

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 10, 2018

Church News

Altar Flowers

The 2018 sign-up sheet is available and is fairly empty! If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact the church office. The cost is \$25 and needs to be pre-paid. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the second service on Sunday. Please return the vase to church when finished.

Romans Bible Study

All are welcome to join a 12-week Bible study on Romans beginning tomorrow at 1pm at the church. Each class should last 1 to 1.5 hours total. Martin Luther thought that Romans was the most important book of the Bible. This is a casual study and discussion that hopefully deepens our faith. No homework! Juli Jacobson will facilitate. Please join us.

Ties to the Community

On **Saturday, January 20** from 9am-noon, come and learn a "Quilt as You Go" technique! We will be using fabric scraps to create a small blanket that is quilted and ready to bind once the strips are sewn on. It's easy and fast once you learn the steps.

Supply list to bring: 20 - 25 fabric strips (cut in various widths and cut the length of the fabric, 42-44 inches), quilting ruler, walking foot if you have one, basic sewing supplies. Provided: batting and quilt back options.

Please bring supplies to the meeting. There will be other sewing projects out as well; everyone is welcome!

Questions: becky91955@gmail.com

Chili & Bunco

Wednesday, January 31, 11:30am to 2:00pm

The Silver Sages are hosting a Chili & Bunco event. If you are 55 and older, married, single or have a significant other, please join us for this fun event. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.

Pancake Breakfast

In honor of National Scout Day, Troop 554 will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall **Sunday, January 21** from 9-10:30am. Come have a hardy breakfast and support our chartered troop!

Women's Luncheon

The Women's Luncheon meets the 4th Thursday of each month at The Bistro, located at 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. in the Aspen Grove Shopping Center. We meet at 12pm, and no reservation is needed. Contact: Char Nauman -- 303.884.9798.

Thank You

My dear friends in Christ,

How I feel a debt of gratitude for your heartfelt prayers given boldly during the most frightening diagnosis anyone can receive. If one does not believe in the power of prayer, I can certainly attest to our Lord's merciful response to His children's pleas for wholeness. I have gone through 32 long weeks of yo-yo chemo and medication existence and have about another 20 weeks of treatment ahead of me; so my 2017 diary has one main event. However, I believe we have turned the corner with positive results in several areas of concern, but have experienced certain side effects that may be unique to my condition, but may or may not be experience by others with a similar diagnosis. Some time ago I vowed that I would not let this event be the center of my life, but with great medical advice, belief in Christ, His spiritual guidance, and with prayers from friends that I have not met, I thank you for easing my new life adventure. As I continue my journey, I want you to know that I appreciate your concern for me, but we must remember that Christ does amazing things and is our light. Thank you and may the peace of Christ be with you.

~ Rosalyn Barron (John Schutt's sister)

Church Needs

Book Sale

As you are beginning to de-clutter at the beginning of this new year, please consider donating books to the upcoming Book Sale to support the High School Youth on their trip to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. You can leave books at the church at the donation center outside the church office over the next few months. We will be hosting the book sale itself this spring. If you have questions or need books picked up, please contact Susan Shepard at ss.shepard5@gmail.com or Ana Tolentino at atolenti@aol.com.

Holy Hammers

Holy Hammers has received three new volunteer work dates at Sheridan Square, 3716 S. Knox Ct. The following dates are all on Saturday as follows: **January 13, February 10, and March 3**. Ten volunteers are requested on each date and you can sign up online at <http://holyyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>.

Holy Hammers has committed to build one home each year in Sheridan Square from 2017-2019, and we will begin work on our second home in May of this year.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – January Donations

For January we are asking for 23 oz. jars of spaghetti sauce, canned spaghetti, canned meat, toilet paper, bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Please place these items in the bins by the office. Thank you!

Church Families in Need – 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).

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

ALL are invited for a family-style Sunday School on prayer this **Sunday, January 14**. Learn about different kinds of prayer, covenant to pray for one another, and make a prayer cube to inspire prayer at home. The fun begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Sunday School is seeking Workshop Leaders! More information can be found at the sign-up genius page: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-stphilip>.

St. Philip Early Learning Center

Registration Starts Now!

We are currently registering for the **2018 - 2019** school year. Church members of St. Philip are invited to register before the general community for our upcoming school year. Our school year will begin **August 27, 2018 and end on May 17, 2019**.

Registration forms (two pages) should be received no later than **January 19, 2018** and need to include the non-refundable registration fee. Registration for the community begins, **January 24, 2018**, and spaces can fill up quickly. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex.

Open house tours will take place January 24 & 25 from 10-11am.

Events

Theater & Theology

Our next play is *American Mariachi*, a heartwarming story about music's power to heal, and it features live mariachi music. The performance is **February 13** at 6:30pm in the Stage Theater - perfect for Valentine's Day! Sign-up in the narthex by **Sunday, January 21**. Contact Nancy Oelz with any questions: 720.231.5189 or nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Augustana Arts

Augustana Arts presents "Dreams and Aspirations" performed by the Stratus Chamber Orchestra and featuring guests from the Lighthouse Writers Workshop and Picture Me Here, a storytelling fellowship for refugees and immigrants who are new to Denver. Writers will pair the art of storytelling with the art of music as the audience enters into the world of dreams and aspirations in this hallmark concert. Selections include Beethoven's *Symphony #3 – 1st mvt*, *Alexander Borodin's In the Steppes of Central Asia*, *Charles Ives' The Gong on the Hook and Ladder* and *Aaron Copland's Letter from Home*.

Performances are 7:30pm on **Friday, February 2** at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd, Englewood, and again on **Saturday, February 3** at 7:30pm at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver. Use code RMS25 for a 25% discount. Reserve tickets online at www.AugustanaArts.org or at the door.

Colorado Lutheran Lobby Day

Join advocates and community leaders on **Thursday, February 15, 2018** for a morning of learning and action! Discover the history of advocacy in the Lutheran tradition, get the latest updates on our work at the state capitol, and be at the forefront of building relationships with your elected officials. Lobbying 101 training will be offered, and a hot breakfast will be served. Registration fee scholarships are available. Go to www.lam-co.org for more details.

Stewardship 101

2018: Your Year of Gratitude

Think of the three happiest people you know – people whose lives effervesce with joy and peace. Chances are they also have a profound thankfulness for all that God has blessed them with. They also seem to live with a sense of contentment. Reflect for a minute. Isn't that the case?

By contrast, you may also know folks who are considered wealthy but are profoundly UNhappy. Likely they not only fail to exude thankfulness for their wealth, but they also mistakenly believe they need even MORE possessions to be happy. Isn't that right? Now, which kind of person do you tend to be?

Thankfulness. Happiness. Contentment. These joyful characteristics work together, reinforcing one another. Human experience proves this simple fact to be true: People who are grateful for all they have and all they are tend to be happy and content. Moreover, don't they also tend to possess spiritual depth and emotional maturity? A coincidence? Hardly.

Thankfulness, happiness and contentment interact, but gratitude holds the key. Develop gratitude, then happiness and contentment follow. It doesn't work the other way around. With prayer, devotion and simple exercises, the Holy Spirit will lead you to deeper spiritual maturity and more happiness. Here are some ideas for you and your family.

Pray daily. Ask God to give you a greater sense of thankfulness. And then thank God for all the day's blessings.

Chart thankfulness. On a big wall calendar mark one thing for which you're thankful to God. Invite other family members to do the same. When you get in the habit of looking for them, you will find blessings everywhere.

Keep a "blessing list." Write down the things you are grateful for. Then as you say your nighttime and morning devotions, pray over the list: "God, I'm thankful for *this*, and I'm thankful for *that*." Revise the list as needed.

Start a refrigerator "gratitude board." Using sticky notes, post on your refrigerator the things for which you are most grateful. Use a different color sticky note for each

family member. Keep the board updated.

Send out thank-you notes. Buy a box of inexpensive thank you notes and send one every week. Go deep, thanking not only the folks who have given you a present or done a favor for you, but also those whose love, support, friendship, laughter, energy or presence are important to you.

Make a “thank offering.” Express gratitude in a tangible way by making a contribution to your congregation or favorite church cause. Make the donation “just because,” or in honor or memory of a loved one, or on the occasion of a special event or blessing in your life.

Adopt one or more of these exercises as a spiritual discipline and, with God’s help, you will develop the attitude of gratitude that will bring more satisfaction, greater happiness, spiritual depth and emotional maturity to your life.

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Worship Servants

Saturday, January 13

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Quinn Silco

Altar Guild – TBD

Usher – Monica Auch

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 14, 2018			
	8:00am		10:45am
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer		
Lector	George Rasmussen		Nathan Whittenburg
Acolytes	Mason Lawrence		Griffin Minardi, Tristan Bolt
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto		Renate Muthart
Ushers	Jerry Black, Colin Black, Chuck Krieger, Roy Hager		Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge
Altar Guild	TBD	JoAnn Brietbach, Mary Hatlestad	TBD
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke		John Wall
Greeters	OPEN		The Maulers
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer		Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
Coffee Cart	Chris Youngren Ed & Linda Andrews		
KeyKeepers	Sat. (1/13): Dick Rock		Week beg. 1/14: Jay Breidenbach

Save The Date-2018	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
January 24-25	SPELC Open House Tours-10-11am
May 12	Ken Caryl Concerts <i>Singin' and Swingin'</i> -7:30pm
August 18	Ken Caryl Concerts <i>Rags to Rock</i> -7:30pm
August 20	7th Annual Golf Tournament
October 5 & 6	SPELC Consignment Sale
November 4	Ken Caryl Concerts <i>Harvest Hoedown</i> -2:30pm

Preparing for Worship - January 13 & 14
First Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10
Second Reading: I Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: John 1:43-51



Calendar of Events This Week (January 10 - 21, 2018)

Wednesday, January 10 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (Youth Room) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 1:00p – Family Life Team Meeting (FS) 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday, January 16 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (Selander home)
Thursday, January 11 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, January 17 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group
Friday, January 12 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>	Thursday, January 18 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal 6:30p – Endowment Team Meeting (MC-1) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Saturday, January 13 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, January 19 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>
Sunday, January 14 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship	Saturday, January 20 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Girl Scouts (MC-1, FH1a/b) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, January 15 10:00a – Property Team Meeting 4:00p – After School Learning 6:30p – Worship Styles & Formats (MC-3)	Sunday, January 21 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Pancake Breakfast (FH) 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Lincoln Endecott, Cliff Mosier, Anita Twisselman, Annelore Fecht, Steve Rower, Dianne Mydlach, Norma Mayotte, Ray Peterson, Kay Mosier, Chuck Krieger, Nancy Bott, and Janet Wagner.

Family Members:

Richard Field (Lesia Hatlestad's father)	Fawn Kemp & her children (Larry Kemp's daughter & grandchildren)
Jennifer Gilliland (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)	Eaman Rowan (Marilyn Belford's nephew)
Jeff (Amy Fritsch's brother)	Mark Overholser (Barb Delong's brother)
Rose Canales (Linda Baker's mother)	Richard Truman (Arne Truman's nephew)
John Head (Carmen Fulenwider's cousin)	Scott Worman (Monica Auch's son)
LouJean Scott (Glenda Smallwood's mother)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Jen Mosser (Erin White's cousin)	Jim Dawson (Dave Husted's uncle)
Terri Olson (Lynn Nourse's niece)	Bill Orf (Howard & Nancy Hanson's son-in-law)
Gerry & Steve Wineteer (Family of Seeps & Rapps)	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Family & friends of Diane Loffert (Loffert)	Jed (Philpy)
Family & friends of Mark Loffert (Loffert)	Riley (Philpy)
Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)	Chad (Miller)
Sam & Josh (Anderson)	Keith Stechmesser (Philpy)
Trystan & family (Anderson)	Lore Schnell (Fritsch)
Linda (Twisselman)	Janet Arceneaux (Stevermer)
Family & friends of Margie DeGiorgio	Ryan Pfister (Belford)
Family & friends of Dale Hardy (Anderson)	Emily Mulhollen (Celusniak)
June Cho (Kuenne)	Dr. Jill Pechacek (Roswech)

Prayers for our sister congregations, Abiding Hope and Christ Lutheran.

Prayers of love, support, and encouragement for JoHanna Buchholz and Aaron Silco, as they continue their seminary studies.

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