

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

November 23, 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 27 – Ben Clark is dedicating the altar flowers in loving memory of his late wife Johanna.

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 – 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 – Midweek Advent Services “Tidings of Comfort & Joy”

Week 1 (Nov. 30) – The Angel Speaks to Zechariah’s Fears

Week 2 (Dec. 7) – The Angel Speaks to Joseph’s Confusion

Week 3 (Dec. 14) – The Angel Speaks to Mary’s Doubt

Week 4 (Dec. 21) – The Angel Speaks to the Shepherd’s Curiosity

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 26-27, 2016

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many

peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Worship Servants for Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, 2016

- Assisting Minister – Renate Muthart
- Lector – Galinda Knight
- Communion Deacon – Peter Mielke
- Altar Guild – Galinda Knight, Carole Kessler
- Sound & Slides – Beth Mielke
- Accompanist – Beth DeBoer

Worship Servants for November 26-27, 2016

Saturday worship, November 26, 2016

- Pianist – Naomi Doerr
- Cantor – Katherine Parker
- Usher – Paul Stortz
- Altar Guild – Suzanne Peterson
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 27, 2016		
	8:00am	10:45am
Hymn Song Leader		
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard	Renate Muthart
Lector	Karen Morin	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Abby Husted	Taylor White, Jacob White
Communion Deacons	Peter Mielke, Karen Otto	OPEN
Ushers	John Selden, Mike Graff, Tim Young	Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge
Prayer Partners	n/a	n/a
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse	Jennifer Butts
A-V Sound & Slides	Beau Winters	Wall family
Greeters	Bill & Dottie Colbenson	
Ambassadors	Char Nauman & Lorren Ballard	
Coffee Cart	Linda Baker	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (11/26): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 11/27: Chris White

Sharing the Good News!

Look UP!

The next time you enter the church from the north end (down by the church office), look **UP!** You will see the newest addition to the various pieces of art that adorn our building. The painting of Jesus breaking bread was painted here at St. Philip last year – the artist literally painted the picture with his hands out in the narthex while the congregation looked on. The painting was then auctioned at the silent auction, and the family who bought it had it framed and has donated it to the church. Thank you to Tom Schnickel and Jerry Mydlach of the property team for creating the perfect background for the painting, and for the placement of the painting.

Thank You, Ladies!

With your willingness to be a part of the “Pay It Forward” services last week, we were able to have all female worship servants. It pleases me that you were willing to take your time and effort to partake. Thank you for a job well done!

If you have not turned in your “thankoffering” and would like to do so, there is still time for you to be included with our giving. Drop off your check or money box at the office noting that it is for “Pay It Forward.”

Note: As of Monday, November 21, 2016, the thankofferings for “Pay It Forward” totaled just under \$2,000. Thank you for your generosity!

Blessings,

Char Nauman-Women's Group

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.

Update and Thank You from the Narthex Redesign Committee

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 the 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.

Church News

Director of Music Ministries Search Task Force Update

The search task force for our Director of Music Ministries position will be conducting telephone interviews with four candidates on Tuesday, November 29th. The next step will be to hold interviews in person sometime in December.

Christmas Tree Set-up

The men of St. Philip will meet at the church at 8:30am on Thursday, December 1st to set up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Please join us if you can! Questions? Call Paul Selander at 303.794.9739, or email him at p73101@msn.com.

Congregational Meeting Report

Thank you to all who attended the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 20. The 2017 budget was approved, three new council members were elected (Samantha Kime, Katie Amaya, and Heather Varnell), and two new members were elected to the Endowment Committee (Monica Auch and Gary Philpy).

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 9th, 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 Dorothy Adamson

Dorothy Adamson passed into life eternal on Sunday, November 20. On Friday, **December 9, 2016**, a service of interment with full military honors will take place at Fort Logan at 10:30am, followed by a memorial service for her at St. Philip at 12:00noon. A reception in the fellowship hall will immediately follow the memorial service.

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.

Worship & Music Ministry

Urgent! Advent Readers Needed for November 27th!

The first Sunday in Advent is this coming Sunday, **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.

Seasonal Rites – The Advent Wreath

One of the best known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayer around the wreath.

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 ckess911@aol.com 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 tschnick1@msn.com or 303.579.6853.

Please Bring Your Angel Tree Gifts In

Thank you for the generous support you have shown for the Angel Tree! Now is the time when you should be thinking about bringing your UNWRAPPED gift to the donation center **NO LATER THAN December 4th**. Please be sure to attach the angel ornament to your gift. Any questions? Please call Carl or Rita Kuenne at 720.320.7201. Blessings to you!

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, Love INC is thankful for the work we are called to do together. 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

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 RTALC 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 RTALC 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 – “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 4th** 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 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

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 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.

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 is Starting a New Rotation

SPARK! Sunday School begins a new rotation this Sunday! Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore the season of Advent and the Christmas story on Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11. During these Sundays, the children will also learn and practice their songs for the Dec. 18 Children's Christmas Program. On Sunday, Dec. 18, ALL children will rehearse for the Christmas program during the Sunday school hour, then enjoy some snacks and a movie before the program at the 10:45 service. **5th and 6th Grade Sunday school** meets at 9:30 am in FH1.

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>.

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.

Pick Up Smoked Turkey Breasts

The turkey breasts can then be picked up on Wednesday, **November 23rd** between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

Sr. High Youth Group

Sr. high youth group for all youth in 9th-12th grade is on! Sr. high youth group is a place for youth to come, be themselves, have fun and learn about God. We invite and encourage you to bring your friends for this time of fun, fellowship, Bible study, games, service, and much more. The format for youth group is to meet at St. Philip twice a week from 7:00-8:30pm, have an 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 27th**: Youth Group at St. Philip from 7-8:30pm
- **December 4th**: “Refuge” youth service at Bethany Lutheran - Meet at St. Philip at 5:30pm, be back at 8pm.
- **December 11th**: Fellowship Event - Meet at St. Philip at 5pm and bring \$5 for admission.
- **December 18th**: 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am here at St. Philip in room MC-1. Pr. Glenn Isernhagen is the study facilitator.

“Let’s Unwrap the Bible” is a women’s Bible study that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am here at St. Philip in the Fireside room. Please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

Ruth Circle is a women’s group that meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday here at St. Philip in FH-1 at 9:30am. Contact Flo Figge at 303.932.6197 for more information.

Evangelism & Global Outreach

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 visit 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 23rd. We hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving, and will plan to rejoin us in December for our special event on Wednesday, December 14th. 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.

Silver Sages Christmas Gathering

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 ctyoungren@gmail.com.

Ruth Circle – December, & January Meetings

Ruth Circle will be meeting on Saturday, **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 will resume November 29th. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at p73101@msn.com.

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).

St. Philip Book Club – December Meeting

The St. Philip Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **December 13th** 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!

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.

"Fellowship in the Word" Bible Study

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

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)	

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
	<u>13,776.00</u>	Sewer Repairs
	16,244.40	

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>12/19</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>
<u>12/1</u>	<u>12/11</u>	Michael McNamara	<u>12/1</u>
Arlyce Black	Arlene Nelson	Jason Obermeyer	Rob & Karen Simons
Matthew Krohn	Ilsa Breidenbach	Matt Sauer	
	Karl Breidenbach		<u>12/5</u>
<u>12/3</u>		<u>12/20</u>	Tom & Jennifer Fischer
David Schmidt	<u>12/12</u>	Janet Shibly	
	Vicky Newmiller	Sabrina Johnston	<u>12/9</u>
<u>12/4</u>	Michelle Near	Bayne Smallwood	Bev & Bob Carter
Norma Mayotte	James Lingle	Katherine Parker	
		Dexter Fischer	<u>12/10</u>
<u>12/5</u>	<u>12/13</u>		Thomas & Joanna Staples
Jacinda Whittenburg	Timothy Mossbrucker	<u>12/21</u>	
		Paige LaPoint	<u>12/19</u>
<u>12/6</u>	<u>12/14</u>	Aurora Keltner	John & Connie Schutt
Art Barber	Rebecca Cooley		
Brent Foley	Brad Doty	<u>12/22</u>	<u>12/23</u>
	Will Mossbrucker	Gretchen Goral	Jennifer & Ken Butts
<u>12/7</u>	William Reitz	Charles Varnell	
Grace Gibbs	Michael Stevermer	Kaden Butts	<u>12/28</u>
Linda Morton	Erin Petersen		Margaret & Dick Rusch
		<u>12/23</u>	
<u>12/8</u>	<u>12/15</u>	Butch O'Connor	<u>12/29</u>
Suzanne Lopata	Kelsey Lantgen	Caroline Herzl	Dave & Anne Husted
Stacia Near			
	<u>12/16</u>	<u>12/24</u>	<u>12/30</u>
<u>12/9</u>	Bev Carter	Elizabeth Faerber	Dori Hammer & Tom Silco
Howard Olson	Jill Luer		Don & Connie Bloom
Annette Marstiller	Beth Clough	<u>12/25</u>	
		Noelle McAdams	<u>12/31</u>
<u>12/10</u>	<u>12/17</u>		Chris & Melissa Kohn
Alden Amsberry	Suzanne Peterson	<u>12/27</u>	
Karen Smith	Anne Wheeler	Hannah Perkins-Smith	
Doug Murphy	Kevin Anderson	Victoria Edington	
		Mackensie Leonard	
	<u>12/18</u>	Aurelia Maes	
	Alan Goral		
	Raymond Wall	<u>12/30</u>	
		Heather Varnell	

Calendar Events This Week (November 23 – December 4)

Wednesday, November 23 Smoking Turkeys (South parking lot) 4:30P – Pick up smoked turkeys 7:00P – Thanksgiving Eve worship 8:30P – Pie Social (FH)	Monday, November 28 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS) 7:00P – Church Council (FH-1) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 PLC mtg (MC-4/5)
Thursday, November 24 -THANKSGIVING DAY <i>Church office closed.</i>	Tuesday, November 29 1:30P – SPLC staff mtg.(MC-1) 7:00P – Handbell Choir (Sanc) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 (FH, K, entry) 7:00P – Men's Bible Study (Selander's home)
Friday, November 25 <i>No activities scheduled. Church office closed.</i>	Wednesday, November 30 5:25P – Youth handbells (Sanc) 7:00P – Advent Worship (Sanc)
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	Thursday, December 1 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 8:30a Christmas Tree setup (Sanc) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
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" class (MC-1) 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)	Friday, December 2 (office open 8am - noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
	Saturday, December 3 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 11:30a – Women's Christmas luncheon (FH,K) 5:30P – Worship
	Sunday, December 4-Second 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 2:00P – DR Football banquet (K, FH) 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 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: The family of Dorothy Adamson, John Collins, Carol Doehler, Galinda Knight, Phil Yonker, Rita Kuenne, Gisela Fritsch, JoHanna Buchholz and her family, Joanne Ermold, Janet Wagner, Jeanne Rasmussen, Ann Foster, Ray Peterson, Bree Amsberry, Kathy Dechant, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi.

Family Members: Megan Flahwe (niece of Karen Smith), **the family of Jane** (cousin of Carol Doehler), **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: The DeGiorgio family (Sue Riecks), **Christine Sakoulas** (Roswech family), **Bonnie Apol and her family** (Amy Rahne), **Dottie, Wally, & Chas** (Mary DeBoer), **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 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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