

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

March 9, 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 –Sunday, March 13th

Please join us at the early service this Sunday as we celebrate a double baptism! Two young members of the Kime family, Logan David Kime, and Mason Darryl Kime, will be baptized and welcomed into the St. Philip family of faith. Logan and Mason are the sons of Samantha and David Kime, two of our newest members.

Upcoming Worship –Holy Week

Holy Week begins with the Sunday of the Passion (also known as Palm Sunday) on March 20th. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, then through the reading of the story of Jesus' passion we are invited into the agony of our Lord.

The services of **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and the **Vigil of Easter** unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

We start with **Maundy Thursday** on **March 24th**, where Jesus celebrates the Passover meal and institutes Holy Communion. Our 5th graders will be celebrating their first communion that evening, and the rite of washing feet will be observed. (Please note: the Maundy Thursday worship service begins at 7:30pm.) On **Good Friday, March 25th**, the second day of the Three Days, we hear the story of the crucifixion of Jesus and contemplate the meaning of his death on the cross. From that moment, we then begin to celebrate Easter at the **Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26th**, the third day of the Three Days. Saturday is the day Christ passes over from death to life, or from 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.

And beginning with the 6:30am sunrise service on Sunday, **March 27th**, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! There are a total of four worship services on Easter Sunday; 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am, and 11am. Come, now is the time worship!

Upcoming Worship –Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Our theme for our mid-week Lenten services this year is Prayer Questions. Each Wednesday night at 7:00pm we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and worship focusing on different aspects of God's great gift of prayer. These worship services will be preceded by a Bread and Broth fellowship time in the fellowship hall which will begin at 6 pm. Here is the schedule for our worship services:

February 17th, 7pm – Why You Pray
February 24th, 7pm – When You Pray
March 2nd, 7pm – Where You Pray
March 9th, 7pm – Who You Pray
March 16th, 7pm – What You Pray

Come join us on Wednesday nights this Lent and grow in your relationship with God through prayer!

Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary

It is a tradition at St. Philip to decorate the sanctuary at Easter with a multitude of Easter lilies donated by members of the congregation. It is time to begin ordering our Easter lilies for this year. *The cost per lily is \$15; deadline for orders is Sunday, March 20.* Please complete the order form on the back of the Connection Card, and place it with your payment check in the offering plate. You can dedicate your lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. You are welcome to take your lily home to enjoy after the final Easter service.

"Spring Forward" - Daylight Saving Time Begins THIS Sunday

Attention! Daylight Saving Time will begin on **Sunday, March 13th**. Please remember to set your clocks ahead an hour.

Family Promise is Hosting Coffee Fellowship

Please join our Family Promise team at the coffee cart this Sunday morning for coffee fellowship beginning at 9:30am. Mandy Garman, Family Promise Program Director, and another staff member will be there to talk about all of the wonderful things Family Promise is doing to help homeless families in the Denver metro area.

Scripture Readings for March 12-13, 2016

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Worship Servants for March 12-13, 2016

Saturday worship, March 12, 2016

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – Grace Miller
- Usher – Joanne Ermold
- Altar Guild – Rita Kuenne
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, March 13, 2016		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Smith-Krause	Renate Muthart
Lector	Karen Morin	Linda Baker
Acolytes	Emma Smith, Jackson Krause	Anna Carlson
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse, Peter Mielke	Amy Rahne, Linda Baker
Ushers	Tim Youngren John & Connie Schutt	Dave Bolt, Brian Lamb, Tyler Henson
Prayer Partner	n/a	n/a
Altar Guild	Ginger Cordova, Betty Welch	Carole Kessler, Teresa Cline
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke	John Wall & family
Greeters	Bill & Dottie Colbenson	
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt	
Coffee Cart – Family Promise team		KeyKeeper – Jay Breidenbach

Worship & Music Ministry

Lectors Needed for Easter

Lectors needed for Easter Sunday—all four services!! Sign up on SignUpGenius or contact Jan Philpy at gjphilpy@gmail.com or 317.709.5045. Easter Sunday service times are: 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am, and 11am.

Greeters Needed

If you would like to put on a happy face and shake hands with all of your friends - old and new - we could use you! Sign up in the narthex to be a greeter at either first or second service. All you have to do is arrive about 20 minutes early and greet people as they come in at the east parking lot door. It's lots of fun!! You might even meet someone new!! Contact Nancy Oelz if you have questions at 303.973.5541 or email her at nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Interested in Being an Usher?

Men and women of St. Philip, please consider joining the usher team! This is an easy way to get involved and to meet some more people at St. Philip. At St. Philip we have 12 usher teams; 6 early service teams, and 6 late service teams. Each team ushers two months out of the year, six months apart. (Example: one team ushers in April and again in October.) Each team should have 4 members, which allows for individual flexibility. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Charlie Petersen at 303.948.7953 or petersens@q.com.

Communion Deacons Needed

We have several openings still to be filled for the remainder of March, including Easter Week. As there are several folks out of town for the winter and others laid up with injuries, I really need the rest of you to pick up an extra spot if you can. Please contact Lisa Edington at cdotime@aol.com or call Lisa at 303.918.2033.

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

St. Philip Garden is Growing!

This year, the St. Philip Donation Garden is expanding! We will be adding a few community plots (6-10) for private gardens in exchange for a small fee (\$50) and some volunteer time (10 hours). Each plot will be approximately 10 X 10 ft. and will be available by April 1. For more details, please attend the information meeting on Sunday, **March 20** at 12noon. Meet outside in the back of the church by the picnic tables. If the

weather is bad, we'll find a spot inside to meet. For those interested in committing, you will be able to select your plot. Please contact Ana Tolentino, Garden Coordinator, at 303.949.6088 or anaincolorado@gmail.com for more information, or to reserve your plot.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Sharing with Sheridan needs personal toiletry items! These items cannot be purchased with food stamps so when you're shopping or traveling, pick up some extras and donate. Also, new volunteers are always needed; if you can help, even occasionally, please contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com. Thanks for all your support.

Jeffco Connects Meeting

One of the goals for 2016 for St. Philip is "involvement in social issues with others." The Jeffco Connects group of concerned citizens of Jefferson County and the IAF of Colorado (Industrial Area Foundation), will be meeting again on **Tuesday, March 29 @ 6:30 p.m.** at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church. Any citizens of Jefferson County are welcome to attend. Participating institutions include: Abiding Hope, St. Philip, Heritage United Methodist, Jeffco Education Association, Sources of Strength, Second Wind Foundation, Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention, and the Jefferson County School District. We are working together towards a healthier community for our children and adults. Building a sense of community here in Jefferson County and overcoming isolation are the goals of our group. We hope you will attend and help us further this community concern. If you have questions please contact LeRae Schnickel (303.579.6853) or Shera Eddy (303.978.9199) from St. Philip.

Family Promise Rotation – March 13-20

Our next Family Promise rotation is coming up soon (March 13-20). There are a number of ways you can help our team serve the needs of several homeless families during their week-long stay at St. Philip. You can sign up at our Family Promise registration table in the narthex to provide food, be an evening host, drive the van, be an overnight host, or help with set-up or take-down. Have questions? Want more information? Please contact Bob Delong at delongfamilybob@gmail.com.

Lutheran Family Services – Foster Parents Needed

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent, please let Lutheran Family Services (LFS) guide your way! LFS has informational Foster Care meetings every month. The next meeting is on **March 9, 2016** at 12:30-1:30pm and from 5:30-6:30pm at the LFS office 363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 105, Denver, 80226. We hope to see you! Please contact Anne Hamilton for more information 303.217.5869.

Discipleship Ministry

Sunday School Update

Spark Sunday school wraps up the story of the Prodigal Son this Sunday, **March 13!** Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore the story through the Cooking and Science workshops. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for the opening! The fifth and sixth graders will continue with their Bible lessons in their classroom. Plan to come early the following **Sunday, March 20**, for Passport to Holy Week and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! The family event begins at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall!

The annual St. Philip Easter Egg Hunt is **Sunday, March 20**, as part of our “Passport to Holy Week” family event. Children of all ages and their families are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall at **9:15am** (please note the early start) for an opening time of songs and story. Then, families may visit stations to explore the days of Holy Week: decorate celebration wands to wave in the Palm Sunday processional, bake bread to share on Maundy Thursday, create a cross for Good Friday, enter a place of prayer for Holy Saturday, and make centerpieces to celebrate Easter Sunday! Following a time of stations, all children are invited to hunt for hidden Easter eggs and collect their prizes! We hope you'll be able to join us for this fun family event!

Candy and prize donations are needed for this year's Easter Egg Hunt, to be held on Sunday, March 20. Please leave donations in the marked bins in the narthex. We are also in need of people to help hide the eggs, staff “Passport to Holy Week” stations, staff egg hunt prize tables, and help with clean-up. Please visit our sign-up genius page to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-passport>.

Chocolate bunnies bumming you out? Make Easter more meaningful this year. Sparkhouse Family is offering special savings on Easter resources now through March 28! Browse the sample copies at the welcome desk and visit www.sparkhouse.org to order. Use Promo Code: SPARKEASTER2016 and HMEASTER2016 for discounts on the Easter storybooks and video, plus FREE shipping!

New Schedule for Sr. High Youth Group

Sr. High Youth Group has been a great place for youth to come, learn about God, get to know other youth, and play games together. We have been meeting every week at church, which has been wonderful. The leaders met in January and decided to restructure the Sr. High Youth Group in an effort to reach out to more youth, participate in more service projects, and enjoy more fun activities offsite.

Sunday evenings has worked really well for youth group in regards to the youth having more time on the weekends to get homework done and be able to come to youth group. It also doesn't often interfere with sports practices and games. However, Sunday evenings do limit our ability to participate in volunteer activities since most places to volunteer do not offer Sunday volunteer opportunities. Therefore, we will start meeting on Saturdays or during the week to do service projects. The new schedule will look something like this:

- Week 1: Youth Group at church

- Week 2: Offsite Event (Most like Sunday afternoon or evening or Saturday)
- Week 3: Youth Group at church
- Week 4: Service Project (Saturday or during the week)

It is our hope that we can build youth group back up again with people interested in doing service projects and attending offsite events, and then joining us for youth group during the other weeks. This new schedule will start in April, after Easter. With this being said, our first offsite event will be going to the Bible Tour on **April 10th**. (Please see the Bible Tour announcement below.)

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org).

Bible Tour 2016

The Bible Tour is a combination of Christian artists in concert and inspirational video clips from the TV mini-series *The Bible*. The artists Matthew West, Sidewalk Prophets, Aaron Shust, Love & The Outcome, and Blanca will be bring the Bible to life through their live performances.

The Bible Tour is coming to Denver on Sunday, **April 10th**. We will be meeting at St. Philip at 5:45pm to go to the Bellco Theater for the performance at 7pm. The cost is for the youth to attend is \$15, and there are seven tickets available for the youth with three adults attending. It is first-come, first-serve, but if there is larger interest we can purchase more tickets. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org). For more information, please visit www.thebibletour2016.com.

Rainbow Trail Summer Camp Fundraisers

This summer St. Philip has 25 children and youth going to Summer Camp at Rainbow Trail. In an effort to fundraise for a third of the cost of camp the campers are selling Butter Braids and Honey Baked Ham gift cards this Sunday in the narthex. Thank you for supporting our children and youth!

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School is **July 11-15, 2016!**

The Vacation Bible School team is looking for fresh faces to help plan and organize crafts, snacks, games, and a possible afternoon extension. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact JoHanna at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is now meeting on the second Thursday of the month. We will next meet on **March 10th**. 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.

Family Life Ministry

Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday evening men's bible study group will conclude its study of Isaiah next week (March 15th). They will take a break during Holy Week, and then on March 29th will begin a new study on Hebrews. Please contact Paul Selander at 303.794.9739 or email him at p73101@msn.com for more information.

2016 Men's Retreat

Men of St. Philip, come to the men's 2016 annual retreat Friday, **April 22-Sunday, April 24**. The retreat will be held at the Easter Seals Rocky Mountain Village, only 40 miles from St. Philip.

Spouses and families of 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!

Pr. Nathan will lead our presentation on the Gospel of Luke and 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. Once again 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, which includes lunch.

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

Ties to the Community

Are you "itching to be stitching?" All women are invited to the St. Philip SEW-IN on Saturday, March 19 from 9am – 12noon. Bring your favorite dish to share, and join us for lunch!

Mary DeBoer will demonstrate how to cut the fleece blankets that we tie for seniors and military service personnel. Sewing and tying knots is cheaper than therapy, so please come for good conversation, coffee, and lunch. We promise to keep you in stitches! Questions? Need more information? Contact LeRae Schnickel at 303.579.6853 or email at tschnick1@msn.com.

St. Philip Book Club

It's not just a "women" thing! The St. Philip Book Club is open to ALL who enjoy reading a good book and discussing it. The Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Youth Room at the church beginning at 6:30pm. Light refreshments are usually served. Please join us on Tuesday, **April 12th**, as we discuss *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. For more information about the book club, please contact Sue Riecks in the church office – 303.979.4491. Hope to see you there!

Join Us for Lenten Bread & Broth

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, you are invited to join your St. Philip family for a sustaining soup supper and Christian fellowship.

Bread & Broth begins at 6PM; please consider bringing a pot of soup to share. Drinks, crackers, bread and cheese will be provided. Mid-week Lenten worship follows at 7PM.

St. Philip Women's Retreat – "Chocolate & Friends – The Rich Things in Life"

When: Saturday, April 9th, from 8:30am to 3:00pm

Where: Fellowship Hall at St. Philip Lutheran Church

Cost: Suggested donation of \$10 per person

Registration: Sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk in narthex

Please, bring a friend! We will have a continental breakfast at 8:30am when you arrive.

Lunch and an afternoon coffee break will be provided. For more information, please contact Char Nauman at 303.973.8820 or Paula Willhouse at 720.878.8565.

"Let's Unwrap the Bible"

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 23rd at 9:30am** in the Fireside room. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. We've just begun the Book of Esther using the bible study guide by Max Lucado. Bring your favorite cup of coffee/beverage, and be ready for discussion and insight as to how scripture relates to your life today. Questions? Contact Dianne Mydlach at 303.972.6567.

"Fellowship in the Word" – a NEW Bible Study for Men

The newest men's Bible study group will meet on **Wednesday, March 23rd at 9:30am** at St. Philip in MC-1. We'll meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month to focus on the Gospel and lessons for the week we're meeting. We'll also talk about what we'd like to focus on in the future, and make plans accordingly. All men are welcome! Please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk in the narthex. Questions? Contact Glenn Isernhagen at 303.736.8655.

Upcoming Silver Sages Events

"Save the Date"! Our Hawaiian theme pot luck lunch is on **April 29th at 11am!** More information will be available soon.

"Save the Date"! Our trip to the Colorado Museum and lunch out will be Thursday, May 19th. More information will be available soon.

Theatre & Theology – Sweeney Todd

Sondheim's magnificent musical thriller, *Sweeney Todd*, will be our last play of the season on **April 19th** in the Stage Theater at 6:30 pm. The deadline for signing up in the narthex is March 27th. Please arrive by 6:15pm to get your ticket in the lobby. Tickets are \$35 each, and your check should be made out to St. Philip, with Theater and Theology on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Oelz at 303.973.5541 or nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Ruth Circle March Meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 16, 2016** in the **Fireside room**. 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.

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 contact Karen Rossi at krossi4635@gmail.com or 720.283.3102.

Church News

Memorial Services This Week at St. Philip

Lois Sondergard passed through death to life eternal on Sunday, March 6, 2016. Her memorial service will be at St. Philip on Thursday, March 10, at 10:00am.

Marian Schild passed through death to life eternal on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Her memorial service will be at St. Philip on Friday, March 11 at 10:30am. This service will be followed by a meal reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations to Sue Muthart and Don Boyle

Renate Muthart is happy to report that her daughter Sue was married to Don Boyle on March 4, 2016. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Found in Sanctuary

St. Philip musicians, are you missing a black silk pouch with instrument cleaning materials? The pouch is safe in the church office; please contact Sue Riecks at sriecks@stphilip-co.org to reclaim it.

Thank You from Jo Rock

Thanks to all my church family for your prayers, cards, and visits after my recent accident and stay in the hospital. It was all very much appreciated. I'm feeling better, but not completely well yet. Thanks from both of us. *Dick and Jo Rock*

Thank You from LeRae Schnickel

Dear St. Philip Friends,

Thank you for your words of encouragement, the cards, the prayers and the flowers. You are an amazing group of caring Christians, and I love all of you. I should get my cast this week, and I am on the mend. Thank you for being there for me.

Save the Date! 5th Annual St. Philip Golf Tournament

Our 5th annual golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, **June 25, 2016** at the beautiful Arrowhead golf course. Please plan on joining us. Skill levels are unimportant, and we welcome all. Each year we have a lot of fun, and food and fellowship afterwards is always good. More information to follow soon!

St. Philip Mission Endowment Committee

St. Philip Mission Endowment grant requests for 2016 are being accepted through April 30th. The endowment program supports both global and local projects. Grant requests will be considered for, but are not limited to:

- Church Mission Programs
- Evangelism
- Community Outreach
- Scholarships for church member seminarians
- Disaster Relief

Grant requests forms may be downloaded from the Endowment Committee page of the St. Philip Lutheran Church web site, from the Endowment Committee portion of the bulletin board in the church narthex, or from the church office. Due to the financial market downturn the total amount of grants awarded in 2016 is anticipated to be less than was awarded in 2015.

Community Events

Scottish Fiddle Club Concert

The Scottish Fiddle Club is having a concert at St. Philip on Saturday, **April 23, 2016** at 1:30pm. St. Philip members Lora Stevens and Louanne Isernhagen are members of the Scottish Fiddle Club, and would like to invite you to attend our spring concert!

The group is composed of adults and kids, and they are very good! In addition to great fiddle music, the concert will feature tributes to legendary Scottish-American wilderness advocate John Muir, and the famous Scottish-American fiddler Eck Robertson. The Scottish Fiddle Club has been in operation since 2011, presented numerous concerts and workshops, and has performed on television. Although they never charge admission for their concerts, they are asking for a \$5 donation at the door which will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Be sure to sign up for the door prize drawing for a stay at the famous Glen Eyrie Castle in Colorado Springs, and a variety of other prizes! Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

Lutheran Chorale Performance – March 13, 2016

As we head into Holy Week, join the Lutheran Chorale as we sing the iconic *Seven Last Words* by Theodore Dubois. This work was once a staple for church choirs. In it you hear beautiful meditations on the seven last words from the cross inspired by the Tenebrae Service of Good Friday. We will round out the performance with familiar chorales and the final Chorus from the beautiful *St. Matthew Passion* by J.S. Bach.

This performance will be held on **Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 3 pm**. We will be singing at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 North Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood.

No tickets will be sold for this concert, but we do appreciate your support in free will offering. Questions? Call Linda Thompson at 303.666.6642, e-mail us at thelutheranchorage@comcast.net, or visit our website at www.thelutheranchorage.org.

Seeds of South Sudan Jazz Fundraiser – March 16, 2016

On **Wednesday, March 16 from 6 to 9pm**, Seeds of South Sudan will hold a Jazz Benefit Concert at the Blake Street Tavern, 2301 Blake Street in Denver. A silent auction of donated products and services will be held during the Jazz Festival. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Seeds of South Sudan is a non-profit organization that supports refugee orphans with education in a safe environment with the goal that they will become future leaders in South Sudan.

Calendar Events This Week (March 9 – March 19)

Wednesday, March 9 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (FS) 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00P – Bread and Broth (K, FH) 6:00P – War Room Bible Study (FH-1) 6:30P – Confirmation Mentoring 7:00P – Lenten Worship	Monday, March 14 Family Promise Week 6:30P – Handbell practice (Sanc) 6:30P – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS)
Thursday, March 10 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 10:00a – Memorial service for Lois Sondergard 1:15P – Prayer Team (FS) 2:00P – Aerobic Dance (FH) 5:00P – Theology on Tap (Locavore) 6:30P – Choir Practice (Sanc) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Tuesday, March 15 Family Promise Week 1:30P – SPLC staff meeting (MC-1) 6:30P – BS Troop 554 mtg (FH, K, narthex, entry) 7:00P – Men's Bible Study (Selander's home)
Friday, March 11 (office open 8am - noon) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3) 10:30a – Marian Schild Memorial Service	Wednesday, March 16 Family Promise Week 9:30a – Ruth Circle (FH-1) 2:00P – Aerobic Dance (FH) 6:00P – Bread and Broth (K, FH) 6:00P – War Room Bible Study (FH-1) 6:30P – Confirmation Mentoring 7:00P – Lenten Worship
Saturday, March 12 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship	Thursday, March 17 Family Promise Week 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 1:15P – Prayer Team (FS) 2:00P – Aerobic Dance (FH) 5:00P – Theology on Tap (Locavore) 6:30P – Choir Practice (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (Sanc)
Sunday, March 13 Family Promise week begins 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Sunday School – all youth (FH) 9:45a – <i>War Room</i> Bible study (classrooms) 10:45a – Worship 12:00N – First Communion class (FH) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group (off-site)	Friday, March 18 Family Promise Week (office open 8am - noon) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (FH-1)
	Saturday, March 19 Family Promise Week 9:00a – ACA (Sanc) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (Sanc) 3:00P – Goral Memorial service (Sanc/FH) 5:30P – Worship

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Galinda Knight, Fred Peters and his family, Chris Youngren, the family of Lois Sondergard, the Price family, Sandra Murphy and her family, Ken Lopata and his family, the family of Marian Schild, Sharon Gaare and her family, the Rob Murphy family, Renee Hartman, and Sally Cox. Safe travels for Jessica Simons.

Family Members: the family of Zane Walker (father of Sandra Murphy), **James Gregitis** (father of Susan Fagerness), **the family of Darlene Helgren** (the mother of Fred Peters), **the family of Mary Lopata** (mother of Ken Lopata), **Jimmy Leiker** (uncle of Linda Thomas), **Dorothy Koenig** (mother of Jan Philpy), **Ryan Ermold** (son of Joanne Ermold), **Nathaniel Knight** (son of Robin & Galinda Knight), **Jim Dawson** (uncle of Dave Husted), **Bill Orf** (son-in-law of Howard & Nancy Hanson), **Katie Dale** (sister-in-law of Mary Mahaffey), **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: Evan Massey (Dori Hammer), **Ria Furr** (Keltners), **Marci Block** (Cloughs), **Marty Charest** (Hammer/Silco family), **Vivian Harker**, **Stevie Elliot**, **Kathy Glass** (Dori Hammer), **Pastor Kate Killebrew** (Paul & Nancy Jacobs), **Richard Lindvall** (Karen Smith), **Rev. Rick Thompson**, **JoAnn Beckham** (Brackens), **Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniaks), **Nick Quintana** (Knight family), and **Dr. Jill Pechacek** (Roswech family).

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 Madagascar missionary Kirsten Laderach. Prayers of comfort for Ranaivomanana Albert (director of Betela Seminary) and his family as they grieve the death of his very young son.

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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