

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 21, 2018

Church News

Church Safety

Our church is seeking to make our facility as safe as possible when we are gathered together as God's people. Linda Goodnough and Pastor Nathan attended a "Safety in Faith" workshop in early December sponsored by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. One recommendation that we will be enacting at St. Philip on the basis of the information we gathered there is to have a more limited and central access to our facility when we, and our children, are gathered.

This means that on weekends, beginning the weekend of **March 3 and 4**, the door entering the administrative wing of our facility (through the courtyard) will remain locked from the outside. We will all be entering the church from the doors on the east and west sides of the narthex directly outside of the sanctuary. We believe this gives us better visibility of those entering our church and greater safety for adults and children in our nursery and preschool wing.

We are working to get signage that will guide us and our visitors to the proper entrances, both on weekends and during the week (when the doors into the narthex are locked). All doors work as exits, as they are equipped with panic bars for fire purposes.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we make this change!

Upcoming Services

Midweek Lenten Worship - February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21; Bread & Broth 6pm, Service 7pm

Palm/Passion Sunday - March 25

Maundy Thursday - March 29, 7:30pm

Good Friday - March 30, 7pm

Vigil of Easter - March 31, 5:30pm (2 hrs or more)

Easter Sunday - April 1, 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am, 11am

Congregational Meeting

Please make an effort to attend our All Congregational Meeting this Sunday, February 25 at 9:30am.

Sparkhouse Book Fair

Stop by the book cart in the narthex to browse award-winning, faith-filled books available through Sparkhouse Family. Books are discounted and each purchase helps St. Philip Children's Ministry and the Early Learning Center purchase additional books! Book orders will be taken through **March 9** and make a wonderful Easter gifts!

Introducing Mobile Giving!

In an effort to modernize and make it more convenient to give, St. Philip has registered with GivePlus Church, an app for your mobile device. The app is available through the App Store and Google Play. Go to <http://www.stphilip-co.org/mobile-giving/> for more information.

Book Club

The St. Philip Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. We read and discuss a wide variety of literature from many genres.

The next meeting will be **March 13**; our book selection is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

ALL are welcome to participate; please invite your friends and neighbors! For more information contact Sue Riecks at 303.829.4981 or susanmartinriecks@gmail.com.

The History of the Bible: A Class by Jerry Jantz

Beginning @ 9:30am March 4

In 2nd Timothy Paul says, "All scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness". This read from a bible that we take for granted today. But in its long history, we find that things were not so simple. The texts were shaped over many centuries, translated from oral stories told over campfires, and redacted by many different schools of scribes as they copied from one version of the writing to another. Then there was the question of canonization...just what should we include in this new thought called a "bible"? The scientific study of the bible that emerged in the 19th century added difficulty to belief in the authenticity of the various texts. The texts changed over the years. Different writers, paragraphs added, even in some cases whole chapters added...all the confusion challenged the sacred nature of the bible. Was it inspired by God or not? And the scrolls discovered at Nag Hammadi? More gospels than we knew. And then there is the interpretation problem...just what is the bible to us today? How do we use it for reproof, correction, and training in righteousness? Come and discuss with me as we look at the history of the development of the text and the various ways that it has been viewed.

First Communion Classes for ALL Kids!

Parents, if you feel your child is ready to receive communion, come join us for the First Communion Classes. First Communion Classes are traditionally held for fifth-grade students, but we are opening it up to any child who desires to take communion and who the parents feel is ready and able to understand what communion means.

During these classes, the kids will learn about Passover and the Lord's Supper. There will be a total of five classes offered during Lent, all on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 -7:00pm. **We will begin on Wednesday, February 21 and go through March 21.**

Come and join us for bread and broth at 6:00pm and then feel free to stay after the class for the Mid-Week Lenten Worship service at 7:00pm. We know you may not be able to make all of the classes, but we hope you can make as many as you can.

Parents, we ask that you join your child(ren) for these classes.

Feel free to show up, or if you know you will be coming, please contact Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org) or JoHanna (jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org).

Save the Date—Crop Walk

The Foothills Colorado Crop Hunger Walk is scheduled for **Sunday, April 22** at 1:00pm in Clement Park - Shelter 1. The 5K walk is a community-wide event sponsored by Church World Service and organized by various religious groups, businesses, schools, and others to raise funds to end hunger in the US and around the world. You can register online at www.crophungerwalk.org/littletonco. You can also

donate online.
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME.

Church Needs

Walker Needed

One of our members is in need of a walker with tennis balls on the front feet and wheels on the back feet. She will also need a ledge to help her get into the bath tub. If you have either of these items to lend or know someone who does, please contact the church office.

Bread & Broth Meals

George and Marie Knapp have graciously volunteered to coordinate our Bread and Broth meals this year. These are simple meals that we share in our Fellowship Hall before our mid-week Lenten services. They begin at 6:00pm each Wednesday in Lent, beginning on **February 21** and running through **March 21**. Worship on each of these nights begins at 7:00pm.

If you are willing to help with set up, kitchen duty, or clean up on any of these Wednesday nights, please let the church office know.

We also need people willing to bring soup on these Wednesday nights. If you are willing, please let us know by signing up either on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or by going online and signing up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448afaa2dabfb6-soup>.

We look forward to our time of fellowship as well as our gathering for worship on these Wednesday nights in Lent!

Easter Egg Hunt

Passport to Holy Week and the annual Easter Egg Hunt take place **Sunday, March 25**. Candy donations may be brought to the Egg Hunt bin outside the church office. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and passport stations. Sign up to volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-2018>.

Book Donations Welcome for Youth Book Sale

Please consider donating your gently used books to the upcoming Book Sale to support the High School Youth on their trip to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. The sale is slated for the last weekend in April. You can leave books at the church in the donation bin outside the church office over the next few months. Please note that we will not be accepting VCR tapes or encyclopedias for our sale this year. If you have questions or need books picked up please contact Susan Shepard at ss.shepard5@gmail.com, or call Ana Tolentino at 303.949.6088.

Love INC Donations

Love INC's new program IMPACT includes incentives, which have two purposes:

1. To reward participants for their hard work.
2. To save money so they can pay down debt.

Please leave any of the following items in the donation bin by the church office:

- Powder Laundry detergent (no pods)

- Fabric Softener – liquid or sheets
- Dish Soap 12-16 oz.
- Powder Dishwasher soap (no pods)
- Disinfectant wipes
- All-purpose cleanser
- Carpet Cleaner

(NO JUMBO SIZES or TRAVEL SIZES)

Donation Garden Seeking Volunteers and Committee Members!

We will be starting our fourth year of growing food for Sheridan Food Pantry and invite all interested church members to participate. We are forming a steering committee to discuss the garden plans for the future and how it can meet the needs of the church and our beneficiaries. The first meeting will be **Sunday, March 11 at 9:30 am**. If you are interested in volunteering, we will need help on work days, planting, weeding, watering and harvesting. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Garden Plots Available. The St. Philip Garden has space for up to three community gardeners this season. Each plot is 10 ft. X 10 ft. and for your fee of \$50 per season, water is provided and some seeds. This is a great great sunny spot to grow your garden whether you are new to it or a veteran.

For more information, contact Ana Tolentino at atolenti@aol.com or 303.949.6088.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – February Donations

For February we are asking for jelly, cereal, and canned meat such as tuna and chicken. 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

Frolic

Wednesday evening Frolic starts tonight! Families with children 3 years and younger are encouraged to meet for Bread and Broth at a Frolic table, then stay for songs, story, and movement. Bread and Broth begins at 6 pm on Wednesdays February 21 through March 21.

Sunday School

Spark Sunday School (PK-4th grade) continues with the story of “The Disciples” this **Sunday, February 25**. Meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for opening songs and story.

Connect (5th & 6th grade) will review Jesus’ ministry this **Sunday, February 25**. Meet at 9:30am in FH-1.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is **July 9-13**, 9 am – noon for 4-year-olds through incoming 4th grade. The St. Philip Fine Arts Academy is **July 9-13**, 12:30-4:30 pm for incoming 5th grade and older.

Events

Free Children's Clothing Swap

Heritage United Methodist Church is hosting an opportunity to exchange your clean, gently-used children's clothing for donated clothing from other families. Drop off your outgrown clothes and Heritage UMC (7077 S. Simms St. Littleton) on **Friday, March 9** from 5-7pm. Select "new" clothing to meet your needs on **Saturday, March 10** from 9-10:30am. All excess donated clothing will be given to a local charity.

Augustana Arts' Heart for the Arts Gala

Please join us for a night to remember on **Friday, March 16**, at Augustana Lutheran Church. The evening includes dinner, silent/live auctions, and performances of Stratus String Quartet, Stratus Chamber Orchestra, and Colorado Women's/Men's Chorale. Tickets are \$65 per guest or \$450 a table of eight. We are also seeking donations for the auction. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org for reservations or more details.

Financial Statistics

As of the end of January 2018:

SPLC combined with SPELC

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	104,479	97,670	6,809
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Contributions

	2018	2017
YTD Actual	53,278	63,027
YTD Budgeted	58,774	
(5,496)		

ELCA World Hunger

	2018	2017
YTD Actual	\$764	\$542

Preparing for Worship - February 21
Scripture Reading: I Peter 1:3-9
Preparing for Worship - February 24 & 25
First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Worship Servants

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Taylor White

Altar Guild – Suzanne Peterson

Usher – TBD

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, February 25, 2018		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard	Anne Klingman
Lector	JoAnn Breitbach	Renate Muthart
Acolytes	Jackson Krause, Julia Cromer	Caroline Casson, Kaden Rahne
Communion Deacons	Susan Shepard	Amy Rahne
Ushers	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach	Nick & Nancy Schell, Rob Simons, Hank Paker
Altar Guild	Carole Kessler	JoAnn Breitbach, Betty Welch TBD
A-V Sound & Slides	Denton West	John Wall
Greeters	OPEN	OPEN
Ambassadors	Dick Rusch, Mary Hatlestad	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
Coffee Cart	Paula Willhouse & Chuck Krieger	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (2/24): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 2/25: Jay Breidenbach

Calendar of Events This Week (February 21 - March 4, 2018)

<p>Wednesday, February 21 <i>Family Promise</i> 6:00p – Bread & Broth (FH) 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group 6:00p – Frolic 6:30p – Confirmation Mentoring 6:30p – 1st Communion Class (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Lenten Worship Service</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 27 10:00a – Conflict Transformation (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:00p – Men’s Bible Study (Selander home)</p>
<p>Thursday, February 22 <i>Family Promise</i> 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:00p – Study of Romans (FS) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 28 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00p – Bread & Broth (FH) 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group 6:00p – Frolic 6:30p – Confirmation Mentoring 6:30p – 1st Communion Class (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Lenten Worship Service</p>
<p>Friday, February 23 <i>Family Promise</i> (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>	<p>Thursday, March 1 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 1:00p – Silver Sages Game Day (MC-4/5) 1:00p – Study of Romans (FS) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, February 24 <i>Family Promise</i> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, March 2 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>
<p>Sunday, February 25 <i>Family Promise</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 9:30a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc) 10:45a – Worship</p>	<p>Saturday, March 3 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 2:00p – Scottish Fiddle Concert (Sanc) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, February 26 3:00p – A.S.K Leaders (FS, Kitchen) 4:00p – A.S.K. (FH, Kitchen, FH-1a/b, FH-2, YR) 7:00p – Congregational Council Mtg (FH-1a/b) 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Mtg (MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Sunday, March 4 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

John Collins, Phyllis Kemp and family, Jack Dice, Marcia Wagner, Annelore Fecht, Dianne Mydlach, Ray Peterson, Chuck Krieger, and Janet Wagner.

Family Members:

Dan Hansen (Cliff & Kay Mosier's nephew)

Judy Bailey (Karen Otto's sister-in-law)

Family & friends of Irene Bottrell (Norma Yonker's sister)

Family & friends of Margaret Ike (Phil Yonker's sister)

Michael Gellner (Marie Koecher-Knapp's cousin)

Family of Faith Merrill (Beth Faerber's aunt)

Vicki Sandin (Janet Shibly's cousin)

Family & friends of Theresa Palka (Jackie Seres' sister-in-law)

Fawn Kemp & her children (Larry Kemp's daughter & grandchildren)

Eaman Rowan (Marilyn Belford's nephew)

Mark Overholser (Barb Delong's brother)

Jennifer Gilliland (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)

Scott Worman (Monica Auch's son)

Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)

Jim Dawson (Dave Husted's uncle)

Bill Orf (Howard & Nancy Hanson's son-in-law)

Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Family & friends of Dick Wilde (Morin)

Carol Finley (Carter)

June Cho (Kuenne)

Meg Clark (Peterson)

Tracey & RD (Pazalas)

Sarah (Henning)

Family of Bruce Lebsak (Miller)

Christie Possehl (Nelson)

Tina Wulf & family (Stevermer)

Carol (Otto)

Cyndy (Henning)

Al (Henning)

Chad (Miller)

Keith Stechmesser (Philpy)

Lore Schnell (Fritsch)

Janet Arceneaux (Stevermer)

Ryan Pfister (Belford)

Emily Mulhollen (Celusniak)

Prayers for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL after the shooting on Wednesday, February 14. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the 17 killed, those injured, and for all the students, staff and faculty of the school. We pray for comfort, healing and for those suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually.

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.