

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

December 7, 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.

Here's what is in this week's SPIN:

- Worship News
- Worship Servants
- Worship Notes
- Sharing the Good News
- Church News
- Ministry News
 - Worship & Music
 - Community Care & Compassion
 - Discipleship
 - Evangelism & Global Outreach
 - Family Life
- This Week's Calendar
- Community Events
- In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Worship News

Altar Flowers

December 11 – Sue Miller is dedicating this week's altar flowers to honor the one year anniversary of the death of her mother, Marlene Grunig.

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 – Sunday, December 11th – Choir Cantata

Please join us in worship on Sunday, December 11th, 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 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.

Upcoming Worship – Sunday, December 18th – Sunday School Program

The children's Christmas program “*The Birth of Jesus*” will take place during the **10:45am** service. Preschool through 4th grades will each share two songs, and 5th and 6th graders will serve as lectors, narrators, acolytes, and ushers. Even our littlest ones from the Frolic group will participate!

Celebrating Christmas at St. Philip

Christmas Eve Worship – Saturday, December 24th

“Hark! The herald angels sing!” St. Philip will offer four opportunities to worship on Christmas Eve this year - at **3pm, 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm**. Communion is offered at all four services.

The **3pm** service is a **family-oriented service**. This service is very interactive; we will sing Christmas carols and the children will help us relive the Christmas story, complete with costumes.

The **5pm and 7pm services will be our traditional Christmas Eve services**. The bells will ring, the choir will sing, the musicians will play, and the candles will be lit to celebrate the birth of our newborn Savior. Come early to get a seat!

The late service, at **9pm** will be a quieter, more intimate service, with lots of Christmas carols.

Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25th

“Joy to the World!” Come celebrate the birth of our newborn king. The Christmas Day worship service is at **10am**. “Come, Let Us Adore Him!”

Scripture Readings for December 10-11, 2016

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth. From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What

then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Worship Servants for December 10-11, 2016

Saturday worship, December 10, 2016

- Pianist – Michael Clough
- Cantor – Beth Clough
- Usher – Joanne Ermold
- Altar Guild – Rita Kuenne
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 11, 2016			
	8:00am		10:45am
Hymn Song Leader	n/a		n/a
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer		Renate Muthart
Lector	Sandi Stevermer		Renate Muthart
Acolytes	OPEN		OPEN
Communion Deacons	Peter Mielke		JoHanna Buchholz
Ushers	Bob DeLong, Barb DeLong, Bob Kidder, John Phillips		Marc Roswech, Chris White, Bryant Barchet, Joe Klingman
Prayer Partners	n/a		n/a
Altar Guild	Connie Schutt	Mary Hatlestad, Carolyn Endecott	Teresa Cline
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke		OPEN
Greeters	Vicki Slusser		
Ambassadors	Dick Rusch & Mary Hatlestad		
Coffee Cart	Phyllis & Larry Kemp		
KeyKeepers	Sat. (12/10): Dick Rock		Week beg. 12/11: Jay Breidenbach

Sharing the Good News!

Lutheran Family Service Says “Thank You, St. Philip”

We have been receiving all sorts of wonderful thank you notes and letters from organizations expressing their gratitude and appreciation to St. Philip for all that we do as a congregation. Lutheran Family Services is the latest to send us a thank you note; they thanked us for our financial support and the great response to the Angel Tree. The thank you note is displayed on the Community Care & Compassion bulletin board.

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 29th, 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

Last Chance to Order Christmas Poinsettias

It is our custom at St. Philip to decorate our sanctuary with beautiful red poinsettias. This Sunday, **December 11th**, is the **deadline** for ordering a Christmas poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary. The cost of each plant is \$15; please make your checks payable to St. Philip Lutheran Church, and mark “poinsettia” on the memo line. The flowers must be pre-paid. You are welcome to dedicate each poinsettia to someone special, either to honor them or in memory of them. Please complete the poinsettia order section on the back of the Connection Card and turn it in with your offering. Questions? Please contact Sue in the church office at 303.979.4491. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after the final Christmas Eve worship service.

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.

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 18th. Thank you for your support!

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.

Community Care & Compassion Ministry

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 – 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

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.

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, 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 4th grade students are invited to explore the season of Advent and the Christmas story on Sunday, Dec. 11. During these Sundays, the children will also learn and practice their songs for the Dec. 18th 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.

5th and 6th Grade Sunday School

5th and 6th 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 5th and 6th 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.

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:

- **December 11th:** Fellowship Event – Zoo Lights! We will meet at St. Philip at 5pm to go to the Denver Zoo. Bring \$5 for admission, and contact Pr. Brad if you will be attending.

- 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 (gift card, present, etc.)
- January 1st: No Youth Group – Happy New Year!

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

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.

"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.

"Fellowship in the Word" Bible Study

The men's Bible study, "Fellowship in the Word" will meet next in December on Wednesday, **December 14th**. Need more information? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.475.4834 or gisernhagen@gmail.com.

Ruth Circle –January Meeting

The Ruth Circle Bible study in January will be Paul's letter to the Galatians. We will meet in on Wednesday, January 18th in FH-1 at 9:15am. 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.

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!

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.

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.

Calendar Events This Week (December 7 – December 18)

Wednesday, December 7 5:25P – Youth handbells (Sanc) 6:00P – Confirmation mentoring (FH,K) 7:00P – Advent Worship (Sanc)	Monday, December 12 Family Promise week 7:00P – Personnel team (FH-1)
Thursday, December 8 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)	Tuesday, December 13 Family Promise week 6:30P – Book Club (off-site) 7:00P – Handbell Choir (Sanc) 7:00P – BS Troop 554 (FH, K, entry) 7:00P – Men's Bible Study (Selander's home)
Friday, December 9 (office open 8am - noon) 10:30a – Dorothy Adamson interment (Ft. Logan) 12:00N – Dorothy Adamson memorial service 1:00P – Adamson funeral reception (FH)	Wednesday, December 14 Family Promise week 8:45a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (CR) 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (FS) 5:25P – Youth handbells (Sanc) 6:00P – Confirmation mentoring (FH,K) 7:00P – Advent Worship (Sanc) 7:00P – Personnel team (FH-1)
Saturday, December 10 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) 5:30P – Worship	Thursday, December 15 Family Promise week 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (Sanc)
Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent Family Promise Week begins; guests arrive 8:00a – Worship – Choir Cantata 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:15a – Memory Tree service (outside, N end) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 10:45a – Worship – Choir Cantata 4:30P – 5 th & 6 th grade Christmas party (offsite) 5:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (Denver Zoo)	Friday, December 16 (office open 8am - noon) Family Promise week <i>No other activities scheduled.</i>
	Saturday, December 17 Family Promise week 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship
	Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent Family Promise Week ends; guests depart 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Education Hour – all ages 10:45a – Worship – Children's Program 6:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (Pr. Brad's home)

Community Events

The Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale is sponsoring a workshop on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 9am-4pm at Concordia Lutheran Church (13371 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood). On Sunday, February 19th, please come enjoy the fruits of their labor at a free concert at 1pm at Concordia Lutheran. For more information, please contact Linda Thompson at 303.666.6642 or email at lthomprn@msn.com.

Ken Caryl Concerts in 2017

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, 2017 - 7:30pm

"Music from the Movies" - Sunday, July 16, 2017 - 2:30pm

"Mostly Mozart" - Saturday, September 30, 2017 - 7:30pm

"Christmas Classics" - Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 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: Chuck Krieger, John Collins, Carol Doehler, Galinda Knight, Phil Yonker, Gisela Fritsch, Janet Wagner, Jeanne Rasmussen, Ann Foster, Kathy Dechant, Bree Amsberry, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi. Safe travels for Robin Knight.

Family Members: Laura Wagner (niece of Stacey Wacholz), Kathy Johnson (mother of Anne Smith-Krause), Jim Masterson (son-in-law of Marilyn & Bill Reitz), Chelsea Jacobson (grandniece of George & Nancy Jacobson), 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), Fawn Kemp (daughter of Phyllis & Larry Kemp), Brandon 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: Marcy (Sue Miller), Rehema & her family (Renate Muthart), Kevin Doherty (Amy Rahne), Ray Osborn (Donaho family), Rick Timm (Cindy Knuth), Marci Block and her family (Cloughs), Wendy and her family (Renate Muthart), the family and friends of the Laber family – Jennifer, Adam, and Ethan, Alice (Rebecca Anderson), Zach (Cindy Knuth), Kent Christopher and his family (Schutts), the DeGiorgio family (Sue Riecks), 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 all law enforcement personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and rescue personnel – all those who serve and protect.

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.

Prepared by Sue Riecks, Parish Secretary
Emailed by Linda Goodnough, Business Administrator
St. Philip Lutheran Church
7531 S. Kendall Blvd. Littleton, CO 80128-7060
Office: 303.979.4491 Fax: 303.979.6396