

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 28, 2018

Church News

Altar Flowers

This weekend's flowers have been given by Cliff & Kay Mosier in memory of their daughter Valerie Kay.

If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact the church office. The cost is \$25 and needs to be prepaid. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the second service on Sunday. Please return the vase to the church when finished.

Upcoming Services

Midweek Lenten Worship - February 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

Upcoming Baptism

This Sunday, March 4 at 10:45am **Talon William Foerster** will be baptized. Please help us welcome him into the Lord's family.

Easter Lilies

We are currently taking orders for Easter lilies. See the back of your connection card at weekend services, or contact the church office to order. The cost is \$15.

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!

Keeping Children Safe

On Tuesday, February 20, Pastor Brad, Pastor Nathan and our Early Learning Center staff and teachers attended a training session on child abuse prevention, which includes common symptoms and signs of child abuse. This is a very difficult subject, but a necessary one for us to learn about. Don Moseley, the Director of The Ralston House Child Advocacy Center provided the training for us. The Center is a non-profit agency that works in collaboration with law enforcement, human services and district attorney's offices to provide forensic interviews and medical exams in the investigation of child abuse, with the majority of cases involving child sex abuse/assault. The better informed we are about these issues the more we can all work together to make St. Philip as safe a place as possible for our children.

The Gospel of Mark

Why was a Gospel written? What was its purpose? With four Gospels in our Bible, what is the uniqueness of the Gospel of Mark? Come join us beginning on **Sunday, March 4**, at 9:30am for a four-week study of this first of the four Gospels to be written. We are in the year of Mark in our three-year lectionary series, which means that the majority of the Gospel readings at our worship services this year will come from this Gospel. Come get background that will make your hearing of these Gospel readings more informed. Pastor Nathan will be the instructor for this class.

St. Philip Mission Endowment Fund

Do you have an estate plan? Does it include a gift or bequest to St. Philip to support the church's mission in perpetuity? On **Sunday, March 11** the Endowment Committee will be hosting the coffee cart to kick off the 2018 acceptance of grant award applications. Literature will be available to inform St. Philip members on how the Mission Endowment Fund works and its benefits. Committee members will be on hand to answer questions. Application forms for this years' grants will be available and accepted from **March 11-April 29**.

Silver Sages

Sorry to say, we are canceling the Pie Social scheduled for this Thursday, March 1 due to the fact I have had only 3 responses.

Please plan to come to our next event -- MORNING COFFEE -- on **April 9** at 9:30am when Mary Hatlestad's son will speak to us about his experiences as an EMT -- Emergency Medical Technician. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex in the upcoming days.

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 wonderful Easter gifts!

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.

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

Good Samaritan Fund

When people come in needing assistance with their rent or utilities the Good Samaritan Fund is there. But it has become depleted in recent weeks. Please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile endeavor.

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.

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 – March Donations

For March 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).

Update

Dear members of St. Philip Lutheran Church,
I want to express my feelings toward you and my ongoing problem. Please accept my deepest thank you for your prayers and your concerns. My condition is stagnant, and I will continue to pray and hope for the best, with God's will.
~ Chuck Krieger

Children & Family Ministries

Frolic

Frolic is on Wednesdays! 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) begins to explore “Palm Sunday through Easter” this **Sunday, March 4**. Meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for Opening Songs and Story.

Connect (5th & 6th grade) will begin their exploration of Holy Week with the lesson “Jerusalem.” Meet in FH1 at 9:30am to see, explore, and make!

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

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.

Theater & Theology

Please join us for our next play, *Native Gardens*, on **Tuesday, April 17** at 6:30pm in the Space Theater at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. This contemporary comedy is about the lines that divide us and those that connect us. Sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, March 25**. Tickets are \$35. Contact Nancy Oelz if you have questions: 720.231.5189 or nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Preparing for Worship - February 28
Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-8
Preparing for Worship - March 3 & 4
First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel: John 2:13-22

Worship Servants

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Angy Lyslo

Altar Guild – Linda Heesch

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, March 4, 2018		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Krause	Renate Muthart
Lector	Karen Morin	Renate Muthart
Acolytes	Addison Roswech, Faith Dailey	Sarah Preston, Griffin Minardi
Communion Deacons	Paula Willhouse, Peter Mielke	Jan Philpy, Gary Philpy
Prayer Partners	TBD	TBD
Ushers	John & Connie Schutt, Denton West, Gaylen Rapp	Rod Mauler, Tyler Henson, Ron Ramey, Andy Osborne
Altar Guild	Paula Willhouse JoAnn Breitbach,	Mary Hatlestad
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Ambassadors	Glenn & Louanne Isernhagen	Stacey Wacholz
Coffee Cart	TBD	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (3/3): John Breed	Week beg. 3/4: Mark Pixley

Calendar of Events This Week (February 28 - March 11, 2018)

<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 6:30p – Frolic 6:30p – Confirmation Mentoring 6:30p – Communion Class (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Lenten Worship Service</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 6 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:00p – Men’s Bible Study (Selander home)</p>
<p>Thursday, March 1 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, March 7 6:00p – Bread & Broth (FH) 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group 6:30p – Frolic 6:30p – Confirmation Mentoring 6:30p – Communion Class (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Lenten Worship Service</p>
<p>Friday, March 2 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>	<p>Thursday, March 8 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>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>Friday, March 9 (church office open 8am-noon) 2:00p – Columbine Music Teachers Association Achievement Day set up</p>
<p>Sunday, March 4 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship 4:00p – Young Adult & Family Bible Study (MC-4/5, FH)</p>	<p>Saturday, March 10 8:00a – CMTA Achievement Day 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, March 5 3:00p – A.S.K Leaders (FS, Kitchen) 4:00p – A.S.K. (FH, Kitchen, FH-1a/b, FH-2, YR) 7:00p – Troop 554 Committee Mtg (MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Sunday, March 11 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship 4:00p – Young Adult & Family Bible Study (MC-4/5, FH) 5:00p – Father/Son Banquet (FH/Kitchen)</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Dianne Mydlach, Larry Edwards, John Collins, Jack Dice, Marcia Wagner, Annelore Fecht, Ray Peterson, and Janet Wagner.

Family Members:

Family of Margene Houston (Dianne Mydlach's mother)	cousin)
LouJean Scott (Glenda Smallwood's mother)	Fawn Kemp & her children (Larry Kemp's daughter & grandchildren)
Calvin (Karen Otto's great-nephew)	Eaman Rowan (Marilyn Belford's nephew)
Nancy (Kris Mauler's sister)	Mark Overholser (Barb Delong's brother)
Donna Williams (Rod Mauler's mother)	Jennifer Gilliland (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)
Dan Hansen (Cliff & Kay Mosier's nephew)	Scott Worman (Monica Auch's son)
Judy Bailey (Karen Otto's sister-in-law)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Family & friends of Irene Bottrell (Norma Yonker's sister)	Jim Dawson (Dave Husted's uncle)
Family & friends of Margaret Ike (Phil Yonker's sister)	Bill Orf (Howard & Nancy Hanson's son-in-law)
Michael Gellner (Marie Koecher-Knapp's	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Darla Dailey	Meg Clark (Peterson)
The Peaslee family	Tracey & RD (Pazalos)
Ryan Mihalik (Hammer)	Al (Henning)
Sandra & Richard (Pazalos)	Chad (Miller)
Chuck & Jason (Pazalos)	Keith Stechmesser (Philpy)
Sue & Scott (Mauler)	Lore Schnell (Fritsch)
Brian (Twisselman)	Janet Arceneaux (Stevermer)
Family & friends of Dick Wilde (Morin)	Ryan Pfister (Belford)
Carol Finley (Carter)	Emily Mulhollen (Celusniak)
June Cho (Kuenne)	

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Avery Jolene, first great-granddaughter for Gary & Barb Donaho.

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.