

I enjoy fishing, hunting, golf and oil painting. I particularly enjoy observing nature and playing in it at our ranch in the high country.

#### Name: Monica Auch

#### Explain how your gifts and talents will be useful in your new role at St Philip:

When I became a member of St. Philip, I was determined I wouldn't be just a warm body in a pew on weekends. I have slowly found areas of interest to offer my help with. I serve as a counter, a Saturday evening usher, participate in Ties to the Community, VBS, and mowing with the grounds crew. Serving on the Endowment Committee will be something to gain insight and knowledge about, and to assist in meeting the needs of those involved.

# Share your experience and/or educational background that will help you be of service to the Church and congregation of St Philip:

I have experience in accounting (no degrees) with family businesses and working with service organizations. I volunteer with both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and have also done work with MDA and Breast Cancer Awareness.

#### What are a few of the activities or hobbies you enjoy?

I enjoy the outdoors with football and baseball being my favorite sports. I work part-time as an usher at Rockies games. I enjoy doing crafts, cooking and baking, and have been a Pampered Chef consultant for 9 years.

#### When did you join the ministry of St. Philip?

I became a member of St. Philip in the fall of 2012.

#### Finally, share something about your family or Church history:

I was born in Nebraska and had always been a member of Presbyterian churches prior to joining St. Philip. I have been married to Roger Auch for 17 years. My children, Vonnie Rouse and Scott Worman both live in Littleton and have blessed me with three grandsons and a granddaughter. I provided childcare for them 5 days a week before school, after school, and throughout the summer. In 2013, I retired from the USPS as a letter carrier after 29 years of service.

#### Name: Gary Philpy

#### Explain how your gifts and talents will be useful in your new role at St Philip:

As a registered representative (SEC license) and Thrivent Financial associate, I have a daily working knowledge of markets, investments, and insurance and annuity products. I also have an interest in asking people for gifts, including legacy gifts from their estate, which is important for the Endowment.

# Share your experience and/or educational background that will help you be of service to the Church and congregation of St Philip:

I was originally trained as a chemical engineer, and I worked in the pharmaceutical industry in Indiana for nearly 30 years making life saving medicines. While doing this, I served the ELCA in several volunteer capacities, including as Treasurer of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Upon retirement from Eli Lilly and Company, I changed careers and studied for insurance and securities licenses before joining Thrivent.

#### What are a few of the activities or hobbies you enjoy?

Golf, hiking, and fly fishing are primary hobbies. I also enjoy volunteering for the Sharing with Sheridan food pantry and helping people meet their financial goals and objectives through my work with Thrivent Financial.

#### When did you join the ministry of St. Philip?

My wife, Jan, and I joined St. Philip in October, 2012, after moving to Colorado from Indiana.

#### Finally, share something about your family or Church history:

I was raised in a large family as an Episcopalian in Midland, Texas, and Jan was raised in several Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod congregations. After we were married and moved to Indiana we joined an LCA congregation, and we have been members of the ELCA since the merger more than 25 years ago. St. Philip is our sixth ELCA congregation, and we are delighted to be here.

#### Parish Secretary Resignation

To My St. Philip Family:

It is with sadness that I announce that effective December 22, 2016 I will be resigning as the parish secretary. I have been very happy here for the past 9+ years, and I am sad to be leaving my position here, but I feel I am being called to travel a new path.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, our synod bishop Jim Gonia sent out a statement to the Rocky Mountain region, speaking about the elections and how we as the church needed to *be* the church. One paragraph in that statement really spoke to me:

"...we must now fully embrace our prophetic roles as well: to speak and act on behalf of those who are most marginalized, to stand with the most vulnerable in our

society....This includes all people of color, or those in our LGBTQ community who already feel that they do not have a full place in our society..."

Something not many of you at St. Philip know about my family is that we have a child who is transgender. When I read Bishop Jim's statement, God truly spoke to my heart, and I suddenly knew that I needed to stand up, speak up, and become a greater voice in affecting change, not just for the LGBTQ community, but for others who are at risk in our society.

I am not completely sure yet exactly where my new path will lead me, but I know that God will lead me where I need to go, and will guide me. This is scary new territory for me – I've never been "called" to do something before, and it's a very uncomfortable feeling. But I am taking the words of Galatians 6:10 to heart: "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the St. Philip staff. I have been blessed by all of you.

Sincerely,

Sue Riecks

#### 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 for November 27th!

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 <a href="mailto:gjphilpy@gmail.com">gjphilpy@gmail.com</a>.

#### 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 <a href="twellsc645@gmail.com">twellsc645@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:twellsc645@gmail.com">twellsc645@gmail.com</a>.

# **Community Care & Compassion Ministry**

#### Volunteer Opportunity - Help Sharing w/Sheridan

Next opportunity to help Sharing with Sheridan by volunteering at the Food Bank of the Rockies is **December 3** from 9 to noon and carpooling is available. This is a great option for anyone—families, singles, or groups. Contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or <a href="mailto:ckess911@aol.com">ckess911@aol.com</a> for more information or to sign up.

#### Family Promise - December Rotation

Our next hosting week will be December 11-18. All are welcome to come learn more about Family Promise, and help in providing hospitality for homeless families. Volunteer sign-up sheets can be found at the Family Promise table in the narthex. There are many ways that you can help. Come and see how you can apply your unique gifts to this ministry. Please see or call Bob Delong for details 303.808.6423.

#### Fall Harvest Food Drive

The Community Care & Compassion ministry will be collecting items throughout the month of November. Our focus this year is on toilet paper, 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 <a href="mailto:tschnick1@msn.com">tschnick1@msn.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:crystalolko@yahoo.com">crystalolko@yahoo.com</a>. Mark your calendar for our next rotation coming up soon December 11 -18. For more information, please contact Bob Delong at <a href="mailto:delongfamilybob@gmail.com">delongfamilybob@gmail.com</a>.

#### 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 (<u>bdoty@stphilip-co.org</u>).

#### 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!

#### Love INC Weekly Update

Greetings Partner Churches,

**Ephesians 1:15-16** For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

In this season of Thanksgiving, and throughout the year, <u>Love INC is thankful for the</u> <u>work we are called to do together.</u> May you and your congregation be blessed in this time of thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season.

We would like to share an opportunity with you and your congregation about a way in which you can serve the community: The Love INC Resale Shoppe, "Renewed Treasures", supports our ministry with income from its operations, and is also vital to the work in the clearinghouse. Clients are invited to "shop for free" for items they need, such as clothing, household items, and furniture. Renewed Treasures is completely volunteer run and needs volunteer workers! If you are interested, please contact Donna Nelson at 720.446.1877.

# **Discipleship Ministry**

#### Family Advent Event - November 20th

Join us for a Family Advent Event this Sunday, **Nov. 20**! Parents and caregivers of children birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to sing songs, hear an Advent story, and make a "Manger on the Mantle" to take home and use in faith-centered Christmas preparations. The fun begins at 9:30am in the fellowship hall! Please note that Frolic (birth-3 years), Spark (PK-4<sup>th</sup> grade), and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday school will NOT be meeting separately this week. Instead, children of all grades will work in family groups to make a manger! Regular Sunday school resumes on Sunday, Nov. 27 when we begin our Advent and Christmas rotation!

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 RTLC 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 RTLC 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your faithful support of this ministry!

#### Adult Discipleship Class – "Handel's 'Messiah'"

Handel's "Messiah"—everyone knows it, but do you know the theology and history behind it? Jan Philpy will lead a 3-week class starting on December 4<sup>th</sup> that will discuss the Christmas portion of the oratorio, and then again in spring to discuss the rest of the piece. This will not be a music class; we will concentrate on the texts. The class will meet in room MC-1 during the education hour from 9:30-10:30am. Come learn more about this masterpiece!

#### 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 27**<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### Nov. 20th - NO Frolic, Spark, 5th & 6th Classes

Please note that Frolic (birth-3 years), Spark (PK-4<sup>th</sup> grade), and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday school will NOT be meeting separately this week. Instead, children of all grades will work in family groups to make a manger! Regular Sunday school resumes on Sunday, Nov. 27 when we begin our Advent and Christmas rotation!

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade should save the date! Children who 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 homemade 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@stphilipco.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.

#### 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 (<a href="mailto:bdoty@stphilip-co.org">bdoty@stphilip-co.org</a>) by Sunday, **November 20**<sup>th</sup>. The turkey breasts can then be picked up on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

#### Sr. 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 off-site 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 18<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>**: Senior High Youth Gathering at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp (No youth group at church on the 20<sup>th</sup>).
- November 27<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at St. Philip from 7-8:30pm
- December 4<sup>th</sup>: "Refuge" youth service at Bethany Lutheran Meet at St. Philip at 5:30pm, be back at 8pm.
- December 11<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship Event Meet at St. Philip at 5pm and bring \$5 for admission.
- December 18<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship Event Christmas Party at Pastor Brad's house from 6:00-8:00pm. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift costing around \$10.

#### 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 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**

#### Help Seeds of South Sudan with Thrivent Choice Dollars

Seeds of South Sudan, a Colorado 501(c)(3), has as its mission to educate, empower, and equip children surviving South Sudan's genocide. We support children from the Kakuma Refugee Camp and bring them into our program in Nakuru, Kenya. There they have a place to live and attend school. All of their medical needs are met, as well as providing them with the books, uniforms, and other necessities to succeed at school. In the months of April, August, and December when school is not in session, students live at the home base or compound and are cared for. Seeds of South Sudan is a Thrivent Choice Member and we hope that you will consider directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to SOSS. Please visitor our website for other ways that you can get involved. www.seedsofsouthsudan.org

# **Family Life Ministry**

#### "Let's Unwrap the Bible" NOT Meeting on November 23rd

"Let's Unwrap the Bible" women's Bible Study will NOT meet on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving, and will plan to rejoin us in December for our special event on Wednesday. December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see below for complete information about that meeting!

#### "Let's Unwrap the Bible" December Event

"Let's Unwrap the Bible" women's Bible Study will be viewing the movie "Luther" on Wednesday, December 14th at 8:45am in the choir room at church. "Luther", a 2003 film, is a biopic about the life of Martin Luther (1483-1546) starring Joseph Fiennes. It was an independent film partially funded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The film covers Luther's life from his becoming a monk in 1505 to 1530. If you are interested, bring your favorite beverage and join us. The film lasts approximately 2 hours. For more information, contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

<u>Silver Sages Christmas Gathering</u>
The Silver Sages Christmas gathering will be enriched with music by the jazz ensemble from Chatfield High School, on Thursday, December 8th at 9am in the fellowship hall at church. We will also have an ornament exchange, so bring a \$5 wrapped ornament and join in the fun! Refreshments will be served. All seniors 55 and older are welcome. whether you're single, married or have a significant other. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Center kiosk; please let us know if you will be attending. Questions? Please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 or email at ctvoungren@gmail.com.

#### Ruth Circle - December, & January Meetings

Ruth Circle will be meeting on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 pm.** We plan to tie guilts, 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 guilt? No experience

is necessary! For additional information, contact LeRae Schnickel at 303.579.6853 or email at <a href="mailto:lschnickel@icloud.com">lschnickel@icloud.com</a>. 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 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 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!!!

### St. Philip Book Club - December Meeting

The St. Philip Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 is on break until November 29<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at p73101@msn.com.

#### <u>Theater and Theology – "The Book of Will"- January 2017</u>

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.

#### "Fellowship in the Word" is Back!

The men's Bible study, "Fellowship in the Word" will **NOT** meet on Wednesday, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please plan to join them in December on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Need more information? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.475.4834 or <a href="mailto:gisernhagen@gmail.com">gisernhagen@gmail.com</a>.

# **Church Financial Update**

# Financial Update as of October 2016

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	589,130	609,057	(19,927)
Expenses	<u>585,081</u>	<u>628,538</u>	<u>43,457</u>
	4.049	(19.481)	23.530

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

**2016 2015** YTD Actual 544,787 542,342

YTD Budgeted <u>568,000</u> (23,213)

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#### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

**2016 2015** YTD Actual \$5,862 \$6,636

#### **SPEND OUT OF RESERVES**

January 734.20 Lutheran Family Services

734.20 MOSAIC of Denver

1,000.00 Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

13,776.00 Sewer Repairs

16,244.40

Calendar Events This Week (November 16 – November 27)

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Wednesday, November 16 9:30a – Ruth Circle (FH-1) 5:25P – Youth handbells (Sanc) 6:00P – Confirmation Servant Event (YR)	Monday, November 21 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS)		
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)	Tuesday, November 22 1:30P – SPLC staff mtg.(MC-1) 7:00P – Handbell Choir (Sanc) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 (FH, K, entry)		
Friday, November 18 (office open 8am - noon) HS Youth Gathering (off-site)	Wednesday, November 23 Smoking Turkeys (Pr. Brad's home) 7:00P – Thanksgiving Eve worship 8:30P – Pie Social (FH)		
Saturday, November 19 HS Youth Gathering (off-site) 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	Thursday, November 24 THANKSGIVING DAY – church office closed		
Sunday, November 20-Christ the King Sunday Women's Pay It Forward HS Youth Gathering (off-site) 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Congregational meeting (Sanc) 9:30a – Family Advent event (FH) 10:45a – Worship 12:00N – Executive Council mtg. (FH-1)	Friday, November 25 No activities scheduled. Church office closed.		
	Saturday, November 26 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 27-First Sunday of Advent 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – children & youth 9:30a – "Trinity" adult class (MC-3) 9:30a – "Conflict Transformation" (MC-4/5) 9:30a – "Handel's Messiah" (MC-1) 10:45a – Worship 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, or by phone, 303.987.7845.

For more information, please check out our website at thelutheranchorale.org, or email us at <a href="mailto:thelutheranchorale@comcast.net">thelutheranchorale@comcast.net</a>, 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 - <a href="mailto:kristen.celusniak@gmail.com">kristen.celusniak@gmail.com</a> or 303.517.4895. CDs will be delivered before Christmas and make a perfect gift!

# **In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

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

Family Members: Rob (relative of Anita Twisselman), Emma (granddaughter of Anita Twisselman), Elise (sister of Anita Twisselman), 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: Robert Yackel (Kathleen Reitz), John Schetter (Evan Price), Tami Morling (Roswechs), the family of George Wiebe (Anderson family), Henry (Karen Otto, Diane Bracken), Brian Briggs (former member), Shirlen & Richard Cowie (Doerrs), Beverly (Karen Otto), Richard (Carolyn Endecott), Brendt (Suzanne Peterson), Darla Dailey (Eberts), , Beverly Decker (Jacobsons), Lore Schnell (Fritsch family), Blaine Zenor (Karen Morin), Rev. Rick Thompson, Emily Mulhollen (Celusniaks), Nick Quintana (Knight family), and Dr. Jill Pechacek (Roswech family).

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Michael Judah Pamquist, son of John and Kate Dechant Pamquist.

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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