

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

April 20, 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

Upcoming Worship – New Life in Christ Sermon Series

Christ is Alive! As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ in this Easter season, we are made aware of God's presence in our world even though Christ is not physically with us. People throughout our world experience God in amazing ways as God calls, inspires and transforms. God works in our world in ways we don't even realize. This can be seen through the power of prayer, the power of evangelism and the power of the church. In all of these things we experience a new life in Christ. For the next six weeks, from now through Pentecost (May 15th), we will be focusing on the New Life in Christ through a sermon series each Sunday. We hope you are able to join us as we look at new life people in the Bible receive through Christ and as we individually look at our new life in Christ:

- April 10: Callings
- April 17: The Power of Prayer
- **April 24: Inspirations**
- May 1: The Power of Evangelism
- May 8: Transformations
- May 15: The Power of the Church

Altar Flowers

This week the altar is blessed with flowers donated by the Muthart family in loving memory of the late Bob Muthart's birthday month.

Geraniums for Pentecost

Pentecost is Sunday, **May 15th**, and we want to make our sanctuary festive with red geraniums! The geraniums will be placed along the edge of the altar under the communion rail, to provide a cheerful splash of color in the sanctuary. If you are interested in ordering and dedicating some geraniums for Pentecost, please complete the order form on the back of the Connection Card and place it in the offering plate with your check. The geraniums will come in a three-pack, for a total cost of \$21.00. Please be sure to mark "Pentecost Geraniums" on the memo line of your check. All flowers must be pre-paid; the deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 8th. Questions? Please contact the church office (303.979.4491) or contact Paula Willhouse.

Scripture Readings for April 23-24, 2016

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I

will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Worship Servants for April 23-24, 2016

Saturday worship, April 23, 2016

- Pianist – Becky Miller
- Cantor – Tom Schnickel
- Usher – Paul Stortz
- Altar Guild – Suzanne Peterson
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, April 24, 2016		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Smith-Krause	Renate Muthart
Lector	Sandi Stevermer	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Jackson Krause, Emma Smith	Nolan Morse, Rowan Morse
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse, Lynn Nourse	OPEN
Ushers	George Rasmussen, Tom Silco Bill Colbenson, Quinn Silco	Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse, Rod Mauler
Prayer Partner	n/a	n/a
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse, Lisa Edington	Victoria Edington, Diane Michael
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	The Wall family
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt	
Coffee Cart – Phyllis & Larry Kemp		KeyKeeper – Howard Hanson

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: **April 10th – 24th** 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 1st – May 15th** 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. After attending the New Member Class, if you would like to become a member of St. Philip Lutheran Church, you are invited to a new member dinner on **Saturday, May 14th at 6:30pm** in the fellowship hall. We will welcome you into the congregation in worship on **Sunday, May 15th**.

Worship & Music Ministry

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.

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.

Community Care & Compassion Ministry

Community Garden Meeting - Sunday, May 1 at 12noon

The St. Philip Community Donation Garden is expanding to include several plots for personal gardens this year. Come learn more about gardening at St. Philip and/or how you can support the donation garden. We have a few more spots available and plan to break ground as soon as the snow melts. If you want to get started earlier, contact me and I'll meet you over the church to get you going. For more information, contact Ana Tolentino at 303.949.6088 or anaincolorado@gmail.com.

Love INC and Partner Churches Help Fire Victims

THANK YOU to Littleton Churches and Citizens for the great support of our neighbors at Southview Place Apartments who were displaced by fire on April 6. Littleton United Methodist Church provided great hospitality and space for the Red Cross Shelter for the first week. On April 13, the fourteen residents remaining in the shelter are being moved to Littleton Life Center, a ministry of Mission Hills Church. The Littleton Life Center will serve as the ongoing resource center for all the 150 or so residents still out of their homes.

Love INC church volunteers have stepped up in a big way to be a presence at the site, helping to identify and fill immediate gaps in service, which have included shopping for a second or third set of clothes, arranging rides, and doing laundry. THANK YOU not only for the response and willingness to help that Love INC received, but also for the patience of volunteers who, at times arrive and see that nothing is needed after all. It has been inspirational to see how many are willing to help.

Love INC will be at the table among many government and nonprofit agencies who are working on immediate and long term plans for evacuees and returning residents. Our on-going efforts will include helping to locate furnishings for residents and assisting in the moving process, as well as emotional support through Stephen Ministers at local churches and Love INC mentors.

What is immediately needed:

PRAYER: Please pray for a more comfortable housing solution for the fourteen resident still in need of a Red Cross shelter. Though many generous individuals have stepped forward to offer to open their homes, this is not a viable solution. Low or no-cost rooms in a hotel or assisted living facility are ideal. Please email info@loveinclittleton.org if you have any connections.

STORAGE SPACE: If you have a garage or storage space available for collecting and storing furniture and household goods please email info@loveinclittleton.org

START A LIST: If you have items of furniture that you may want to donate to evacuees, please keep a list and watch for more details once we are able to mobilize that effort, which may be a couple of weeks.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: There is a big need for funds to support the housing needs of these individuals. Many entities are working together on this, from three levels

of government to numerous nonprofit organizations. If you would like to contribute for these needs, and other fire related needs, click [HERE](#) and indicate Littleton Fire Relief in the Special Comments section.

Please see more about our response, through this video by visiting our website at www.loveinlittleton.org. THANK YOU for sharing Christ's love with our community in need,

Kathryn Roy, Executive Director

Holy Hammers April Update

The construction season for our 2016 Holy Hammers, Habitat for Humanity house will begin on Wednesday, April 27th.

Our first work day will be **Friday, April 29**, and we are scheduled for four volunteers. For those of you who like to put the deck on the foundation, here is your opportunity. This house will be co-sponsored by Holy Hammers and the Thrivent Builds program. The location will be at Sable Ridge 9 which is located just north of I-70 and Chambers Road. For your information, the Thrivent Builds program in 2015 funded 816 homes in the U. S. providing affordable housing for 2067 people. Contact Roger Bracken to volunteer (brackenridgeco33@comcast.net/303.795.5603).

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – Family Opportunity

A family opportunity to help! Volunteers are needed to work at Food Bank of the Rockies on **Saturday, May 7** from 9am until noon. Families with older elementary school-aged children and above are welcome! Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry gets food credit for all hours worked. Contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – Donation Needs

Specific needs for April include diapers (especially larger sizes), feminine products and deodorant, all items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and are not readily available from Food Bank of the Rockies. We also welcome any monetary contributions; these may be made through the church office.

Discipleship Ministry

Fundraiser for Rainbow Trail Campers – Youth Car Wash, May 15th

The children and youth going to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp will be washing cars on Sunday, **May 15th**! If you would like your car washed during worship, please park in the north part of the parking lot. The parking lot will be marked when you drive in, so you will know where to park. All cars in this part of the parking lot will be washed during worship. After worship you can drive away in your clean car (at least on the outside). This fundraiser is a free-will donation. Thank you for your support of the children and youth going to camp this summer!

Fundraiser for Rainbow Trail Campers – Krispy Kreme Doughnuts!

The children and youth going to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp will be pre-selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts during the first half of May. The children and youth will be in the narthex on Sunday May 1st, 8th and 15th for you to order your doughnuts. You can purchase original glazed, chocolate glazed, Kreme-filled, raspberry-filled, or lemon-filled doughnuts by the dozen. You can also purchase value cards (bogo cards) or certificates for a dozen original glazed doughnuts. The doughnuts purchased will then be at the church on **May 22nd** for pick-up. Thank you for your support of the children and youth going to camp this summer!

New Adult Class – Carl Jung, Pastor of the Soul

Psychologist Carl Jung saw himself as a caregiver to the soul. His groundbreaking work in psychology defined structures of the psyche that lend themselves well to the Christian message of transformation and rebirth. Meaning, purpose, and value...these are the measure of his methods. Love, forgiveness, trust, peace, and hope...this is the evidence of a healthy soul. He once suggested that the future of humankind no longer revolved around the science of the material world, but now lay in the hands of the spiritual. Human relationships...that is the focus today. How do I love my neighbor who resides in a foreign land and sees the world through the eyes of a strange culture? It takes the work of the Holy Spirit, the *Paraclete*, the healer of our souls. It takes self-sacrifice and the surrender of the will. It takes a self-consciousness willing to face the divisions in our own minds. It takes God's redemptive work.

This class is being taught by Jerry Jantz beginning Sunday, **April 10th**. The class will meet in room MC-4/5 from 9:30am – 10:30am. We will work from a book by Wallace Clift entitled, *Jung and Christianity...the Challenge of Reconciliation*. Come and see with me.

The Book of Ephesians

All are welcome to participate in a bible study of the book of Ephesians beginning **Sunday, April 10th** in MC-1 during Education Hour (9:30am-10:30am). The book of Ephesians is an invitation into a world of grace, teaching about God's eternal plan to redeem all creation. This letter to the Ephesians is about the geography of grace where God labors to fulfill the mystery of the divine plan. The study invites participants to a spirituality of knowing and living the peace of Jesus that is the destiny of the entire creation. Please join us! For more information, please contact Juli Jacobson at juliajacobson@msn.com.

Sunday School Update

SPARK Sunday school begins a new rotation this **Sunday, April 24!** Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore Jesus' parable "The Sower" through the Art, Bible Skills and Games, and Science workshops on **April 24, May 1, and 8**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for the opening! The 5th and 6th graders are also learning about the parables and will be assembling gift bags to give to the homeless this Sunday.

Vacation Bible School Update

It takes a village to run VBS! The St. Philip VBS team is looking for volunteers to help our 100+ VBS kids have a safe, fun, and meaningful week of Vacation Bible School this **July 11-15:**

- VBS Guides are adults and teens (9th-12th grade) who stick with a group of kids throughout the week. They greet and gather their group each morning, interact with the kids at their different workshops, and engage the kids throughout the morning. Guides need to be available 8:30-12:30, Monday-Friday of VBS, as well as complete an orientation beforehand.
- VBS Junior Guides are tweens (5th-8th grade) who stick with a group of kids throughout the week. They assist the guides with gathering their group each morning, pass out supplies, and engage the kids throughout the morning. Junior Guides need to be available 8:30-12:30, Monday-Friday of VBS and are invited to bring a lunch and take part in the afternoon arts academy (see more below).
- Helpers are adults and youth (5th-12th grade) who help with set-up, clean-up, or in specific workshop stations, such as crafts, snacks, Bible lessons, or games. This is a great opportunity for those that want to help, but can't commit to being present every day of VBS. Helpers need to be available 8:30-12:30 on the days they choose to help.

If you or someone you know would be a great Guide, Jr. Guide, or helper, contact JoHanna in the church office or at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

Save the date! Vacation Bible School is July 11-15, 2016! This year's theme is "What's Your Call?" and will again be led by talented college-age counselors from Rainbow Trail as well as our own dedicated volunteers. Vacation Bible School is for children entering Pre-K (4 years) through 4th grade in the 2016-17 school year. Students entering 5th through 8th grades in the 2016-17 school year are invited to check out our afternoon arts academy! Look for more information coming soon!

If you'd like to lend your time, talents, and gifts to VBS or join in the fun of the afternoon arts academy, please contact JoHanna at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org.

Fine Arts Academy for 4th-7th Graders

SPECIAL! JUST FOR YOUTH COMPLETING 4TH THROUGH 7TH GRADE! How about a Fine Arts Academy during the same week as VBS? You'll have an opportunity to connect faith, creativity, and community, really learning to use your gifts and interests to glorify God. You will have music, Bible study and choose an art elective. This will be offered in the afternoon, so you can still help with VBS if you like. Talk with JoHanna Buchholz or contact Jan Philpy 317.709.5045 or gjphilpy@gmail.com for more information.

Schedule for Sr. High Youth Group

Children and youth are both the present and the future of the church and the world. We, as a church, nourish the faith of these young people as they grow in their relationship and knowledge about God, build relationships with others, and serve those in need. Just as Jesus invited the children to come to him, we too invite and welcome all children and youth to St. Philip Lutheran Church.

Sr. High Youth Group is for all of our youth in high school to come together to hang out, play games, serve and enjoy one another. We hope that you or your youth will be able to join us for as many of the events as they can. Below is the schedule for the next couple of weeks:

April 24th: Service Project - Bring your gloves and be ready to do some clean-up. We will be meeting at the church at 1pm and we will be back at the church at 4pm. The project is currently being finalized, so we will either be doing yard clean up in the neighborhood or cleaning up a park.

May 1st: Youth Group from 7-8:30pm at the church.

May 8th: No Youth Group (Mother's Day).

May 15th: Youth Group from 7-8:30pm at the church.

May 22nd: Fellowship Event - Mini Golf at Adventure Golf in Westminster.

May 29th: Service Project – TBD.

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

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is on break for May and the summer. It will resume in the fall.

Evangelism & Global Outreach Ministry

Campbell Soup Label Program is Ending

The Campbell Soup Label program will be discontinued on July 31, 2016. The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission and School receives labels from all over the country, and many more are mailed directly to the program headquarters earmarked for the mission's benefit. Over the years, the piles of carefully clipped labels have added up to at least 8 new vehicles, along with tables, chairs, school supplies, and much, much more.

Labels received and recorded prior to July 31 can still count toward valuable resources for the mission and school. Please advise your label collectors so that everything can be sent in by July 1, 2016. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Edward Busch @ 626.799.0961.

The Campbell Soup Label program has been a godsend to Navajo Lutheran Mission. The benefits to the Navajo people are more than can be numbered. Please accept our sincere gratitude for the many dedicated individuals and congregations who have participated.

P.S. You can still send the "box tops for education" from General Mills to Solheim Lutheran Home or the Mission.

Have You Gotten Your Coffee?

St. Philip carries a wide variety of Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffees that you can purchase. The coffee cabinet is located in the narthex, behind the church mailboxes. Stop by and buy a bag! Prices range from \$5 to \$14/bag, with the majority of the bags selling for \$7 or \$8. To find out more about Equal Exchange and Fair Trade, please go to www.equalexchange.coop. There you will find the Equal Exchange/Fair Trade mission statement and a complete listing of their products.

ELCA Says "Thank You"

St. Philip recently received a lovely letter from Rev. Daniel Rift, the director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal thanking us for our gift of \$1,120 to ELCA World Hunger. The letter has been posted on the Evangelism bulletin board; please stop by and read it!

Family Life Ministry

Silver Sages – "Music & Dances of Hawaii"

Silver Sages will gather at 11:30a.m. at St. Philip Lutheran in MC-4/5 on **Friday, April 29** for a Hawaiian luncheon and program. Cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up at the Welcome Center kiosk in the narthex if you plan to come. All folks of retirement age are welcome to attend. For more information call Louanne Isernhagen at 303.736.8655.

The program for Silver Sages on Friday, April 29 will be "Music and Dances of Hawaii" by Beth Maifeld, a wife, mother and grandmother from St. Francis, Kansas. Beth was 16 in the 1960s when she moved with her family from Iowa to the island of Molokai where her father did seed research and raised seed corn. Beth and her younger sisters took hula lessons from an elderly Hawaiian lady who knew all of the old traditions. Beth learned to play the ukulele, snorkel, and joined an outrigger canoe paddling team. She graduated from high school on Molokai and came back to Iowa State University for college.

Beth and her husband, Ron, a large animal veterinarian, live on a ranch outside of St. Francis, where they raise cattle. They have two grown children and three grandchildren. Beth has given programs about Hawaiian music and dancing and we look forward to her being with us for the Silver Sages luncheon.

Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

The men's evening bible study group meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm at the Selander's home with 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.

"Let's Unwrap the Bible"

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 27th at 9:30am** in the Fireside room. We normally 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, April 27th 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 trip to the Colorado Museum and lunch out will be Thursday, **May 19th**. More information will be available soon.

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

Thank You 5th and 6th Graders!

The sanctuary looks so beautiful! The hymnals were all placed in their proper order and the cards were neatened up so nicely. The pews shine where you applied the OrangeGlo. Please know that all your efforts paid off, and it made such a noticeable difference. Thank you, too, Amy Rahne and Sandra Murphy, for coordinating this learning experience for our youth. You both provided such a valuable experience for them. "God's work...Our Hands" – thank you all for your ministry.

Great Expectations

JoHanna and Scott Buchholz are excited to announce that they are expecting a baby at the end of July! The sex of the baby will remain a surprise until delivery. Thank you all for continued prayers of love and support!

Save the Date – Dinner & Concert!

Saturday, May 14th is the next New Member fellowship dinner and this year, immediately following the dinner, St. Philip is hosting the first of its concert series. The dinner and the concert are free (a free-will offering will be taken), and all are welcome. More information will be coming soon in the SPIN, but mark your calendar now!

The Golf Outing is Coming!

The 5th annual St. Philip golf outing is coming! Save **June 25th** for having lots of fun at the Arrowhead golf course, and start recruiting your team now!

Getting Ready for the Silent Auction

Are you spring cleaning? Do you own or operate a business? Do you have a skill you can share? Can you find something to donate to the St. Philip silent auction to be held during the month of June in conjunction with the golf outing? You may bring any of these items to the church office at any time.

St. Philip Mission Endowment Fund 2016 Grant Applications Being Accepted

Grant applications are being accepted by the St. Philip Mission Endowment Fund through **April 30, 2016**. Grant requests should be for programs or activities that support the church mission programs, evangelism, community outreach, scholarships for seminarians or Christian studies, or disaster relief. The maximum grant is \$1,500. Grant application forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office, on the church website, or may be obtained from any Evangelism committee member. For additional information please contact George Rasmussen at 303.933.4656 or georgerasm@aol.com.

Church Financial Update

Financial Update as of March 2016

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	169,890	183,412	-13,522
Expenses	<u>176,814</u>	<u>187,230</u>	<u>10,416</u>
	-6,924	-3,818	-3,106

CONTRIBUTIONS

	2016	2015
YTD Actual	160,638	170,297
YTD Budgeted	<u>172,900</u>	
	(12,263)	

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

	2016	2015
YTD Actual	2,307	1,936

SPEND OUT OF RESERVES

January	734.20	Lutheran Family Services
	734.20	MOSAIC of Denver
	<u>1,000.00</u>	Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
	2,468.40	

Community Events

Celebrate Wartburg West's 30th Year with the Wartburg Choir

As part of the 30th anniversary celebration for the Wartburg West Urban Semester program, the renowned Wartburg Choir, along with members of the Denver School of the Arts choir, will present a concert at Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver on Friday, **April 22**, at 7:30pm. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.sjcathedral.org/Concerts>.

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 Concert – “Soli Deo Gloria”

The Lutheran Chorale will be singing their final concerts for the 2015-2016 season on Sunday, **May 15, 2016**. We sing to the glory of God with joyful and thoughtful music, including F. Melius Christiansen’s “*Celestial Spring II Exaltation*”, “*The Peace of God*” by John Rutter, and Morten Lauridsen’s “*Sure On This Shining Night*”.

We will be performing at 3pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church (10304 W. Belleview Avenue, Littleton), and at 7:30pm at St. Philip Lutheran Church (7531 S. Kendall Street, Littleton).

No tickets will be sold, but we appreciate your support in a free-will offering. For more information feel free to contact Linda Thompson, 303.666.6642, or email us at thelutheranchorale@comcast.net, or visit our website at thelutheranchorale.org.

Ken Caryl Concert Series

The Musicians of St Philip Lutheran Church are pleased to introduce “Ken Caryl Concerts”, an exciting new concert series featuring a wide variety of musical talents from our church family and the surrounding community. We will offer 3-4 concerts per year and all ages are welcome. The concerts will include sacred and secular music of all genres. It is our hope to entertain, educate, inspire, and extend a warm welcome to the surrounding community with these events. All concerts will be free of charge, though donations will be collected to support the series and related funds like our current campaign for a new sanctuary piano. Please save the following dates for our 2016 concerts:

Saturday, 5/14/16, 7:30 pm – Kickoff Concert. This is our first big bash and will feature various musicians from the St Philip Community. The concert will be followed by a lovely dessert reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note: A SignUp Genius link has been established for those who wish to donate dessert items for the reception. Please go to the link and choose the dessert you wish to donate: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaac2fa6ff2-kencaryl>. Questions about the desserts can be directed to Louanne Isernhagen at gisernhagen@gmail.com.

Sunday, 7/17/16, 2:30 pm – Columbine Music Teachers Association (CMTA) 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert. CMTA has been a strong presence in the musical community in our area for the past 25 years and many of the members and students from this group have strong ties to St Philip. This concert will feature performances by CMTA's best and brightest rising stars and teachers.

Saturday, 10/15/16, 7:30 pm – Oktoberfest Concert. Cellist, Josh Keltner, Soprano, Kristen Celusniak, and friends will present the works of Bach, Brahms, Beethoven, and more.

For more information on the concert series, and/or to learn how to get involved, please contact Alan Davis (adavis@stpphilip-co.org) or Kristen Celusniak (kristen.celusniak@gmail.com).

Calendar Events This Week (April 20 – April 24)

Wednesday, April 20 9:00a – Ruth Circle (FH-1) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning Event (FH, +)	Monday, April 25 6:30P – Handbell Practice (Sanc) 6:30P – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 7:00P – Church Council (FH-1) 7:00P – Troop 554 PLC mtg. (MC-4/5)
Thursday, April 21 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 1:15P – Prayer team (FS) 6:30P – Choir practice (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Tuesday, April 26 1:30P – SPLC staff meeting (MC-1) 6:30P – BS Troop 554 (entry, FH, K) 7:00P – Men's Bible study (Selander's home)
Friday, April 22 (office open 8am - noon) Men's Retreat (Easter Seals Camp) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3)	Wednesday, April 27 9:30a – Women's Bible study (FS) 9:30a – Men's Bible study (MC-1) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning Event (FH, +)
Saturday, April 23 Men's Retreat (Easter Seals Camp) 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 1:30P – Scottish Fiddle Concert (Sanc) 3:00P – Scottish Fiddle Reception (FH) 5:30P – Worship	Thursday, April 28 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 12:00N – Women's Luncheon (Le Bistro) 1:15P – Prayer team (FS) 6:30P – Choir practice (Sanc) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Sunday, April 24 Men's Retreat (Easter Seals Camp) 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Adult Classes (MC-1, MC-4/5) 9:30a – Inquirer's class (FS) 9:30a – Sunday School (FH, K, other rooms) 10:45a – Worship 1:00P – Sr. High Youth (off-site service proj.)	Friday, April 29 (office open 8am - noon) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3) 11:30a – Silver Sages Hawaiian Luncheon & Speaker (MC-4/5)
	Saturday, April 30 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship
	Sunday, May 1 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship (narthex) 9:30a – Adult Classes (MC-1, MC-4/5) 9:30a – New Member class (FS) 9:30a – Sunday School (FH, K, other rooms) 10:45a – Worship 7:00P – Sr. High Youth (YR)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Jim Cimino and his family, Tim & Chris Youngren, Carl Kuenne, Joanne Ermold, Ginger Cordova, Barb Donaho, Amy Rahne and her family, the Stevens family, and Shirley LeVin.

Family Members: Don Coleman (father of Dawn Collins), **Zachary Lovato** (brother of Sarah Bleau), **Charles Larson** (nephew of Bob & Marcia Wagner), **the family of Roland Bonjour** (cousin of Dori Hammer), **Jimmy Leiker** (uncle of Linda Thomas), **James Gregitis** (father of Susan Fagerness), **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: Don Marizza, Tom Glattfelter (Delongs), **Kristi Koontz** (Karen Otto), **Kim Elliott and his family** (Stevermers), **the Oberg family, William Beaver** (Stevermers), **Dan Casebolt and his family** (Sandi Stevermer), **the Landy family** (Amy Rahne), **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 for those who struggle with mental health issues.

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 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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