

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

A weekly electronic newsletter

April 27, 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

Upcoming Worship – Pentecost, May 15th

Pentecost is coming May 15! It's the next big church celebration after Christmas and Easter, but is frequently overlooked because it usually falls in the summer. Not this year! So let's celebrate! Wear red! Order red geraniums to decorate the sanctuary! Volunteer to read the lesson in another language! Come, join us on the 15th – there will be much to celebrate, as we welcome new members into our community of faith at the 8am service, and then recognize and honor our graduating high school seniors at the 10:45am service.

Upcoming Worship – May 22 – Making a Joyful Noise!

The second service on May 22 is going to be full of music and children! Plan on arriving early because the Sunday school children will begin the service by singing a selection of songs beginning at **10:40am**. We will be recognizing and honoring all teachers at the beginning of worship, and then during the Children's Conversation, we will be serenaded with more music from the Sunday school children. We will be welcoming Emmersyn Stolin, great-granddaughter of Hal and Jan Erickson in the waters of holy baptism, and the service will conclude with the congregation and children singing "Allelu, Allelu" as our postlude.

Upcoming Worship – Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 29th

Effective on Sunday, May 29th, we will begin our summer worship schedule. The second service on Sunday will move to an earlier time slot of 9:30am. The other two worship services will remain at their regular times. Sunday school and adult education classes will be on break until September. Coffee fellowship in the narthex will continue from 9am to 9:30am. Please continue to join us for worship this summer!

Upcoming Worship – Memorial Day Tribute, Saturday, May 28-Sunday, May 29

Please come early to worship on Sunday, May 29th as we pay tribute to those paid the ultimate price in service to our country. We will be featuring a slideshow with music as the prelude at all three worship services.

Altar Flowers

The 2016 flower chart is up, and there are dates available in May. Please come by the church office or call 303.979.4491 to reserve your special date. Arrangements are \$25, and must be pre-paid.

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 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Worship Servants for April 30 – May 1, 2016

Saturday worship, April 30, 2016

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

Worship Servants for Sunday, May 1, 2016		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer	Bill Shepard
Lector	George Rasmussen	Renate Muthart
Acolytes	OPEN	Andy Carlson, Anna Carlson
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse, Lynn Nourse	Amy Rahne, OPEN
Ushers	John Selden, John Wall, Mike Graff, Tim Young	Al Herzl, Jim Cimino, Chuck Rogge
Prayer Partner	Jill Luer	Kirstine Rand
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse, Margaret Rusch	OPEN
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	The Wall family
Ambassadors	Char Nauman and Lorren Ballard	

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

Bi-Lingual Readers Needed for Pentecost

Do you read a language other than English? We are looking for volunteers to read the lesson on Pentecost (May 15) at either service. German and Latin are covered but anything else is welcome. Please contact Jan Philpy at gphilpy@gmail.com or 317.709.5045 if you can help.

Altar Guild Review Session – May 1st

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for the next few months! We will be holding our review session this Sunday, **May 1st** in the sanctuary, between the first and second services. Whether you've been helping out for years or you're brand new, please feel free to join us. If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering, but isn't sure, please invite them to come see what it's all about!

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.

Family Promise Rotation – May 22-29

Our next Family Promise rotation is coming up soon (May 22– 29). There are a number of ways you can help our team serve the needs for several homeless families during their week stay at St. Philip. You can sign up at our 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. For more information, contact Bob Delong at 303.808.6423 or email at delongfamilybob@gmail.com.

May is Diaper Drive Month!

May is Diaper Drive month here at St. Philip! We are collecting for Love INC again this year for their two programs for underprivileged families: Dipes 'n Wipes and Haven's Hope. The greatest need is for larger diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 and baby wipes. Let's help them out! Bring your donations to the Welcome Center kiosk in the narthex. For more information, contact Becky Near at beckynear@q.com.

Love INC and Partner Churches Help Fire Victims

Please continue to pray for the victims of the fire at Southview Place Apartments. The 131 displaced people are seniors and many medically fragile, and now find themselves homeless. Love INC was instrumental in placing 6 of the most critical in a cost-free room, compliments of Clare Bridge Assisted Living in Highlands Ranch. Mission Hills' Littleton Life Center opened its space to the Red Cross for additional sheltering and the transition to the Disaster Recovery Resource Center.

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.

5th & 6th Graders Bowling – May 15th

St. Philip 5th & 6th Graders are invited to bowl together on Sunday, May 15. An evite was sent out to families with the details. If you did not receive the evite, please contact JoHanna at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org.

Sunday School Update

SPARK Sunday school continues with the parable of the sower this **Sunday, May 1!** Pre-K through 4th grade students are invited to explore the parable through the Art and Science workshops on **May 1 and 8**. Weather permitting, the Science workshop will include time planting in the garden, so please dress appropriately. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for the opening! The 5th and 6th graders continue with their own study of Jesus' parables!

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:

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

Autumn Adult Mission Trip

Join us on our adult mission trip! The Thrivent/Habitat Builds will spend the week of October 9th – 15th in Taos, New Mexico building a home for a deserving family. The cost is approximately \$400 per person (transportation to Taos is extra). Some meals will be provided; most dinners will be paid for by each participant. No experience in homebuilding needed! Questions? Email Barb Delong at delongfamilybarb@gmail.com. An informational meeting will take place on Sunday, May 22nd at noon in the FH-1 classroom. Contact Barb to secure your spot!

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.

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.

Ties to the Community Meeting – May 7th

The Ties to the Community ministry (blanket making and quilting group) will meet Saturday, May 7th from 9-11:30am in the fellowship hall to finish our blankets for the high school seniors and to quilt some more! We invite all nimble fingers and willing hearts to join us for coffee, conversation, and of course, tying and sewing! Remember, good friends are like quilts, they never lose their warmth. See you there! For more information, please contact LeRae Schnickel at 303.579.6853 or email at tschnick1@msn.com.

Men's Softball League

Men, it's time to play ball! Softball, that is! The men's Sunday evening league will play Schaffer Athletic Complex; games will start the week of May 22. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center kiosk or you can email Charlie Petersen to secure your place on the team. Cost per person will be approximately \$45, depending on how many sign up. You must be 18 years to play. Charlie Petersen is the coordinator/contact person for the league; you can reach him at petersens@q.com or call him at 303.912.6671. Batter up!

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.

"Let's Unwrap the Bible"

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 10th 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, May 10th 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.

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

Did You Know?

The golf outing and silent auction proceeds this year will be used to replace the dim, energy consuming lights in our parking lot with brighter, more efficient lights. Here's how you can help!

- Start recruiting your team for the golf outing! The golf outing is June 25th at Arrowhead Golf Course. If you don't have a team, sign up anyway! We'll match you up. It's always a great day!
- Donate a bottle of wine (or several!) to the wine wall – red or white, valued at \$15-\$45. This will be part of the silent auction activities in June.

Thank You from Tom Schnickel

I wish to thank everyone at St. Philip for their prayers and cards. I am on the mend, so again, thank you all. *Tom*

Thank You 5th and 6th Graders!

The sanctuary looks so beautiful! The hymnals were all placed in their proper order and the cards were neaten up so nicely. The pews shine where you applied the Orange Glo. 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.

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!

FINAL DAYS for St. Philip Mission Endowment Fund 2016 Grant Applications

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.

Birthdays

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Ben Husted
Nathaniel Pixley
Aaron Graff
Regina Ramey

5/2

Colby Berner

5/5

Lance O'Hanahan
Julie Wall
Sara Wall

5/6

Dianne Mydlach

5/7

Robert Miller
Jeri Rhodes
Becky Miller
Kyle Rogge

5/8

Lorren Ballard
Emilie Foy
Kathy Stortz
Georgia Finnerty
Jessica Loomis
Jeremy Fritsch

5/9

Joseph Shepard
Meagan Murphy

5/10

Christina Norris
Steve McAdams

5/11

Megan Foley

5/12

Sherry Anderson
Sydney Larson
Andrew Newton

5/14

Linda Blandin
Lloyd Fulenwider

5/15

Sarah Krohn

5/16

Cindy Herzl
Christine Hancock
Brett Borstad
Mike Reyes

5/17

Karen Simons

5/18

Barb O'Connor

5/19

Marlene Hackstaff
Leif Nelson
Zachery Simons
Peggy Wasem

5/20

Sue Counterman
Chris White

5/22

Don Urben

5/24

Nathan Doerr
Ron Ramey

5/26

Barb Delong
Logan Petersen

5/27

Larry Edwards
Aaron Silco

5/28

Bill Shepard
Patty Spriggs
Ashley Maes

5/30

Alyssa Bostrom

5/31

Ed Fritsch
Cory Dunbar
Bree Amsberry

Anniversaries

5/1

Katie & Matthew Whitaker

5/12

Mark & Briana Pixley

5/15

John & Penny Selden

5/17

Andy & Lora Stevens

5/18

Mark Morse & Tina Keating

5/19

Gary & Jan Philpy
Marc & Meg Roswech

5/21

Ed & Gisela Fritsch
Steve & Amy Fritsch
Bill & Susan Shepard

5/23

Peter & Beth Mielke

5/24

David & Linda Blandin
Matt & Sandi Luoma

5/26

Tom & LeRae Schnickel
Paul & Teresa Cline
Greg & Jill Luer

5/29

Nathan & Naomi Doerr

5/31

Art & Elvira Barber
Bob & Marcia Wagner
Harry & JoAnn Breitbach
George & Jeanne Rasmussen
Paul & Cindy Sunde

Community Events

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. Bellevue 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 27 – May 8)

Wednesday, April 27 9:30a – Women’s Bible study (FS) 9:30a – Men’s Bible study (MC-1) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning Event (FH, +)	Monday, May 2 6:30P – Handbell Practice (Sanc) 6:30P – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 7:00P – Troop 554 committee mtg. (FH-1)
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)	Tuesday, May 3 1:30P – SPLC staff meeting (MC-1) 6:30P – BS Troop 554 (entry, FH, K) 6:30P – Endowment team (MC-1) 7:00P – Men’s Bible study (Selander’s home)
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)	Wednesday, May 4 6:00P – Confirmation Fellowship Event (FH, +)
Saturday, April 30 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship	Thursday, May 5 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 1:15P – Prayer team (FS) 6:30P – Choir practice (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
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)	Friday, May 6 (office open 8am - noon) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3)
	Saturday, May 7 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30P – Worship
	Sunday, May 8 (Mother’s Day) 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

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Members of St. Philip: Ray Peterson, the Rob Murphy family, Jim Cimino and his family, Tim & Chris Youngren, Carl Kuenne, Joanne Ermold, and Shirley LeVin.

Family Members: Edward Belford (son of Marilyn Belford), **James Gregitis** (father of Susan Fagerness), **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), **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: Joyce East (Sue Riecks), **Phil Moeller** (Ahlbrechts), **the family of Donna Johnson** (DeBoers), **Tracy** (Rogge family), **Gem** (Rebecca Anderson), **Don Marizza**, **Tom Glattfelter** (Delongs), **Kristi Koontz** (Karen Otto), **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 thanksgiving that Dorothy Koenig (mother of Jan Philpy) **has returned home.**

Prayers of support and encouragement for all students.

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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