

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

## *A weekly electronic newsletter*

**November 30, 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**

### **Prayer Vigil for the Laber Family**

We ask for your prayers this day: Yesterday we lost a special St. Philip Early Learning Center family. Jennifer Laber and her two dear children, Ethan (a former student), and Adam (a current student) were reported missing on Tuesday, and were found deceased in their car Wednesday morning.

Please pray for Jennifer's husband Ryan, their family and friends, and for our SPELC community as mourn the loss of this family.

There will be a prayer vigil held at St. Philip on **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00pm-2:00pm**. Please feel free to join us any time between 1pm and 2pm in the sanctuary.

### **Altar Flowers**

**December 4** – Virginia Reitze is dedicating the altar flowers this week in loving memory of her late husband Bill.

The 2017 flower chart is up! 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 – Midweek Advent Services “Tidings of Comfort & Joy”**

The midweek Advent services are on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

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 – December 4, 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Please join us in worship as we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, the candle known as “The Bethlehem” candle. Our Advent readers will be the Varnell family and the Hancock family.

### **Upcoming Worship – Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Choir Cantata**

Please join us in worship on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, when the Sanctuary Choir presents a cantata, “Holy Night of Miracles.” The choir will sing at both services. The third candle on the Advent wreath will be lit – “the Shepherd's Candle.” Our Advent readers will be the Seep family, and the Pitts family.

### **Upcoming Worship – Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Memory Tree Service**

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 December 3-4, 2016**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

*In today's reading the prophet describes the ideal ruler who will come in the future as a green shoot springing from a dead stump (David's royal line) of Jesse (David's father). Gifted by the Spirit, this messiah will seek justice for the poor, and the reign of this monarch will be experienced as paradise regained.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,  
<sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## Worship Servants for December 3-4, 2016

### Saturday worship, December 3, 2016

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – Tom Schnickel
- Usher – Paul Stortz
- Altar Guild – Linda Heesch
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 4, 2016			
	8:00am		10:45am
Hymn Song Leader	Quinn Silco		Quinn Silco
Assisting Minister	Anne Smith-Krause		Anne Klingman
Lector	Linda Baker		Linda Baker
Acolytes	OPEN		OPEN
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse		Amy Rahne, Renate Muthart
Ushers	John Selden, Mike Graff, Tim Young		Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge
Prayer Partners	Barb Delong		Sandra Murphy
Altar Guild	Barb Delong	Carole Kessler, Betty Welch	Kris Mauler
A-V Sound & Slides	OPEN		Wall family
Greeters	Jerry & Dianne Mydlach		
Ambassadors	Stacey Wacholz		
Coffee Cart	Chris Youngren & Sandra Fishko		
KeyKeepers	Sat. (12/3): John Breed		Week beg. 12/4: John Breed

## **Sharing the Good News!**

### **Thank You for Your Efforts**

Each week a team of volunteers, led by Stephanie Otto, pick up food at the Food Bank of the Rockies, load it into vehicles, drive to the Sheridan Food Pantry, unload all the food, and then restock the shelves at the pantry in preparation for our guests on Thursdays. On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, Shera and Kent Eddy, Pastor Jake and Nancy Jacobson, and John and Rachel stepped up and took care of an exceptionally large order, in addition to **80** free boxes of food. THANK YOU!! Thanks also to all those, including the SOAR students, who step forward each week to help us be ready to greet our guests.

*Karen Otto*

### **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.

## **Worship & Music Ministry**

### **Advent Readers Needed for December 18<sup>th</sup>**

We need people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath at both services on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, singles, or groups of singles. Sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk or contact Jan Philpy at [gjphilpy@gmail.com](mailto:gjphilpy@gmail.com).

## **Church News**

### **Director of Music Ministries Search Task Force Update**

On the evening of November 29, the committee charged with hiring the Director of Music Ministry met to screen four of the candidates (all who applied) using phone conferencing. After an earlier paper screen, candidates were asked the same 5 questions. At the end of the phone conversation, the team deliberated and through a unanimous decision selected Janet Shibly and Forrest Guittar to move forward in the process. The team was impressed with the skills and talents of all the candidates, but through the phone interview conference it was apparent that these two candidates emerged for the following reasons:

- Extreme passion for the music ministry at St. Philip

- Strong ability to relate their walk with Christ to the ministry of music
- A visionary plan for moving the music ministry forward in an inclusive style

The committee requests prayers as the process moves forward in the selection of the leader in charge of this important service ministry.

### **Columbarium Interest Survey**

St. Philip Lutheran Church is interested in your opinion regarding constructing and maintaining a columbarium on the grounds of St. Philip. A one-question 'survey monkey' has been created. If you did not fill out this survey online or accidentally deleted the link, you still have another opportunity.

Please cut and paste this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9YJXRZH> into your browser. It will then allow you to respond. Please only respond once. We thank you very much for your feedback, and we will share the results with you very soon.

### **The Giving Tree is Now Up – Please Help God's Creatures**

St. Philip is known as a generous and caring congregation. The ornaments on the Angel Tree for Lutheran Family Services were all taken in just one day, so we decided to put the tree to further charitable use as the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is designed to help animals who are currently in foster care or in shelters awaiting adoption. Each ornament highlights a particular animal and lists some of the needs of the animal or rescue.

Please take an ornament, and help make a dog or cat a little more comfortable this holiday season. You can put your donations in the Outpaws donation bin (just outside the church office), or leave it under the Giving Tree. The deadline for donations is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

### **Christmas Tree Set-up**

The men of St. Philip will meet at the church at **8:30am on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto: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).

### **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.

### **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 – December Donations**

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry is an outreach ministry of St. Philip. **The most needed food items for December are pasta sauce, baked beans, pork and beans, egg and penne noodles, mac and cheese and hearty meal soups.** 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 center located just outside the church office door. Look for the big Sharing with Sheridan banner above the donation cart!

# Discipleship Ministry

## **Mentors Needed for our Confirmation Students**

St. Philip is continuing its mentoring program for our confirmation students! Our goal is to pair up one confirmation student with one adult in the congregation. There are four weeks in Advent this year, so the mentors will meet with their mentee for four weeks on Wednesday evenings starting on November 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 RTLCLC in the faith development of children. Your contributions to our ministry are needed more than ever. The gifts received on this day help us to provide great staff, excellent facilities, and life changing experiences to our campers. The goal for this year's Colorado Gives Day is **\$88,000**. We know this is an aggressive goal, but with the help of people just like you, this is a very attainable goal! We reached \$83,000 with just 236 gifts last year. Imagine where we would be if we doubled the number of people giving to RTLCLC on this day! You don't have to live in Colorado to give. Please give, and invite your friends to give a gift to Rainbow Trail through [ColoradoGives.org](http://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.

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

The Children’s Christmas program is Sunday, **December 18** at the 10:45am service. Families with children birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade should save the date! Children 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](mailto:kristen.celusniak@gmail.com).

### **Frolic Parent-Child Sunday School**

Frolic Parent-Child Sunday School meets at 9:30am in the fellowship hall, and then moves to the preschool wing after opening songs. Children ages 0-3 years and their caregivers are invited to meet other caregivers, hear a Bible story, sing songs, visit activity centers, and learn a ritual that can be shared daily in the home.

### **SPARK! Sunday School Update**

SPARK! Sunday continues with the Advent and Christmas rotation this week! Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to explore the season of Advent and the Christmas story on Sundays Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. During these Sundays, the children will also learn and practice their songs for the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> children’s Christmas program. On Sunday, Dec. 18, ALL children will rehearse for the Christmas program during the Sunday school hour, and then enjoy some snacks and a movie before the program at the 10:45am service.

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school meets at 9:30am in FH-1. Fifth and sixth grade students have been called upon to narrate the children’s Christmas program on Dec. 18th, as well as take on various roles in the worship service. Sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-2017>.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas party is Sunday, Dec. 11. An evite has gone out with the details. If you did not receive the evite, please contact JoHanna at [jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org](mailto:jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org).

### **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:

- **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](mailto:p73101@msn.com).

**"Fellowship in the Word"** is a men's Bible study that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:30am here at St. Philip in room MC-1. Pr. Glenn Isernhagen is the study facilitator.

**"Let's Unwrap the Bible"** is a women's Bible study that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:30am here at St. Philip in the Fireside room. Please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

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

## **Evangelism & Global Outreach**

### **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](http://www.seedsofsouthsudan.org)

## **Family Life Ministry**

### **"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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:ctyoungren@gmail.com).

### **Ruth Circle – December & January Meetings**

Ruth Circle will be meeting on Saturday, **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 will resume November 29<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at [p73101@msn.com](mailto: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 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.

### **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!

### **Theater and Theology – “The Book of Will”- January 2017**

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have masterpieces like *Romeo and Juliet*. But without two of his friends, we would have lost Shakespeare's plays forever! A hilarious, heartfelt story of the characters behind the stories we know so well. The next offering for Theater and Theology is “*The Book of Will*” on Tuesday, **January 24, 2017** at 6:30pm. After the performance, the audience is invited to stay for a discussion led by Pastor Dan Bollman, a retired Lutheran pastor. Tickets are \$35 each (make checks payable to St. Philip; please write Theater & Theology on the memo line). Sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk by **January 1, 2017**. Questions? Please contact Nancy Oelz at [nancyoelz@gmail.com](mailto:nancyoelz@gmail.com).

### **Men's Breakfast at IHoP**

The men's fellowship group meets for breakfast at 7am on Thursdays, at the IHoP at Bowles Crossing. Questions? Contact Paul Selander at 303.974.9739 or email him at [p73101@msn.com](mailto:p73101@msn.com).

### **Church Families in Need – Take Them A Meal**

If you know of a member who may appreciate having meals brought to them, please call Karen Rossi at 720.935.3021 (cell). Karen will contact the person/family, and set it up with them on the administrative side so their name will appear on the website. They will be included in the next week's SPIN list so others may sign up as well. Please be sure to leave a voicemail for Karen – she checks her messages often. Thank you for your support as we move forward in our Caring ministry for our beloved members.

### **“Fellowship in the Word” Bible Study**

The men's Bible study, “Fellowship in the Word” will meet next in December on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Need more information? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.475.4834 or [gisernhagen@gmail.com](mailto:gisernhagen@gmail.com).

## **Church Financial Update**

### ***Financial Update as of October 2016***

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

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
YTD Actual	544,787	542,342
YTD Budgeted	<u>568,000</u>	
	(23,213)	

#### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
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**

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



## Calendar Events This Week (November 30 – December 11)

<b>Wednesday, November 30</b> 5:25P – Youth handbells (Sanc) 6:00P – Confirmation mentoring (FH,K) 7:00P – Advent Worship (Sanc)	<b>Monday, December 5</b> 6:30P – Prayer Shawl ministry (FS) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 committee mtg (FH-1)
<b>Thursday, December 1</b> 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)	<b>Tuesday, December 6</b> 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)
<b>Friday, December 2</b> (offices open 8am - noon) 1:00P – Prayer vigil for Laber family	<b>Wednesday, December 7</b> 5:25P – Youth handbells (Sanc) 6:00P – Confirmation mentoring (FH,K) 7:00P – Advent Worship (Sanc)
<b>Saturday, December 3</b> 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) <b>5:30P – Worship</b>	<b>Thursday, December 8</b> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 9:00a – Silver Sages Christmas event (FH, K) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
<b>Sunday, December 4-Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 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) <b>10:45a – Worship</b> 2:00P – DR Football banquet (K, FH) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (Bethany)	<b>Friday, December 9</b> (offices open 8am - noon) 10:30a – Dorothy Adamson service (Ft. Logan) 12:00N – Dorothy Adamson memorial service 1:00P – Adamson funeral reception (FH)
	<b>Saturday, December 10</b> 8:00a – Holy Fit (outside in courtyard) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:00a – Corey Burgesser memorial service 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 11:00a – Burgesser funeral reception (FH) 1:00P – Renee Hartman memorial service 2:00P – Hartman funeral reception (FH) <b>5:30P – Worship</b>
	<b>Sunday, December 11-Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Family Promise Week begins; guests arrive</b> <b>8:00a – Worship – Choir Cantata</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:15a – Memory Tree service (outside, N end) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages <b>10:45a – Worship</b> 5:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (Denver Zoo)

## **Community Events**

### **The Lutheran Chorale**

The Lutheran Chorale would like to invite you to attend a concert that will be filled with familiar carols welcoming in the festive celebration of Christmas. *"Welcome Joyous Season"* will be performed at the Lakewood Cultural Center (470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood), on Thursday, **December 1**, 2016 at 7:30 pm. The Messiah Lutheran Children's Chorale of Longmont will be joining us. We will also be having our annual silent auction prior to the concert with the doors opening at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold for the concert: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Students(13+) \$10 and Children(3-12) \$5. You can pick up your tickets at the Lakewood Cultural Center box office during weekdays, online at [Lakewood.org/tickets](http://Lakewood.org/tickets), or by phone, 303.987.7845. For more information, please check out our website at [thelutheranchorale.org](http://thelutheranchorale.org), or email us at [thelutheranchorale@comcast.net](mailto:thelutheranchorale@comcast.net), or call Linda Thompson, 303.666.6642.

### **Ken Caryl Concerts**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Members of St. Philip: The family of Dorothy Adamson, John Collins, Carol Doehler, Galinda Knight, Phil Yonker, Rita Kuenne, Gisela Fritsch, Joanne Ermold, Janet Wagner, Jeanne Rasmussen, Ann Foster, Ray Peterson, Bree Amsberry, Kathy Dechant, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi. Safe travels for Robin Knight.**

**Family Members: Chandlor Hartnett** (relative of Michael Stevermer), **Renee Chavez** (mother of Galinda Knight), **Antonia** (relative of Annelore Fecht), **Claus Hackenberger** (grandfather of Ji & Tyler Henson), **Megan Flahive** (niece of Karen Smith), **the family of Jane** (cousin of Carol Doehler), **Chelsea Jacobson** (grandniece of George & Nancy Jacobson), **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: Wendy and her family** (Renate Muthart), **the family and friends of the Laber family – Jennifer, Adam, and Ethan, Alice** (Rebecca Anderson), **Zach, and Rick Timm** (Cindy Knuth-Porter), **Kent Christopher and his family** (Schutts), **the DeGiorgio family** (Sue Riecks), **Christine Sakoulas** (Roswech family), **Bonnie Apol and her family** (Amy Rahne), **Dottie, Wally, & Chas** (Mary DeBoer), **Tami Morling** (Roswechs), **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](mailto:sriecks@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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