

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

January 6, 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

Upcoming Worship – January 10, 2016 – Baptism of Our Lord

Please join us at the 10:45am service today as Buchanan Rodney Kohn, infant son of Melissa and Chris Kohn is baptized.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are being donated Gloria Akerfelds and Don Patterson, to honor the memory of Gloria's daughter Debbie Trygstad.

Scripture Readings for January 10, 2016

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Worship Servants for January 9-10, 2016

Saturday worship, January 9, 2016

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – Laura Miller
- Usher – Joanne Ermold
- Altar Guild – LeRae Schnickel
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 10, 2016		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard	Jan Philpy
Lector	Suzanne Peterson	Jan Philpy
Acolytes	OPEN	Abby Husted
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto, Diane Bracken	Amy Rahne
Ushers	Jerry & Colin Black Chuck Krieger, Roy Hager	Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge
Altar Guild	Ginger Cordova, Betty Welch	Carole Kessler, Teresa Cline
A-V Sound & Slides	OPEN	OPEN
Ambassadors	Dick Rusch and Mary Hatlestad	
Coffee Cart – Ginger Cordova		KeyKeeper – Greg Luer

Ministry News

Worship & Music Ministry

Fresh Faces Needed to Usher

The usher teams have lost some members recently, and are searching for some new faces to join the team. If you are interested in learning more about what is required to be an usher, please contact Charlie Petersen at Petersens@q.com, or 303.948.7953.

Communion Deacons Needed

We have a need for communion deacons. Please contact Lisa Edington at cdotlme@aol.com or call Lisa at 303.918.2033.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

Ladies, Altar Guild needs your help. Please contact Victoria Edington at edingtonvr@aol.com.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Sanctuary Choir will resume regular rehearsals on Thursday, **January 7, 2016**. Sanctuary Choir is open to all men and women. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:45pm in the choir room or the sanctuary. For more information, please contact Alan Davis, at 303.979.4491 or 253.359.3962 or email him at adavis@stphilip-co.org.

Ringling Brass (handbell choir) Rehearsal Schedule

Ringling Brass handbell choir will resume rehearsals on **Monday, January 11th**. The Ringling Brass meets Monday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Alan Davis, at 303.979.4491 or 253.359.3962 or email at adavis@stphilip-co.org.

Bread Bakers Needed

Volunteers are needed to bake bread for communion. Please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk. Contact Rita Kuenne at 720.320.6602 or rckuenne@yahoo.com with questions.

Community Care & Compassion Ministry

Ask Your Care Manager – Lutheran Family Services

Aging is a tough and complicated subject and there can be many questions. The Older Adult and Caregiver program at Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains has answers. Join us the **2nd Wednesday of every month** from **12:00 PM to 1:00 PM** for a **free**, phone-based, topic- specific conversation. To register for a session, call Diane Cohn at 970.232.1180 or 303.217.5864 or visit <http://www.lfsrm.org/caregiver-services> .

- **January 13th** - Understanding Long Term Care Medicaid
- **February 10th** - Benefits for Veterans
- **March 9th** - When to Move Your Loved

Thank You from Sheridan Food Pantry

Thank you to all who donated food for Sharing with Sheridan! The need is great and you helped a lot! Protein items continue to be important, especially with the long winter break coming up – not just peanut butter and tuna, but also canned items like ham, salmon, chicken, stews, hearty soups, chili and chicken and dumplings.

Discipleship Ministry

Children's Sunday School Schedule

Children's Sunday school begins again this Sunday, **January 10!** Pre-K through 4th grade students meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30am for music and an introduction to Jesus and John the Baptist, then move into their workshops. The 5th and 6th grade students meet in their classroom for lessons on David, Jonah, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Children's Sunday school is looking for workshop leaders for upcoming rotations! Workshop leaders guide the children (K-4th grade) in exploring the Bible story or theme through Art, Bible Skills and Games, Cooking, Creative Drama, Music, Science, or Video. The Sunday school team gathers supplies and does set up; workshop leaders need only to come prepared to teach! We ask that workshop leaders commit to teaching 2-3 weeks out of each selected unit and may sign up for more than one rotation! A list of the upcoming units, as well a place to sign-up, can be found at our sign-up genius page: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-2016>. We hope you'll consider being a part of this important ministry to and with the children of St. Philip!

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is now meeting on the second Thursday of the month. We will next meet on **January 14th** and then on February 11th. Theology on Tap is not your typical Bible study! The focus is to have conversations and discussions about God, God's presence in our world and in our lives of faith. Instead of meeting at the church, we meet at a place where we can grab a drink and talk around a table. We meet at the Locavore Beer Works at 5950 S. Platte Canyon Road, Littleton 80123 (at Bowles & Platte Canyon). Come and join us any time between 5-6:30pm. All are welcome; feel free to bring your kids and join us for a drink (they also have great root beer made on site) and great conversation! Contact Pr. Brad with any questions.

Adult Discipleship – Studying the Book of Jonah

All are invited to a four-week study of the book of Jonah, beginning Sunday, **January 10th**. The story of Jonah in the Old Testament brings to mind the “big fish.” However, the “big fish” is only mentioned in three of the 48 verses in the book (see 1:17, 2:1, 2:10). As we study, we learn through Jonah that God is calling us to know His grace, mercy,

and steadfast love, and God wants us to share it. All are welcome to come study with us. Class meets from 9:30-10:30am in MC-1. Contact Juli Jacobson (julijacobson@msn.com) with any questions.

Adult Discipleship – Christ and Politics

Jerry Jantz will lead a four-week class entitled “Christ and Politics” beginning Sunday, January 10, 2016. The class will meet from 9:30-10:30am in MC-3. A complete synopsis of the class is available at the Adult Discipleship bulletin board in the narthex.

In this political year a question arises, “As Christians what should be the nature of our engagement with politics? What should be the role of the Church?” At first glance it would seem that the separation of church and state in this country, and the division of the world into two kingdoms by Luther, suggests a clear separation between the two arenas of activity. Time and time again when Jesus encounters politics he says, “Hands off!” Pilate washes his hands of his participation in the crucifixion of Christ. Are we to “wash our hands” of the political in America? On the other hand, Jesus also makes the point over and over that he has come “for the poor, the prisoners, and the downtrodden.” One of the most significant ways to follow suit is to enact legislation that helps those who are marginalized...politics! The ELCA has advocates that aim at this support. But where is the line? How far do we go? Should we support one of the political candidates? Or perhaps run our own? The Evangelical wing of our Church routinely, through the potential of their endorsement, helps to encourage a particular candidate to run. Recently we saw political statements from the ELCA leadership on the Syrian refugee crisis...the question is bigger than economics. So where is the boundary line?

How do we make political decisions? Law and Gospel...which has priority? How do we measure forgiveness against the fight for justice? And how are we to discern what is unjust, and the method of its solution? Or should we aim more directly at the source of all marginalization...the insecurities of the soul that color all human life. Come and help me discuss the issues. Below is the class outline.

We will look at three main categories of analysis:

I. Definitions

- A. Where are the boundaries between the political and the religious?
- B. Does our responsibility change when we are transformed by the Word of Christ and the Holy Spirit?

II. Historical Approaches

- A. Israel...no separation of church and state...“the religious is political”.
- B. 1000 years of Catholicism and the politics of Europe
- C. The Reformation separation into two kingdoms
- D. The Modern World’s (secular) shift to the “political is religious”.
- E. Postmodernity and the focus on relationships

III. Doing God’s Will in a Postmodern World

- A. How does our Global Society affect our responsibility?
- B. Is the current political “war of words” the only approach?
- C. What is the role of the “political” in the Kingdom of God that we know only with our souls? And only through the eyes of Faith? Yet we participate also in this

present, earthly, kingdom. We are broken always. Always looking for redemption, always forgiving, always hoping, always loving...always!

Are You Interested in 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: **January 3 - 17** 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: **January 24 – February 14 from 9:30am to 10:30am** in the Fireside room. Childcare will be provided through the church nursery. ***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 Ministry

Ties to the Community – January 16, 2016

The women's quilting/sewing ministry will meet on Saturday, **January 16th** from 9am until 12noon in the fellowship hall. LeRae Schnickel will be the January hostess.

Please come enjoy fellowship and coffee as we tie blankets and quilts together. We encourage all women to come, even if you can only stay for a short time. More hands make for less work and more fun! All materials are provided for your convenience. Please contact LeRae Schnickel at lschnickel@icloud.com or 303.579.6853 if you have questions.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon

The "Ladies Who Lunch" will be meeting for a fellowship luncheon at the Bistro restaurant in Aspen Grove on **Thursday, January 28th at noon**. No reservation is needed, all women are welcome! Please join us for a delicious meal, and fellowship. For more information, please contact Char Nauman (naumanm@aol.com/303.973.8820).

St. Philip Ski Day! – January 15, 2016

Interested in joining others from St. Philip to go skiing? On **Friday, January 15** a group from St. Philip will be going up to Copper Mountain to ski and snowboard. Contact Pr. Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org) if you are interested in joining the group. They will meet at the church at 7:00am to carpool up to Copper Mountain and will return mid-afternoon.

Introducing War Room

This exciting new 5-week bible study will focus on lessons learned from the new movie, **War Room**, which focuses on the power of prayer in our daily lives and in our closeness with God. The mid-week Lenten services will also be focused on prayer. The pastors will be preaching on "**Prayer Questions**" during these services. Watch the SPIN in the coming weeks for movie showings, sign-up information, and more!

Thank You, Women of St. Philip!

Together we collected a total of \$1,985.06 from our Pay It Forward donations. Checks have been sent to the Dolores Project, the Women's Development Association and Friends of the Haven, each in the amount of \$665. (I know that doesn't add up correctly; we used a few of our funds to round off the amount.) A special "thank you" to Paula Willhouse for her help in making our Pay It Forward service possible, along with those who took part that day.

May each of you have a Happy New Year. *Char Nauman*, Women's Team

Silver Sages Planning Session

The St. Philip Silver Sages (our senior fellowship group) will have a planning session on **Wednesday, January 20 at 10am** at the Bistro restaurant in Aspen Grove. If you're 55 or older, single, have a significant other or married, come along and help us plan events of interest for our seniors. Contacts: Nancy Jacobson (303.877.8363) or Chris Youngren (303.973.3096). See you there!!!

"Let's Unwrap the Bible" – Women's Bible Study

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **January 13 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fireside Room at church. We'll continue with the Book of Esther from the study book by Max Lucado. The book is available online or at Mardel's. All women are invited. Bring your favorite cup of coffee/beverage for discussion and insight as to how scripture relates to your life today. If you miss a week, don't worry -- just come the next time! We meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. See you there! Questions? Contact Dianne Mylach at 303.972.6567.

Ruth Circle January meeting

Ruth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016** in Fellowship Hall Room 1. The Bible study for January, February, March, and April will be Philippians. Please call Flo Figge (303.932.6197) or Margaret Rusch (303.979.7456) with questions.

Theatre & Theology

Our next play in the Theater and Theology series is "*All the Way*" on **February 16th** at

6:30pm in the Stage Theater. This play has been called a “jaw-dropping political drama.” It is a 2014 Best Play Tony winner which vividly portrays one of the most controversial, ambitious and ruthless figures of the 20th century – President Lyndon Baines Johnson. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk by January 24th. Tickets are \$35/person. Contact Nancy Oelz if you have questions: 303.973.5541 or nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Take Them A Meal – A Caring Ministry of St. Philip

Do you like to cook? Or do you want to help a family in need? We have several members of our congregation who could use some help. If you are interested, please go online to: www.takethemameal.com . If you have questions, please contact Karen Rossi at krossi4635@gmail.com or 720.283.3102.

Men’s Evening Bible Study

Men’s Bible study resumes on Tuesday, **January 5, 2016**. For more information, please feel free to contact Paul Selander via email at: p73101@msn.com or phone him at [303.794.9739](tel:303.794.9739). All are welcome!

Events

Free Dental Day for Needy Children – February 25, 2016

In honor of Children’s Dental Health Month in February, Dr. Alan Goral is hosting a one day only dental screening for children ages 17 and under at no charge. This charitable service is intended for families in need. The screening includes a doctor’s exam, polish and fluoride application. If additional treatment is deemed necessary, in most cases the treatment can be performed the same day. Space is limited, so please call soon to schedule an appointment for **February 25, 2016**. Call the Ken Caryl Dental Center at 303.933.2273 to make appointments. The office is located at 10789 Bradford Road, Suite100, Littleton, 80127.

Church News

Ministry Reports Needed for 2015 Annual Report

Ministry leaders, your articles for the 2015 annual report are due to Linda no later than Friday, January 15. These reports should highlight the accomplishments of your ministry area for 2015, and should also include goals or aspirations for 2016. Please direct any questions to Linda Goodnough at lgoodnough@stphilip-co.org/303.979.4491.

2016 Pledges

It is not too late to turn in your pledge card or estimate of giving for 2016! Please contact Linda in the church office at 303.979.4491.

Check out the Buy/Sell, Help Wanted/Needed Board

Have something to sell? Want some help with a project? Looking for a part-time job or a babysitter? Check out the Buy/Sell, Help Wanted/Need bulletin board just outside the church office. You will find all sorts of items for sale, job opportunities, services, and technicians listed. A wonderful FREE resource at your fingertips.

Employment Opportunities at MOSAIC

We at Mosaic in Denver are seeking a passionate, caring individual to join our team. Looking for a job with meaning? Work with us! We are a faith-based, non-profit agency that provides a full life to those with intellectual disabilities. We are seeking 1 full-time Direct Support Associate, or two part-time Direct Support Associates. Must have flexible schedule. Please apply online or at the link provided below. Location for job search is Aurora. www.mosaicinddenver.org

Calendar Events This Week (January 6 – January 17)

Wednesday, January 6 10:30a – Children’s Ministry mtg. (FS) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning Event (FH)	Monday, January 11 6:30P – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 6:30P – Handbell practice (Sanc)
Thursday, January 7 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Xing) 1:00P – Prayer Team (Sanc) 6:30P – Choir Practice (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Tuesday, January 12 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 1:30P – SPLC staff meeting (MC-1) 6:30P – BS Troop 554 meeting (FH, K, entry) 7:00P – Men’s Bible Study (Selander’s home)
Friday, January 8 (office open 8am - noon) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3)	Wednesday, January 13 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (FS) 2:00P – Aerobic Dance class (FH) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning Event (FH)
Saturday, January 9 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship	Thursday, January 14 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 1:00P – Prayer Team (Sanc) 2:00P – Aerobic Dance class (FH) 5:00P – Theology on Tap (Locavore) 6:30P – Choir Practice (Sanc) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Sunday, January 10 – Baptism of Our Lord 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Sunday School – all youth (FH) 9:30a – Adult Ed – Book of Jonah (MC-1) 9:30a – Inquirer’s Class (FS) 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)	Friday, January 15 (office open 8am - noon) Middle School Youth Gathering – CO Springs 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3)
	Saturday, January 16 Middle School Youth Gathering – CO Springs 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 9:30a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship
	Sunday, January 17 Middle School Youth Gathering – CO Springs 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Sunday School – all youth (FH) 9:30a – Adult Ed – Book of Jonah (MC-1) 9:30a – Inquirer’s Class (FS) 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Jean Zundel, Sandi Stevermer, the Knight family, Pam Kubicek, Penny Selden and her family, Danielle Wiese and her family, Renate Muthart, Barb Donaho, Sue Miller and her family, Brian Lamb and his family, Bill Colbenson, Dale Hackstaff, Brian Counterman, Renee Hartman, Sally Cox, Karlene Murphy, Shirley LeVin, & Marian Schild.

Family Members: Luke McKinney (son of Terri & Cleve McKinney), Jon Paulson (nephew of Ann & Leif Nelson), Nathaniel Knight (son of Robin & Galinda Knight), George Wiltse (cousin of Mary Mahaffey), Brandon Cordova & Erin LeClare (son of Ginger & Tony Cordova, and his fiancée), the family of William Moeller (father of Penny Selden), the family of Daniel Wiese (grandfather of Danielle Wiese), the family of Marlene Grunig (mother of Sue Miller), the family of Jim Lamb (father of Brian Lamb), Jim Dawson (uncle of Dave Husted), Dorothy and Jackie (aunts of Anne Henning), Bill Orf (son-in-law of Howard & Nancy Hanson), Katie Dale (sister-in-law of Mary Mahaffey), Valley (Larry & Phyllis Kemp's daughter), Sonia LeVin (daughter-in-law of Bob & Shirley LeVin), Ron & Louise Carlson (Kirstine Rand's parents), Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter), and Sally Casterline (Nancy Hanson's sister).

Friends: Charles Barthel and his family (Linda Goodnough), Dawn (Rogge), Peggy (Hennings), Pam Owens and her family (Karen Smith), JoAnn Beckham (Brackens), Emily Mulhollen (Celusniaks), Steve Gaare, Nick Quintana (Knight family), and Dr. Jill Pechacek (Roswech family).

Prayers for those who are dealing with cancer, whether directly or with a loved one.

Prayers of support and encouragement for JoHanna Buchholz as she continues her seminary studies. Prayers of encouragement and support for Aaron Silco on his Global Mission assignment in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Prayers for our companion synods and friends in Madagascar, and our missionary there Kirsten Laderach.

Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.

Prayers for all servicemen and women deployed around the world, especially those with ties to St. Philip. Prayers for healing and comfort for those suffering with physical and mental injuries.

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at 303.979.4491, or send an email to Sue Riecks at sriecks@stphilip-co.org. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

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