



the Happenings at St. Philip

Our Mission Statement

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a community where all people are welcome, may come to know Jesus Christ, become faithful followers empowered by the Holy Spirit, and are sent with Christ's love into the world. ☸

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Thursday, April 2nd - 5:30P

Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall for First Communion class and their parents

Thursday, April 2nd - 7:30P

Maundy Thursday Service with Washing of Feet, Rite of First Communion,
and Holy Communion for all.

Friday, April 3rd - 7:00P

Good Friday service based on the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

Saturday, April 4th - 5:30P

Vigil of Easter service with candlelight procession, scripture readings, baptisms of Aria Jane Peoples and Michael Robert Sliger, and Holy Communion.

Sunday, April 5th - 6:30a, 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a

Easter Day Services with Holy Communion and a celebration of our Lord's resurrection!

COME JOIN IN THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD!

FROM THE PASTOR

***"I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love."***

The story of Jesus and his love is certainly a great story and one we love to hear. It is certainly something to celebrate; especially on Easter! The lyrics above are the refrain of the hymn, *"I Love to Tell the Story"* by Katherine Hankey. These words are much more than words; it is the meaning behind these words that speaks to us.

In these words we read that there is a story about Jesus and His love. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of God's Son. What is so great about this story is not just that Christ rose from the dead, but that Jesus sacrificed himself for our sake. Jesus was beaten and then crucified on a cross. Three days later Jesus rose from the grave, defeating sin and death. In this cross we see God's love, for in this victory over sin and death, Jesus paid the price for our sin so that we may live and have eternal life. If we only celebrate the resurrection, we do not know the whole story and the meaning behind the resurrection.

Lucas has been a blessing to Roseanna and me! Almost every morning I wake Lucas up, change him, feed him, dress him and take him to daycare before I head into the office. I have read and heard how important it is to read to babies. We started off reading children's books to Lucas when it was time for bed, but then we realized it doesn't matter what we read until he starts to comprehend and understand what we're reading. Now we have started reading the Bible to Lucas when he wakes up and when he goes to sleep. I know what you are thinking, oh poor pastor's kid (haha).

What I have really picked up on as I read is how important is to know the whole story. As Lucas and I continue our reading into Exodus, it is important to know the story of Genesis, that the Israelites moved to Egypt because there was food in Egypt during the famine, but only because Joseph (an Israelite) could interpret Pharaoh's dream. Things really changed with a new king who enslaved the Israelites out of fear for how numerous they were. The exodus is now about the people returning to the land God has given them.

Without knowing the whole story, Exodus would just be a book about the people of God being slaves and escaping to the promised land. What a person would miss is that God sent them to Egypt to save them from the famine.

On Easter, we celebrate the whole story, which ends with Christ rising from the dead. We begin the Easter story on Palm/Passion Sunday on March 29, where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem. We then move to Maundy Thursday on April 2, where Jesus celebrates the Passover meal and institutes Holy Communion. On Good Friday, April 3, we hear the story of the crucifixion of Jesus and contemplate the meaning of the cross. We then begin to celebrate Easter at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4. Saturday is the day Christ passes over from death to life or darkness to light. It is also the day we experience the story of salvation as we hear stories of faith, sing songs of praise, baptize new children of God, share the bread and wine and join together with Christ.

Join us! Join us as we celebrate the whole story of Easter this Holy Week.
May you have a blessed Easter,
Pastor Brad ☙



WORSHIP

Tridium - The Three Days of Worship

by Nancy Beyer, Director of Music Ministry

As we approach Holy Week it is important to remind ourselves of the meaning of the three days of worship, or *Tridium*, that lead up to Easter. Each of the services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, mark significant events leading to the arrest, trial, crucifixion, and ultimately the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The first service of these three days of continuous worship is Maundy Thursday. Maundy comes from the Latin word for "command". In this service we focus on the two mandates Jesus gave the disciples when they gathered in the Upper Room. He commanded them to serve and love one another through his example of foot washing, and to remember him through participation in the agape meal; communion. In our service we will do both. Foot washing will be offered for all who wish to participate. We will also celebrate the rite of first communion with our youth as we all celebrate the meal together.

We leave the Maundy Thursday service in silence because our worship is not over. On Good Friday we remember the crucifixion of Christ. We remember the sacrifice of love made on behalf of the world. We ask for mercy as we recognize that no one is worthy of the sacrifice made by Christ. We ponder with great solemnity a world without God as the tomb is sealed. We leave this service, as we did Thursday, in silence because our worship continues on Saturday with the Easter Vigil.

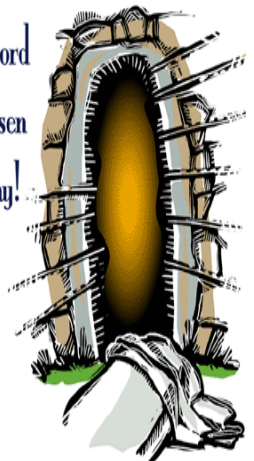
Easter Vigil remembers God's intervention with his children from the beginning of time through the resurrection of Christ and his reign in this world and the next. During the course of the service the full story of God entering our world is retold through well-known and dramatic Bible stories with lively hymns to accompany them. The service continues as we move from fellowship hall to the sanctuary where we will celebrate 2 baptisms and remember our own baptism into new life in Christ. We conclude by celebrating Christ resurrection and victory over death through Holy Communion.

Finally we are at Easter Morning, where we, like Mary at the tomb, discover the resurrected Christ and celebrate victory over death. We will rejoice in the gift of eternal life through faith in Christ, our God who walked among us, teaching and showing us God's will for this world; that we are called to love and to serve each other in remembrance of him.

So, come and worship. Journey to the cross and claim the victory that is for us all. ☸



Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



"All of us sharing our gifts in service"

WORSHIP

Volunteers Needed for Easter Cross

It has become a tradition at St. Philip that at the 8am, 9:30am, and 11am Easter service, the children carry in small bouquets of flowers during the processional and place them in the wooden cross on the altar. The Worship Styles & Formats team is looking for some volunteers for the following tasks:

- † Help Carole Kessler make the bouquets on Saturday, April 4th;
- † Assist Angela Seep at the 8am and 9:30am services to gather the children in the narthex and hand out flower bouquets for them to take up during the processional and place in the wooden cross. Following each service, the flowers will need to be taken out of the cross and put back in the baskets by the sanctuary doors for the next service.
- † Need volunteers for the 11am service to gather the children in the narthex and hand out flower bouquets for them to take up during the processional and place in the wooden cross.

If you would be willing to help in any capacity, please contact Sandi Stevermer at 303.928.9010 or via email: slstevermer@gmail.com. ☞



Upcoming Baptisms



Please join us as we celebrate the baptisms of Aria Jane Peoples and Michael Robert Sliger on Saturday, April 4th at the Easter Vigil service. Aria is the daughter of Arica Stevermer Peoples and Jason Scott Peoples. Michael is the son of Amanda Stevermer Sliger and Stephen Michael Sliger. Both children are the grandchildren of Michael & Sandi Stevermer. ☞



Bread Bakers Needed

Volunteers are needed to bake bread for communion. Please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk. Contact Gail Rower at 303 263.7479 or email her at: gail-rower@hotmail.com with questions. ☞

COMMUNITY CARE

Sharing With Sheridan Update

Thanks to all who have helped, whether by donating to and/or volunteering with the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—we have wonderful support from St. Philip and the Sheridan community! Please know that you all have and continue to make a difference.

We desperately need people to pick up food at Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR) and transport it to the food pantry. This happens weekly and FBR is the main supplier of our stock. The more people we get, the less often any one person needs to go. Even if you can help only seasonally or occasionally, please let us know. For volunteer information, contact Carole Kessler (ckess911@aol.com or 720.341.7333).

Watch the SPIN for specific item requests. Always needed are personal items, paper products, and protein foods. Monetary donations are encouraged also as we then can purchase exactly what we need. If you would like to set up a regular donation, contact Linda Good-nough. ☞



*Sharing
with Sheridan
Food Pantry*

NEW MEMBERS

Becoming a Member of St. Philip

At St. Philip we offer two kinds of classes for those wishing to learn more about St. Philip, and for those desiring to become members.

The Inquirer Class is for those who are new to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), of which St. Philip is a part. This class covers what we believe about God and the practices of the church, including the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. We offer this class for those who have come from traditions other than the ELCA who wish to become members of St. Philip Lutheran Church.

The next set of Inquirer classes will be held over three Sundays: **April 12th - 26th, from 9:30am to 10:30am** in the Fireside Room. Childcare will be provided through the church nursery.

The New Member Class is for those who are either transferring their membership from an ELCA congregation, those returning to active membership at St. Philip, or those who have completed the Inquirer Class. In this class you'll learn more about the ministry of St. Philip and how you can become part of our vision: *"All of us sharing our gifts in service."*

The next New Member Class will be held over three Sundays: **May 3rd - 17th, from 9:30am to 10:30am** in the Fireside room. Childcare will be provided through the church nursery.

After attending the New Member class, if you wish to become a member of St. Philip Lutheran Church, you are invited to the new member dinner on Saturday, **May 16th** at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. We will welcome you into the congregation during worship on **Sunday, May 17th**.

Please RSVP to the church office at 303.979.4491 if you plan to attend either of these classes and if you need child care. ☞



FAMILY LIFE

St. Philip Book Club

The St. Philip Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the youth room at the church.



The next meeting of the St. Philip Book Club will be Tuesday, **April 14th**. The book selection for April is *The Perfume Collector* by Kathleen Tessaro, a remarkable novel about secrets, desire, memory, passion, and possibility. *The Perfume Collector* explores the complex and obsessive love between muse and artist, and the tremendous power of memory and scent. Please join us to discuss this book; light refreshments will be served. Questions? Please contact Eileen Detweiler at 303.973.6543.

All are welcome; hope to see you there! ☞

College Outreach Spring Care Packages

The pennants highlighting the snacks we are requesting for the college care packages will be on display in the narthex beginning April 3rd. Please take one pennant, take two, go in with others to share a pennant, but please return the pennant with the designated snacks by **Friday, April 17th**. Please do not donate any home packed items, for it is too difficult to know what the items contain, especially in terms of allergies. We have received some wonderful emails and notes from the students thanking St. Philip for this generous outreach. It helps them to know people are praying for them.



If you have questions, please email Anne Henning: ad-henning14@gmail.com. ☞

2015 Men's Retreat

Men of St. Philip, come to the men's 2015 annual retreat Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26. The retreat will be held at the Easter Seals Rocky Mountain Village, only 40 miles from St. Philip.

Spouses and families of the men of St. Philip, we encourage you to encourage the men in your family to join us for the annual retreat. Sometimes we men need to be pushed and encouraged to go, so we need your help!

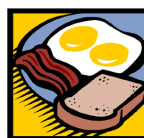
This year's theme will be "Who, Me? Follow Jesus?" We will be looking at the Gospel of Mark and how we are called to be followers of Jesus in our lives of faith, work, home, and in our relationships with friends and family.



Pastor Nathan will lead our presentation on the Gospel of Mark; then we will break out into discussion groups in the afternoon to talk about how we can relate this to our lives.

Participate in bible study, spiritual music and lively discussions in the quiet of God's surroundings. Cost is \$100 for two nights lodging, five delicious meals and a weekend of Christian fellowship. New this year, we are encouraging those who can't come up for the whole weekend to come up just for Saturday (9am-4pm) for only \$20 (includes lunch).

Information about carpooling and sign-up available at the Welcome Center kiosk. Need more information? Contact Pastor Brad at 303.979.4491. ☞



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Each Thursday morning the men of St. Philip share breakfast and fellowship at Robert's Deli (corner of Pierce & Ken Caryl) from 7-8am. Reservations are not required; come and join us! ☞

DISCIPLESHIP

The Devil Made Me Do It!

A class on Evil

Leader: Jerry Jantz

How do we think and talk about evil in today's pluralistic society? For many Muslims we are the "Great Satan." We are convinced they are wrong. Who is right, and who is wrong in today's world? Democrats? Republicans? IT seems to be just a matter of opinion. How do we decide whether to welcome the stranger into our midst or prepare our defenses?

We know that evil abounds...somewhere. If only it would show itself clearly. And redemption...is it evil if it exists for God's purposes? Punishment? And sin? Sin, death, and the power of the devil! Is it my suffering that is the evidence for the presence of evil? Is your fault, or my own? And of course, I must learn to empathize and "feel" your suffering. We all suffer. That's a lot of empathy! A lot of evil? The cross stands as the ultimate symbol of the mystery of God's methods and purposes.

The question of evil is very difficult, yet one most pressing. Come, let us think and talk about evil.

This six week class will begin on Sunday, April 12th, from 9:30-10:30am.

Class Outline

- I. Introduction: Different kinds of evil
- II. The Hebrew approach
- III. The Christian approach
 - A. Augustine and the corruption of the good...original sin
 - B. Irenaeus and the "vale of soul-making"
- IV. Ethics and the modern approach
- V. The post-modern approach? Is there a post-modern approach?
- VI. Summary and conclusion ☞

Animate Faith

Leader: Pastor Brad

This adult discipleship class is a discussion of big conversations about faith. In this class you will imaginatively explore central topics of Christianity. Each week there will be a video that will help us put words into images as we hear from a leading voice from the Christian faith. We will also have time for reflection and discussion as we look at these conversations about faith. Come join the conversation about faith, our relationship with God and God's relationship with us.

Class will start on Sunday, April 12th, from 9:30-10:30am in room MC 4/5. ☞



High School Senior Bible Study

Graduation is almost here! Senioritis may have kicked in as you look forward to a new beginning after high school. There are many changes that occur at this stage of your life and you will experience many new things you have never experienced before.

Starting on **April 12th, from 6-7pm**, Pastor Brad will be leading a four-week Bible study for seniors in high school. This Bible study is intended to help high school seniors take the next steps in their life and in their faith life as they go out on their own. Dinner will be provided each week, so show up hungry for dinner and for the Word!

Please contact pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org) if you have any questions. ☞

DISCIPLESHIP

April Sunday School Unit



April's Spark Sunday school unit is "Doubting Thomas." Pre-K (3 years) through 6th grade Sunday school students are invited to explore the story of the disciple Thomas on **April 12, 19, and 26**.

All grades begin together in the fellowship hall with music and an introduction to the week's story. Then, each class visits a workshop with their adult shepherds. The Pre-K class rotates within their classroom and the 5th and 6th grade class explores the theme in depth. Everyone gathers together again at the end for a closing song and blessing. Stop by the Sunday school sign-in table for additional information on upcoming events. ☸

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Juniors Camp (4th-6th Graders)

Seven 4-6th graders will attend Juniors Camp at Rainbow Trail this summer and they need your help getting there! Beginning the weekend of April 11 & 12, stop by the "Rainbow Trail to Camp" board in the Narthex to choose an amount to give (\$1-\$49) and a camper to pray for. In exchange, you may receive a postcard from a camper, an ice cream cone, or dinner with the camper and his/her family! The board will remain up until all envelopes are taken! ☸

Vacation Bible School July 6-10

Theme: "Fruits of the Spirit"
Registration will open in May. ☸



EVANGELISM

Faith Advocacy Report

by Shera Eddy

In March I synthesized my attendance at Faith Advocacy Day in February. I thought I'd share some of the other information I gleaned from attending this conference.

If you would like to become involved with any of the following agencies in Denver they could use volunteers to advocate for the poor in our community. They are: Salvation Army's Family and Seniors Homeless Initiative, Work Options for Women, Catholic Charities Shelter and Community Outreach, Earthlinks, Community Ends Isolation, St. Francis Center, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Voice, and Homeless Awareness/Action Task Force (S. Metro).

If you need further information, I will place their information folders on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the church office on the right side under Evangelism and Global Outreach. I will also place the flyer: Advocacy 101 on that bulletin board. See below.

One last bit of knowledge I learned at the conference was that contacting our legislators as a Christian gives input to them from the church community. Simply go to www.house.gov for the House of Representatives. For the Senate, use the web at www.senate.gov. To find texts of bills before Congress and track their progress go to: www.govtrack.us/congress/legislation.xpd. For representatives to the state government go to: [http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State and Territories.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State%20and%20Territories.shtml) and click on your state.

I hope this helps give you some of the knowledge I obtained from Faith Advocacy Day. ☸



CHURCH NEWS

St. Philip Early Learning Center Annual Children's Clothing Sale

It's that time of year again, and your ELC is gearing up for its annual Clothing and Bake Sale the week of April 19-25. This is SPELC's biggest fundraiser and we would appreciate your help. Volunteers are needed throughout the week, and also for the bake sale.

Info and details are available at the SPELC office 303.972.9774 or on the website: www.stphilipelc.org ☞



Thank You, Troop 554!

The Boy Scouts of Troop 554 did a very good deed recently when they helped spruce up the sanctuary. On March 17th, they dusted and polished the pews, and scraped wax from the upholstery and floors. Thank you to all who worked to get the sanctuary ready for Easter. ☞



4th Annual St. Philip Golf Outing & Silent Auction

The 4th Annual St. Philip Golf Outing and silent auction are coming up and we need everyone's participation! Golf date is **June 27** at Arrowhead Golf Course. Sign up for golf, plan to come for lunch, and/or participate in the putting contest. The silent auction will feature the ever popular wall of wine and a wide variety of donations for your bidding pleasure. Silent auction "shopping" dates will be all four weekends in June.

Why do we have a golf outing? At St. Philip, we want to use our budgeted money for mission and ministry, so some maintenance and upgrades need to be funded differently. For example, proceeds from the previous years have funded our sign and better lighting in the sanctuary. This year's golf outing and silent auction funds will be used to build a larger, more attractive shed and shed area. So, sign up for the golf outing and plan to visit the silent auction in June! Pick up a flyer and talk with a committee member at the Welcome Center!

DONATIONS NEEDED! Are you spring cleaning? Do you own or operate a business? Can you find something to donate to the St. Philip silent auction? We're also taking donations of wine for the wall of wine — any kind of wine in the \$15-\$40 range is great. You may bring any of these items to the church office at any time.

SPONSOR A CART OR A HOLE!

If you or your business are interested in sponsoring a hole or a golf cart, contact Linda Goodnough in the church office. Hole sponsorships are \$250 and cart sponsorships are \$50. We offer lots of recognition! ☞



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

4/1

Nicole Giesen

4/3

Henry Parker
Morgan Murphy

4/4

Lisa Edington
Melissa Keller

4/6

Randy Berner
Keri Brusven
Amanda Amsberry

4/7

Gerry Sarconi
Erin Finnerty

4/8

Jacki Swensen
Nancy Jacobson
Tim Youngren

4/10

Janet DeFur
Will Herzl
Avery Newmiller

4/11

Michael Mallon

4/12

Martha Miller
George Gibbs

4/13

Howard Hanson
Mike Krohn
Sean Miller
Ben Rhodes
Rylie Cimino
Tess Selden

4/14

Peter Mielke

4/15

Terri McKinney
Rod Mauler
Chad Miller

4/16

John Schutt
Chase Wheeler

4/17

Vince Lawrence
Tom Schnickel
Camryn Celusniak

4/18

Margaret Rusch

4/19

Liz Herzl

4/21

Jennifer Butts
Lincoln Endecott
Mellisa Giesen

4/22

Nicholas Nedved



4/23

Juli Jacobson
Jenn Anderson
Mark Pixley
Alden Brusven
Reid Brusven

4/26

Jillian Nedved
Hannah McDaniel
Rowan Morse

4/28

Nolan Morse
Paige Pitts

4/29

Mark Austin
Zachary Lewis

4/30

Dick Rock
Philip Yonker
Jan Philpy ☞



Anniversaries

4/2

Glenda & Kipp Smallwood

4/4

Jerry & Alyce Black

4/5

Joel & Barbara Sigdestad

4/6

Penny & Larry Christensen

4/7

Mike & Mary Beth Graff

4/10

Carmen & Lloyd Fulenwider

4/13

Rod & Kris Mauler

4/18

Donna & Jim Brown
Barry & Paige Sanford

4/20

David Bolt & Ana Tolentino

4/22

Terri & Cleve McKinney

4/26

Loretta & David Schmidt

4/28

Rick & Fay Richardson

4/29

Jake & Ashley Maes ☞

