

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

## *A weekly electronic newsletter*

**December 21, 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

**December 25**– Chuck Krieger is dedicating the altar flowers in loving memory of his late wife, Rose Ann.

Our Christmas poinsettias have arrived, and on Christmas Eve they will be prominently displayed in the sanctuary. A detailed listing of donors and dedications will be in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Thank you all for your donations, and please feel free to take your poinsettia home after the last service on Christmas Eve.

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 – Baptism on December 31, 2016

Please join us in worship on Saturday, **December 31<sup>st</sup>**, as we celebrate the baptism of Quentin Savage Tate, infant son of Caroline Herzl Tate and Lyle Tate.

## **Celebrating Christmas at St. Philip**

### Christmas Eve Worship – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

“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 25<sup>th</sup>**

“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 24, 2016 – Christmas Eve**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

#### **SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.*

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

<sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of

Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **Scripture Readings for December 25, 2016 – Christmas Day**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12**

*The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until he reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.*

<sup>6</sup>Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest  
<sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored;

<sup>9</sup>but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who garner it shall drink it in my holy courts.

<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

<sup>12</sup>They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

**SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7**

*God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

*The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.*

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## **Scripture Readings for December 31-January 1, 2017**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9**

*God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior <sup>9</sup>in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18**

*Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.*

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." <sup>13</sup>And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." <sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23**

*Matthew relates the slaughter of babies in Bethlehem as one example of evil in the world. Jesus has been born into this world to manifest God's presence and save his people from their sins.*

<sup>13</sup>Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." <sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and

around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." <sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

## **Worship Servants for December 24-25, 2016**

<b>Worship Servants for Saturday, December 24, 2016</b>		
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Hymn Song Leader</b>	Kristen Celusniak	Sanctuary Choir
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Anne Klingman
<b>Lector</b>	n/a	Jonathan Anderson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andy Carlson, Anna Carlson	Sarah Casson, Caroline Casson
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Lamb, John Phillips	Chris White, Rod Mauler, Tom Silco, Nick Schell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betty Welch	Kris Mauler, LeRae Schnickel
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Beth Mielke	John Wall

<b>Worship Servants for Saturday, December 24, 2016</b>		
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>9pm</b>
<b>Hymn Song Leaders</b>	Sanctuary Choir	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sandi Stevermer	Mike Graff
<b>Lector</b>	Nathan Whittenburg	Renate Muthart
<b>Acolytes</b>	William Parker	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Peter Mielke	Renate Muthart
<b>Ushers</b>	Henry Parker, Jerry Mydlach, Dick Rusch	Rob Simons & family
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Victoria Edington, Lisa Edington	Victoria Edington
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Dave Husted	Beth Mielke

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 25, 2016		
	10:00am	
Hymn Song Leader	Tom Schnickel	
Assisting Minister	OPEN	
Lector	Chris Youngren	
Acolytes	Nolan Morse, Rowan Morse	
Communion Deacons	Peter Mielke	
Ushers	Mark Morse, Mike McNamara, Sean McNamara	
Altar Guild	OPEN	
A-V Sound & Slides	John Wall & family	
Greeters	OPEN	
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	
Coffee Cart	NO Coffee Fellowship today	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (12/24): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 12/25: Rob Murphy



**Saturday worship, December 31, 2016**

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – Grace Miller
- Usher – OPEN
- Altar Guild – OPEN
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, January 1, 2017</b>			
	<b>8:00am</b>		<b>10:45am</b>
<b>Hymn Song Leader</b>	Quinn Silco		Quinn Silco
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bill Shepard		Renate Muthart
<b>Lector</b>	OPEN		OPEN
<b>Acolytes</b>	OPEN		OPEN
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Paula Willhouse		OPEN
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Black, Colin Black, Chuck Krieger, Roy Hager		Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge
<b>Prayer Partners</b>	OPEN		OPEN
<b>Altar Guild</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	OPEN		OPEN
<b>Greeters</b>	OPEN		
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Connie & John Schutt		
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	OPEN		
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	Sat. (12/31): TBD		Week beg. 1/1: Bob Kidder

## **Sharing the Good News!**

### **Thank You, St. Philip**

We received the nicest note from one of our neighbors recently. Mary Alison Murphy wrote, "As I drive to work I smile at your quotes posted for all to see on your sign. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, I felt the need to say 'Thank You' for these uplifting messages. All for His Glory, Ave, Maria!"

## **Church News**

### **Church Office Holiday Closure Schedule**

The church office will be closed Friday, December 23, 2016 and Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27. In addition, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Pastor Brad at 720.663.7723.

### **NO Weekly SPIN on December 28, 2016**

There won't be a SPIN on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Look for your SPIN again on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Happy New Year!

### **Is it a Boy? Girl? Come to the Doty Gender Reveal Party!**

Pastor Brad and Roseanna are inviting everyone to join them for a gender reveal party during the coffee fellowship on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-9:30am. They will be hosting the coffee cart with a fun gender reveal theme. The kids will be invited to break open a piñata to reveal the gender of Pastor Brad and Roseanna's baby! Pastor Brad and Roseanna don't know the gender of their baby and will find out with you at the gender reveal party. Come and see the surprise on their faces!

## **Community Care & Compassion Ministry**

### **Love INC Volunteer Opportunity**

Love In The Name of Christ is looking for volunteers for their resale shop, Renewed Treasures, on Broadway. They are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 5:00pm. They would like a volunteer to work in three hour shifts if possible. If you would be interested in this please call the Love INC Clearing House at 303.798.0037, or Susan Ganz at 720.382.8041 or email Susan at [susan@loveinlittleton.org](mailto:susan@loveinlittleton.org). Your help is very much needed!

### **Family Promise**

Thanks to so many for your help during our December Family Promise rotation. Our guest included four families who enjoyed the hospitality and wonderful food provided by congregation volunteers. It was a very cold week to be homeless, so a warm place to call home for the week was greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for our five rotations in 2017:

- 2/26 – 3/5
- 5/7 – 5/14
- 7/23 – 7/30
- 9/24 – 10/1
- 12/17 – 12/24

Please see or call Bob Delong for more information about Family Promise at 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**

### **Children's Ministries Update**

Reminder: There is no children's Sunday school on Sundays Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Frolic, Spark, and 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday school will resume on Sunday, Jan. 8.

### **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 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 (gift card, present, etc.)
- January 1<sup>st</sup>: 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](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**

### **ELCA Good Gifts – Not Too Late!**

It's never too late to give a Good Gift, whether it's for Christmas or New Year's or anytime. Giving the gift of a chick or cow or a mosquito net is always welcome to those around the world who lack the basics of enough food and clean water. You can find the ELCA Good Gifts catalog on the table under the World Hunger bulletin board or go online to ELCA World Hunger.

## **Family Life Ministry**

### **Christmas Party for College Age Young Adults**

Pastor Brad is hosting a Christmas party for all college age young adults (whether you are in school or not). The party will be on Thursday, **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 7:00-9:00pm! This will be a time for our college age students to reconnect with each other, hang out, have fun and celebrate Christmas. There will be games and a white elephant exchange. Come and join the party at any time, even if only to stop in and say hi.

For the white elephant gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift card (to anywhere, maybe your favorite place or somewhere you enjoy going to eat or shop). Wrap the gift card in some sort of fashion so we don't know where the gift card is to.

Finally, bring your favorite treat, Christmas themed (or not!) to share with the group.

Questions? Contact Pr. Brad.

### **Who Are the Silver Sages?**

We are folks 55 and older, single, married or have a significant other. Our purpose is to offer opportunities for fellowship and learning where we can connect and build relationships.

If you'd like to brainstorm with us in planning activities, join us on Tuesday, **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am at church in MC-1. Hope to see YOU there!! For info, contact Louanne Isernhagen at 303.736.8655 or Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

### **St. Philip Book Club – January Meeting**

The St. Philip Book Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the youth room here at St. Philip. The book selection for January is *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Now a *New York Times* bestseller, Nadia Bolz-Weber takes no prisoners as she reclaims the term "pastrix" (pronounced "pas-triks," a term used by some Christians who refuse to recognize female pastors) in her messy, beautiful, prayer-and-profanity laden narrative about an unconventional life of faith.

Please come join us for what is sure to be a lively and interesting discussion! For more information about the book club, please contact Sue Riecks at 303.829.4981.

### **Silver Sages – Chili and Bunco Event**

Mark your calendar – Wednesday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the church (MC-4/5), from 11:30 – 3pm. All seniors are welcome! More details coming soon; watch the SPIN!

### **“Let’s Unwrap the Bible” Women’s Bible Study**

We'll begin the new year on Wednesday, **January 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the Fireside Room at church. We'll study the *Book of Matthew* by Max Lucado, available at Mardel's or online. Bring your favorite beverage and have a "life-changing encounter with God's word." We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every month. For more information, please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 is on break until January 3, 2017. 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.

### **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).

## Church Financial Update

### *Financial Update as of November 2016*

	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Income	644,955	665,228	(20,273)
Expenses	<u>639,738</u>	<u>693,116</u>	<u>53,378</u>
	5,217	(27,888)	33,105

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
YTD Actual	596,474	607,395
YTD Budgeted	<u>621,300</u>	
	(24,826)	

#### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
YTD Actual	\$6,945	\$7,195

#### **SPENT OUT OF RESERVES**

January	734.20	Lutheran Family Services
January	734.20	MOSAIC of Denver
January	1,000.00	Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
October	<u>13,776.00</u>	Sewer Repairs
	16,244.40	

## Calendar Events This Week (December 21 – January 1, 2017)

<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> 6:00P – Confirmation mentoring (FH,K) 7:00P – Advent Worship (Sanc)	<b>Monday, December 26</b> <b>Church office closed.</b> <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
<b>Thursday, December 22</b> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 6:30P – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (Sanc)	<b>Tuesday, December 27</b> <b>Church office closed.</b> <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
<b>Friday, December 23</b> <b>Church office closed.</b> <i>No activities scheduled.</i>	<b>Wednesday, December 28</b> <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
<b>Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve</b> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>3:00P – Worship</b> <b>5:00P – Worship</b> <b>7:00P – Worship</b> <b>9:00P – Worship</b>	<b>Thursday, December 29</b> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:30P – Prayer team (Sanc) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (Sanc)
<b>Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day</b> <b>10:00a – Worship</b>	<b>Friday, December 30</b> (office open 8am - noon) <i>No activities scheduled.</i>
	<b>Saturday, December 31</b> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30P – Worship – Herzl baptism</b>
	<b>Sunday, January 1</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) <b>10:45a – Worship</b> 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)



## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>Birthdays</b>			<b>Anniversaries</b>
<u><b>1/1</b></u> Jim Cimino	<u><b>1/12</b></u> Richard Wagner	<u><b>1/21</b></u> Charlotte Miller Mark Bentz	<u><b>1/1</b></u> Vince Lawrence & Val Nixon Jerry & Donna Jantz
<u><b>1/3</b></u> John Bergren Teresa Cline Jim Keller Aaron LaPoint Dylan Bolt David Seehafer	<u><b>1/13</b></u> Beth Mielke  <u><b>1/14</b></u> Bob Connor Mark Morse Will Keller  <u><b>1/15</b></u> Lauren Petersen Jada Rogge	<u><b>1/23</b></u> Jeff Burgess Sarah Henning  <u><b>1/24</b></u> Sandi Stevermer  <u><b>1/25</b></u> Gerritt Luoma	<u><b>1/3</b></u> Brian & Sue Counterman  <u><b>1/7</b></u> Troy & Brandy Ciccarelli
<u><b>1/4</b></u> Norma Yonker	<u><b>1/17</b></u> Taylor Lamb Laura Miller Veronica Pixley	<u><b>1/26</b></u> Troy Ciccarelli Grace Miller	<u><b>1/9</b></u> Carol & Eric Whittenburg
<u><b>1/5</b></u> Andy Stevens	<u><b>1/18</b></u> Robert Parke Ana Tolentino David Bolt	<u><b>1/27</b></u> Denton West	<u><b>1/10</b></u> Allan Hale & Gwen Swenson-Hale
<u><b>1/7</b></u> Marty Obermeyer	<u><b>1/19</b></u> Leif Sunde Connor McNamara	<u><b>1/28</b></u> Evan Minardi	<u><b>1/12</b></u> John & Carol Wall
<u><b>1/8</b></u> Kristen Celusniak	<u><b>1/20</b></u> Chris Kohn Jo Rock Paul Sunde	<u><b>1/30</b></u> Paul Stortz Gary Anderson Katelyn Lamb	<u><b>1/16</b></u> Gail & Steve Rower
<u><b>1/9</b></u> Renate Muthart Gary Philpy		<u><b>1/31</b></u> Carson Minardi	<u><b>1/22</b></u> James & Marty Obermeyer
<u><b>1/10</b></u> Erica Giesen Dee Heyn			<u><b>1/26</b></u> Donna & Jack Dice  <u><b>1/27</b></u> Cindy & Al Herzl

## **In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Members of St. Philip: Karen Morin, the Rob Murphy family, Chuck Krieger, Beau Winters, John Collins, Phil Yonker, Gisela Fritsch, Janet Wagner, Ann Foster, Kathy Dechant, Bree Amsberry, Virginia Brennan, Kirstine Rand, and Ron Rossi. Safe travel for Carolyn Endecott & daughter Jen.**

**Family Members: D. C. Merling** (step-grandson of Kent & Shera Eddy), **Luke Muthart** (grandson of Renate Muthart), **Janet Arceneaux** (relative of Michael & Sandi Stevermer), **Linda Kellogg** (sister of John Schutt), **Emma Sgarlat** (relative of the Faerber & Celusniak families), **Jean Martin** (relative of the Faerber & Celusniak families), **Linda Counterman** (sister-in-law of Brian Counterman), **the family of James Kemp** (uncle of Larry Kemp), **Erica Skeels** (Sherry Anderson), **Andrew Murray** (relative of Teresa Cline), **Laura Wagner** (niece of Stacey Wacholz), **Jim Masterson** (son-in-law of Marilyn & Bill Reitz), **Chelsea Jacobson** (grandniece of George & Nancy Jacobson), **Chandler Hartnett** (relative of Michael Stevermer), **Renee Chavez** (mother of Galinda Knight), **Fawn Kemp and her children** (daughter & grandchildren of Phyllis & Larry Kemp), **Kathy Johnson** (mother of Anne Smith-Krause), **Brandan Tornos** (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: Corbin Garrett** (Donaho family), **Brent & John** (Petersons), **Betty Johnson** (Karen Otto), **Keith Stechmesser and his family** (Philpys), **Laurie Feilmeier** (Barb Delong), **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 of thanksgiving for the return of Jeanne Rasmussen's sight.**

**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](mailto:sriecks@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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