

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

## *A weekly electronic newsletter*

**May 4, 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 15<sup>th</sup>), 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 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 15<sup>th</sup> – 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 - Class of 2016 High School Celebration Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 service when we will be celebrating the graduation of St. Philip high school students: Katy Anderson, Katrina Breidenbach, Madison Garcia, Ryan Marstiller, Connor McNamara, Katherine Parker, Davis Rhodes, Raymond Wall, Devlin Walton, Jordan Zimmerman, and Lauren Lamb. Look for information about each student in the narthex during May. (If you have a high school graduate in your family and you do not see his/her name here, please email [thebreidenbachs1@comcast.net](mailto:thebreidenbachs1@comcast.net) .)

### **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 29<sup>th</sup>**

Effective on Sunday, **May 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Please contact the church office (303.979.4491) or contact Paula Willhouse.

**Scripture Readings for May 7-8, 2016**

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34**

*The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When

they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

<sup>12</sup>See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

<sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup>It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

## **GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be

one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

## **Worship Servants for May 7-8, 2016**

### **Saturday worship, May 7, 2016**

- Pianist – Michael Clough
- Cantor – Beth Clough
- Usher – Paul Stortz
- Altar Guild – Rita Kuenne
- A/V – Jerry Jantz

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, May 8, 2016</b>		
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sandi Stevermer	Renate Muthart
<b>Lector</b>	OPEN	Jonathan Anderson
<b>Acolytes</b>	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Karen Otto, Diane Bracken	OPEN
<b>Ushers</b>	John Selden, John Wall, Mike Graff, Tim Young	Al Herzl, Jim Cimino, Chuck Rogge
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>Altar Guild</b>	JoAnn Breitbach, Betty Welch	Carole Kessler, OPEN
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Joe Klingman	The Wall family
<b>Greeters</b>	Vicki Slusser	Ed & Gisela Fritsch
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Stacey Wacholz	
<b>Coffee Cart/KeyKeeper</b>	<b>Coffee Cart:</b> Carolyn Rapp	<b>KeyKeeper:</b> Chris White

## 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 first lesson on Pentecost (May 15) at either service. German, Latin, Spanish and French are covered, but anything else is welcome. (Anyone speak Russian? Swedish? Gaelic?) Please contact Jan Philpy at [gphilpy@gmail.com](mailto:gphilpy@gmail.com) or 317.709.5045 if you can help.

## Community Care & Compassion Ministry

### **Jeffco Connects Meeting**

JEFFCO CONNECTS (community organizing meeting) will meet Wednesday night, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm at Abiding Hope Church (Coal Mine & Simms). The topic is suicide and isolation within Jefferson County. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn what we as a community can do to help each other.

### **The Blood Mobile is Coming!**

The Children's Hospital Blood Mobile will visit St. Philip on **Friday, June 3** from 8:30am to 12:15pm. Just mark this important date on your calendar and plan on joining us in helping the young patients who are being treated for a variety of short and long term illnesses.

The link to sign up online is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4aabab2da46-stphilip>. Questions pertaining to donor eligibility may be directed to Jennifer Barksdale, the Children's Hospital Mobile Resource Coordinator, at 720.777.5365 or email Susan and Bill Shepard at [swshep5@msn.com](mailto:swshep5@msn.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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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**

**SAVE THE DATE! - Family Fun Lunch, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Save the Date! Sunday, **June 5**, 10:45am-Noon is the first church family Fun Lunch of the summer! Gather up your friends and family, pack a picnic lunch, and come for fun! We'll have games for all ages, time for lunch, and a closing prayer and blessing.

**Fundraiser for Rainbow Trail Campers – Youth Car Wash, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

The children and youth going to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp will be washing cars on Sunday, **May 15<sup>th</sup>**! 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** for pick-up. Thank you for your support of the children and youth going to camp this summer!

### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Bowling – May 15<sup>th</sup>**

St. Philip 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org).

### **Sunday School Update**

SPARK Sunday school continues with the parable of the sower this **Sunday, May 8!** Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to explore the parable through the Art and Science workshops on **May 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org).

### **Register for Vacation Bible School!**

Vacation Bible School registration is now open! VBS is **July 11-15, 9-noon**, and is for incoming Pre-K (4 years) through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. 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. To register, please visit <http://www.stphilip-co.org/childrens-ministries/vacation-bible-school>. Cost for the week is \$35 per child, or only \$30 if registered by July 1! Contact JoHanna Buchholz in the church office or by email at [jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org](mailto:jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org) with questions.

### **Register for Fine Arts Academy (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Registration for the St. Philip Fine Arts Academy is now open! This is a brand new opportunity for incoming 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to connect faith, creativity, and community, as well as use their gifts and interests to glorify God! The academy is **July 11-15, 12:30-3:30pm**, with the option of being a Jr. Guide for VBS in the morning. Each afternoon, participants will have music, Bible study, and an art elective of their choice. To register, please visit <http://www.stphilip-co.org/fine-arts-academy>. Cost for the academy is \$35 per participant, or only \$30 if registered by July 1! Talk with JoHanna Buchholz or contact Jan Philpy 317-709-5045 or [gjphilpy@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>: Youth Group from 7-8:30pm at the church.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>: No Youth Group** (Mother's Day).

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

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Fellowship Event - Mini Golf at Adventure Golf in Westminster.

May 29<sup>th</sup>: Service Project – TBD.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad ([bdoty@stphilip-co.org](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:delongfamilybarb@gmail.com). An informational meeting will take place on Sunday, **May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.equalexchange.coop). There you will find the Equal Exchange/Fair Trade mission statement and a complete listing of their products.

## **Family Life Ministry**

### **Ties to the Community Meeting – May 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Ties to the Community ministry (blanket making and quilting group) will meet Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:petersens@q.com) or call him at 303.912.6671. Batter up!

### **Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study Update**

The men's evening bible study group will start studying Paul's Letter to the Romans on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, continue for 3 weeks and then break until fall. Please contact Paul Selander at 303.794.9739 or email him at [p73101@msn.com](mailto:p73101@msn.com) for more information.

### **Men's Bible Study "End of Study BBQ"**

The annual men's Bible study "End of Study BBQ" will begin at 6 o'clock in the evening on **June 7, 2016** at the Delong residence (#8 Hunter Run Lane, Littleton, 80123.) Everyone is invited to celebrate our year of study. If you were an active member, just thought about it or even looked at a Bible sometime, you are invited to celebrate with us.

Our leader, Rudy Swenson, is planning to attend. If you have not met Rudy and would like to, now is your chance! This will be a "Pot Luck" event. Meat will be provided so please bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with:

- **A thru I**, please bring a Salad
- **J thru P**, please bring a Hot Dish
- **Q thru Z**, please bring a Dessert.

So that we may plan accordingly, please let Paul Selander know via e-mail ([p73101@msn.com](mailto:p73101@msn.com)) that you are coming.

### **"Let's Unwrap the Bible"**

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the Fireside room. We normally meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** at St. Philip in MC-1. We'll meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:krossi4635@gmail.com) or 720.283.3102.

## **Church News**

### **Congrats to 2016 High School Graduates!**

St. Philip Church congratulations all of the 2016 high school graduates: Katy Anderson, Katrina Breidenbach, Madison Garcia, Ryan Marstiller, Connor McNamara, Katherine Parker, Davis Rhodes, Raymond Wall, Devlin Walton, Jordan Zimmerman, and Lauren Lamb. Look for information about each student in the narthex during May. If you have a high school graduate in your family and you do not see his/her name here, please email [thebreidenbachs1@comcast.net](mailto:thebreidenbachs1@comcast.net) .

### **Congrats to 2016 College Graduates!**

St. Philip Church congratulations all of the 2016 college graduates: Amada Amsberry, Abby Shepard Eno, Riley Barta, Emma Goddery, Ilsa Hale, Sarah Henning, Becky Luoma, Katie Marstiller, Caroline Mielke, Sarah Miller, and Vanessa Rand. Look for information about each student in the narthex throughout the month of May. If you have a St. Philip college graduate in your family and you do not see his/her name, please email [adhenning@gmail.com](mailto:adhenning@gmail.com) .

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Schnicke!**

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

### **Sign Up NOW for Dinner & Concert on May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** 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. The menu for the new member dinner features Italian food from Olive Garden; unlimited salad and breadsticks, and a variety of Italian entrees (with items for vegetarians and those who need gluten-free). The signup sheet for the New Member dinner is at the Welcome Center kiosk; please indicate how many will be in your group. If you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to bring a fruit dish or a dessert, please contact Melissa Keller at 720.891.8761 or email her at [melissasuekeller@yahoo.com](mailto:melissasuekeller@yahoo.com).

## **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](mailto:thelutheranchorale@comcast.net), or visit our website at [thelutheranchorale.org](http://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](mailto:gisernhagen@gmail.com).

**Sunday, 7/17/16, 2:30 pm – Columbine Music Teachers Association (CMTA) 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adavis@stpphilip-co.org)) or Kristen Celusniak ([kristen.celusniak@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.celusniak@gmail.com)).

## Calendar Events This Week (May 4 – May 15)

<b>Wednesday, May 4</b> 6:00P – Confirmation Fellowship Event (FH, +)	<b>Monday, May 9</b> 6:30P – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS)
<b>Thursday, May 5</b> 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 1:15P – Prayer team (FS) 6:30P – Choir practice (CR) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	<b>Tuesday, May 10</b> 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 1:30P – SPLC staff meeting (MC-1) 6:30P – Book Club (YR) 6:30P – Boy Scout Troop 554 (entry, FH, K) 7:00P – Men’s Bible study (Selander’s home)
<b>Friday, May 6</b> (office open 8am - noon) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3)	<b>Wednesday, May 11</b> 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (MC-1) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (FS) 6:00P – Confirmation Learning Event (FH, +)
<b>Saturday, May 7</b> 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) <b>5:30P – Worship</b>	<b>Thursday, May 12</b> 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP @ Bowles Xing) 1:15P – Prayer team (FS) 6:30P – Choir practice (Sanc) 7:00P – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
<b>Sunday, May 8</b> (Mother’s Day) <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 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)	<b>Friday, May 13</b> (office open 8am - noon) 9:30a – Drop the Rock book study (MC-3)
	<b>Saturday, May 14</b> 9:00a – Council Retreat (MC4/5) 9:00a – ACA (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:00a – Eagle Scout ceremony (Sanc, FH, K) <b>5:30P – Worship</b> 6:30P – New Member dinner (FH) 7:00P – KC Concert Series (Sanc, FH, K)
	<b>Sunday, May 15 PENTECOST</b> 8:00a – Youth Car Wash Fundraiser (North lot) <b>8:00a – Worship-New Members Received</b> 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) <b>10:45a – Worship-HS Sr. Recognition</b> 10:45a – Youth Car Wash Fundraiser (North lot) 2:30P – 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grader activity (off-site) 7:00P – Sr. High Youth Group 7:30P – Lutheran Chorale concert (Sanc)

## **In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

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

**Family Members: Steven Hnatko** (cousin of Marc Roswech), **Janet Bailey** (niece of Karen Otto), **the family of Heidi Borstad** (sister-in-law of Brett Borstad), **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: Doris Herrman** (Dori Hammer), **the Cloeter family** (Alyssa Bostrom), **Kristi Koontz** (Karen Otto), **Joyce East** (Sue Riecks), **Phil Moeller** (Ahlbrechts), **the family of Donna Johnson** (DeBoers), **Tracy** (Rogge family), **Gem** (Rebecca Anderson), **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 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](mailto:sriecks@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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