

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 6, 2019

Church News

Strategic Planning Meeting

The Strategic Planning process we began last year is in the next phase. Our task force has come up with a new mission statement and a plan, and they would like your feedback! On **Saturday, February 9 from 2-4pm** we will have a meeting in the Fellowship Hall to discuss our ideas. Come be a part of the process as we shape St. Philip's future together.



Annual Report

The 2018 Annual Report can be found in the narthex. Please pick up a copy in preparation for our congregation meeting on February 24 at 9:30am in the sanctuary. The annual report can also be found on our website at stphilip-co.org in the About column.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed **Friday, February 8**. Thank you for your understanding.

Altar Flowers

The 2019 flower calendar has moved! Check over by the coffee cart and select your dates. The cost is \$25. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the second service on Sunday. Please return the vase to the church when finished.

Valentine's Gathering for Windermere Fire Survivors

The low income senior citizens who were evicted from their homes due to fire and smoke on November 17 are beginning to find new places to live, although many are still without housing. This close community has been separated from their dear friends and support networks for two months and have undergone extreme loss and trauma. The people of St. Philip have been asked to sponsor a gathering event for them. The community will have a chance to reconnect with each other and receive a new roster with their Windermere neighbors/friends new contact information that will allow them to keep in touch. There will also be gift cards and information for an ongoing support group.

Here's how you can help!

Friday, February 15 Littleton United Methodist Church 1 - 3 pm
For 60 -80 people

Donations needed: Desserts, gluten-free desserts, appetizers, centerpieces (probably 12 tables), Valentine's cards, coffee and tea

Help to set up from 12:00-1pm, serving coffee, tea and desserts from 1-3pm, and clean up from 3-3:30pm.

We are happy to pick up any donations at church **Friday, February 15 by 12:00pm**. Please consider a donation or helping with this fun, meaningful celebration of love and friendship!

Let us know what you can do. Please contact Carolyn Smith at smith.jas@att.net, or Becky Feuerstein at becky91955@gmail.com.

CCQ (Caring, Creative Quilters)

Meeting Saturday, February 16 from 9:00am - 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

We will be repeating the last session offering two choices for learning: 1) various string quilt techniques will be shown and taught and 2) a pillow case expert will walk us through a fast and professional way to make pillow cases to match our homemade quilts!

We will have a variety of other activities going on, including quilt tying, working on unfinished projects, and planning for the new year. We hope all who love to sew will join us for warm fellowship!

Honoring Banquet for Gail Thomas

Come help us wish Gail well, and send her off with good wishes and thanks as she begins the next chapter of her life! Gail has lovingly served in our Early Learning Center's ministry for 29+ years, touching the lives of many children and their families! We will be holding a banquet in her honor in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 10** immediately following the second worship service. We invite you all to come help celebrate Gail's amazing work! She would love to see and hug some of her past students and families ... some of whom are all grown up now!

If you would like to help in the planning, set up, clean up of this event, we would love to have you! Please contact Samantha Kime via cell or email: 720.277.1329 or daveandsam714@yahoo.com.

Crop Walk Date Change

The 2019 Foothills Colorado Crop Hunger Walk will take place on **Sunday, May 5** at Clement Park in Littleton (the same location as last year). The Walk will be held on May 5, *not* on April 28 as previously stated, because of ongoing construction at the Park. The Walk starts at 1:30 pm. Registration and activities begin at 1:00 pm. You can register to walk online and donate to the Walk online at www.crophungerwalk.org/littletonco. We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 Walk!

Church Needs/Fundraising

Ken Caryl Concerts Sign Up

Please consider helping in any way you can to welcome guests to St. Philip for our next concert on **Sunday, March 3**. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ADAE2DA57-anafternoon>. Contact Kristen Celusniak with any questions at kristen.celusniak@gmail.com or 303.517.4895.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—February Donations

This month we are asking for jelly, cereal, canned fruit, and pasta (no whole wheat). Please place these items in the bins by the office. **Please note that we have enough egg cartons to last until April.** Thank you!

Take Them A Meal

If you know of a member who may appreciate having meals brought to them, please call Karen Rossi at 720.935.3021 (cell).

Thank You

Dear St. Philip Friends:

Thank you so much for all your prayers! I am cancer free! Praise the Lord! And thank you for the great Christmas love gift! I have felt very special because of the love your prayers passed along. It is a joy to be a part of your congregation.

In Christ's Love,
Coreen

St. Philip Early Learning Center

Job Opening

St. Philip Early Learning Center is searching for a new Director. The ideal candidate must possess strong interpersonal and leadership skills, have a background in Early Childhood Education, and relate well to children. Qualified applicants should send a letter of intent, a resume, and a statement of educational philosophy to: St. Philip Early Learning Center Search Committee at aseep@stphilip-co.org.

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School this **Sunday, February 10**. We will use creative drama to explore the story of the woman at the well. We begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall with music and story. Children from age 0 to grade 6 are welcome!

Teachers Needed

Help us make Sunday School a wonderful experience for our children. We are in need of teachers, mainly for Spark, our kindergarten through 4th grade class. We provide curriculum and materials, you supply the guidance as you share the love of God with our young ones. Sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-2019>.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School 2019 (PreK-4th grade)
Arts Academy 2019 (5th-12th grade)

July 8-12 (mornings)
July 8-11 (afternoons)

Events

Augustana Arts

Stratus Chamber Orchestra, along with guest conductor Debashish Chaudhuri from the Czech Republic and magician Trenton Gunsolley, present *Through the Lens of Music: Focus on Mind* on **Friday, February 15** at 1st Plymouth Congregational Church (3501 S. Colorado Blvd.), and **Saturday, February 16** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave.). Come and experience the connection between music and the way we think. This program is sure to blow your mind and is an exciting concert opportunity for the entire family! Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. Use code RMS25 for 25% off all tickets. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org for more info.

Ken Caryl Concerts Presents An Afternoon in Paris

Ken Caryl Concerts of St Philip Lutheran Church is gearing up for its first concert of the season, *An Afternoon in Paris*. The concert will be presented in the sanctuary of St. Philip on **Sunday, March 3 at 2pm** and will feature Steinway artist Katie Mahan performing Claude Debussy's *Suite Bergamasque* and her own arrangement of George Gershwin's *An American in Paris*.

The March 3 concert is free of charge and open to all ages, with refreshments following the performance. Donations will be accepted to support the concert series as well as the Katie Mahan Foundation *Music for a Bright Tomorrow*, whose objective is to promote classical music and to inspire giving through music.

Theater & Theology

Our play for **March 5** is *The Whistleblower*, a world premier about the lies we tell to protect ourselves and their impact on those around us. This play will be in the Space Theater. Sign up in the narthex by **February 10**, and put your check for \$35 in the collection plate or take it to the church office. Please put the name of the play in the memo line. Questions? Contact Nancy Oelz at 720.231.5189 or nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale will be presenting two special concerts in March to celebrate the passion of our Lord. We will be presenting *St John's Passion* by Bob Chilcot on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm**. This concert will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village, CO .

We will again perform *St John's Passion* on **Sunday, March 31 at 3:00 pm**. This concert will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO.

The Chorale presented this piece in 2015, which was the second time it was presented in the United States. It is a very moving piece using modern hymns to present the passion.

A freewill donation will be collected to help with costs of the concert. We will also be collecting non-perishable canned goods to donate to Metro Caring food bank.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at thelutheranchorale@comcast.net, or visit our website at www.thelutheranchorale.org. You can also call David Peterson at 303.210.9428.

Stewardship 101

Stewardship of Loving Relationships

Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." – Mark 12:31b

Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." -- Matthew 5:43b

Red hearts, roses and chocolates are everywhere, so it must be February – the month of love! There's certainly nothing wrong with celebrating romance between you and a special someone, or love among family members, or best friends who are always there for one another.

But our inner-circle folks represent only a sliver of the people Jesus calls us to love. And let's face it: they're the easy ones to love. Jesus calls us to a higher plane of love; to love everyone. This means not just the people about whom we are ambivalent, but our actual enemies and those who persecute us.

Such love is a tall order, especially today, when hatred and demonization is rampant. Our political, media and social cultures encourage us to demean everybody with whom we disagree or who is different from us. Though it may be impossible to reach Jesus' ideal, as stewards and disciples of Jesus, we can do better.

- Turn from hate. It may be too much to love our enemies, but we can start by turning from hatred. When negative feelings arise, refuse to marinate in them. Pray for guidance and strength.
- Remember that loving your enemy doesn't mean approving of who they are, what they do, or letting them escape responsibility for their actions. It also does not mean you cannot protect yourself or others from harm.
- Imagine them as a broken, imperfect child of God (just like you!), who needs God's love and mercy.
- Pray for them. Ask God to lead them, guide them, fill their lives with healing. Ask God to give them the kind of loving heart that you are hoping to develop in yourself.

If you do these things consistently, with God's help you will have transformed your heart, your life and our world.

Preparing for Worship - February 9 & 10
First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Worship Servants

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Ericka McDaniel

Sacrament Servant – LeRae Schnickel

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Save The Date-2019

1st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies

February 9	Strategic Planning Meeting 2-4pm
February 24	Congregation Meeting 9:30am
March 3	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>An Afternoon in Paris</i> 2:30pm
March 6	Ash Wednesday Worship Services 12pm & 7pm
March 10	Honoring Banquet for Gail Thomas 12pm
March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10	Bread & Broth 6pm Midweek Lenten Worship 7pm
April 14	Palm/Passion Sunday
April 21	Easter Sunday Worship Services 6:30, 8, 9:30, & 11am
May 26	Summer Worship Schedule Begins Services at 8am & 9:30am
June 26	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>An All-American Evening</i> 7pm
July 8-12	Vacation Bible School 9am-12pm
July 8-11	Arts Academy afternoons
September 28	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Latin Serenade</i> 7:30pm
December 8	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Christmas Around the World</i> 2:30pm

Worship Servants for Sunday, February 10, 2019

	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Krause	Jan Philpy
Lector	JoAnn Breitbach	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Jaimen Whittenburg, Kameron Barthels	Logan Petersen, McKenna Rogge
Communion Deacons	Sandi Stevermer, Susan Shepard	Lisa Edington, Victoria Edington
Ushers	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach	Nick Schell, Nancy Schell, Rob Simons
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, JoAnn Breitbach	Betty Welch, Lisa Edington
Ambassadors	Dick Rusch	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	John Wall	Denton West
Coffee Cart	Karen Otto & Mary Hatlestad	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (2/9): Dick Rock	Week beg. 2/10: Sue Riecks

Calendar of Events This Week (February 6 - 17, 2019)

<p>Wednesday, February 6 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 12 9:00a – Girl Scout Training (MC-3) 1:30p – Worship Planning (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team (FS) 6:30p – Book Club (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Tuesday Bible Study (Selander house)</p>
<p>Thursday, February 7 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 13 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)</p>
<p>Friday, February 8 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Thursday, February 14 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, February 9 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 11:30a – Memorial Service for Flo Jackson (Sanc., FH, Kitchen) 2:00p – Strategic Planning Meeting (FH) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, February 15 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>
<p>Sunday, February 10 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – New Member Class (FS) 9:30a – Education Hour (FH; MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:45a – Worship 12:30p – Piano Recital (Sanc., FH)</p>	<p>Saturday, February 16 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH, Kitchen) 9:00a – Girl Scout Troop (MC-1, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, February 11 5:00p – A.S.K. (FH, Kitchen, Narthex, YR, MC-1, MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Sunday, February 17 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – New Member Class (FS) 9:30a – Education Hour (FH; MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:45a – Worship</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Jeanne Rasmussen, Karen Otto, Linda Heesch, Bob Rhodes, Wauneta Rogge, John Phillips, Rebecca Anderson, and Ray Peterson

Family Members:

Cruz DeBoer (Mary & Steve DeBoer's cousin)	Ian Anderson (Sherry Anderson's son)
Family of Howardine (Linda Heesch's mother)	Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Family of Ken Bailey (Karen Otto's brother)	Phil Ott (Rita Kuenne's cousin)
Linda (LeRae Schnickel's sister)	Caroline Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)
Bill Orf (Howard Hanson's son-in-law)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
David Saffrey (Howard Hanson's brother-in-law)	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Ava (Winters)	Stu & Anne Wheeler
Family & friends of Brittany Campbell (Graff)	Flo Grepling
Bill Andstedt (Ebner)	Shawna Tretheway (Truman)
Family of Marlyce Kocher (Stevermer)	Jason & Jessie (Krause)
Betty Smith (Stevermer)	Nona Hedstrom & Keith (Hammer)
	Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)

Prayers of love, support, and protection for Pastor Brad, Roseanna, Lucas, and Madison Doty as they journey on sabbatical. May the Lord bring them back to us safely.

Prayers for our prayer partner congregations, Abiding Hope and Christ Lutheran.

Prayers of love and support for JoHanna Buchholz as she continues her seminary studies. Prayers of support and encouragement for Garang Manyok Giet as he continues his seminary studies at African International University.

Prayers of support and love for our companion synods and friends in Madagascar, and our Madagascar missionary Kirsten Laderach. Prayers of support for Aaron and Anna Silco and their mission work in Thailand.

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 Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.