

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 7, 2018

Church News

Altar Flowers

Please consider donating flowers in 2018!

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.

Upcoming Services

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 7pm

Receive New Members - February 17 & 18, all 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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/New Member Dinner

Everyone is invited to come out for an evening of fun and frivolity! The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is being held on **February 13, beginning at 5:30pm**. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall with your family to enjoy the music, Mardi Gras beads and decorations, and delicious pancakes (including gluten-free pancakes)! We will also be meeting and welcoming our new members. The youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX will be making and serving the pancakes. All proceeds will go to the youth for this trip this summer. Come and join us for this fun evening!

Love INC Coming for Adult Forum

We are pleased to welcome Kathryn Roy, Love INC Executive Director, to our adult forum on **Sunday, February 18**. Come and learn more about changes in ministry programs and ways in which you can serve *and be served* in our community through Love INC. St. Philip has been a church partner of Love INC for many years. We celebrate that in 2017 five St. Philip volunteers served over 180 hours in our community! Join us in MC-4/5 from 9:30-10:30am on February 18 to come hear about Love INC.

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).

Silver Sages Pie & Ice Cream Social

A pie and ice cream social, hosted by the Silver Sages, will be held on **Thursday, March 1** from 1 to 3 p.m. at church. If you're over 55, single or not, join us for a treat and conversation. Come as you are and enjoy the afternoon.

The Father/Son Banquet is Back!

Save the date and join us on **Sunday, March 11** starting at 5:00pm (*note the date and time change*). We will have dinner, and then Magic Rob will provide the entertainment with his amazing magic show! If you have any questions or would like to help the night of the Father/Son Banquet, please contact Pastor Brad.

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

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Youth and adults, sign up to lead an upcoming Sunday School workshop here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-stphilip>.

Coffee Cart Volunteers

If you enjoy the coffee and snacks we have during our Sunday morning coffee time, please consider signing up to provide them! Our sign-up sheet is hanging right by the cart and is quite bare. Why not take a Sunday to provide for this important and very Lutheran ministry.

Love INC Forum Donations

Love INC is coming to St. Philip on **February 18** for an adult forum between services to share about their current programs. One of their new programs is IMPACT which encourages and empowers people in the community to reach their God-given potential through life skills classes and coaching.

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 on **February 25 or March 4.**

- 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)

Family Promise – February Rotation

Our next hosting week will be **February 18-25.** Volunteer sign-up sheets can be found at the Family Promise table in the narthex. Please see or call Rick Richardson at 720.467.8607 for more information or if you would like to assist with this important ministry.

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 pm.** 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!

Do you download grocery store coupons? Many times there are free or greatly reduced items which are cheaper than what Sharing with Sheridan can purchase. For example, a few weeks ago Safeway had a free jar of pasta sauce on a special weekend coupon. Take advantage of these and donate them to the pantry!

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

Spark Sunday School (PK-4th grade) begins the story of "The Disciples" this **Sunday, February 11!** We will explore the story through the Bible Skills and Games workshop. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

Connect (5th & 6th grade) students meet in FH-1 at 9:30am for more video-seeing, exploring, and making! This week's theme is healing.

ELCA

Nearly four years ago, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) launched its first comprehensive campaign, *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, with the goal of raising \$198 million in support of churchwide ministries across the United States and around the world.

Together, through the generosity of ELCA members and congregations, like yours, we have accomplished amazing things. We have developed new programs with international women, young adults and people living with disabilities, heightened our support of long-running programs like ELCA World Hunger and ELCA New Congregations, successfully completed the ELCA Malaria Campaign and much more. Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.

Now, as we enter the final year of this five-year effort, we look to the future of this church by highlighting the campaign's Leadership priority, including ELCA Fund for Leaders and Youth and Young Adults. Through these ministries, we are accompanying youth and young adults in their faith journeys and supporting talented, gifted seminarians as they prepare to begin a life of rostered ministry.

Please pray for our church's life-changing ministries and consider making a gift to the campaign. Together, we are investing in the future of the ELCA. **Learn more at ELCA.org/campaign.**

Stewardship 101

Ash Wednesday stewardship

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." -***Evangelical Lutheran Worship***, p. 254

With these ancient words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into the season of Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of the riches that God entrusts to us.

The essential teaching of Ash Wednesday – that we are just mortals, after all – crushes our ego, dispels our pretensions and drives us deep into God's mysteries. Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What's *really* important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

We are dust. Yes, but we are *God's* dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each one a speck of "dust" created by of God, billions of years ago. God put us together from the very stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally "earthy" beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. Part of creation, not separate from it, we work to preserve and sustain the health of God's creation for all people and future generations.
- Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living – eating right, exercising, and avoiding illegal drugs and other poisons.

We are breath. We are "dust," certainly, but not *only* dust. Genesis 2:7 describes us as "dust" into which God has "breathed the Holy breath of life." Our life is the breath of God in our dust.

- Therefore, every breath we take is holy. Every breath is a prayer that whispers God's praise and reminds us of God's life force in us.
- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives and ourselves with God's holy reality that arcs towards God's purposes of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.

Our time is brief. Between the time that the "dust" of our lives comes together to form us and when it returns to the earth, we have a finite number of minutes on earth.

- Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. There is not a single moment one to waste. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.
- Therefore, we do not cling to our possessions, knowing that we don't really "own" anything, but only hold onto it for a little while.
- Therefore, we nourish our lives with world treasures of real and lasting value – friendships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity and harmony.

This Lent spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will turn your heart and mind, transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
--Rob Blezard

Copyright © 2018, Rev. Robert Blezard. Reprinted by permission. Pastor Blezard serves as an assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and also works as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org.

Events

Free Scottish Fiddle Club Concert

YOU are invited to a FREE Scottish Fiddle Club concert **Saturday, March 3** at 2pm at St. Philip! The concert will feature the 2017 winners of the Scottish Fiddle Competition as well as the other talented, long-time members of the Club. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Come enjoy the fiddle, dance, and vocal music of Scotland and Ireland which laid the foundation for American folk and fiddle music: Strathspeys, Reels, Jigs, Waltzes, Polkas, Marches, love songs, and more! Also featured will be Kelly O'Dea and Scott Sherman of the Juice of the Barley Irish band performing tunes from the band's new CD (www.juiceofthebarley.com).

The Club would like to support the Children's Diabetes Foundation (www.childrensdiabetesfoundation.org/) and donations will be accepted at the time of the concert. Please direct any questions to Ken McIntosh at kenmcintosh@idcomm.com or 303.234.0469.

Theater & Theology

Join others from St. Philip for a fun evening of theater and theology on **Tuesday, March 6** to attend our next play *The Great Leap* in the Ricketson Theater at the DCPA theater complex. *The Great Leap*, where personal pressures and history collide, features an American college basketball team that travels to Beijing for an exhibition game in 1989. The playwright Lauren See was inspired by events in her own father's life to write this unexpected and touching story. Sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, February 11** to attend; tickets are \$35. Contact Nancy Oelz with questions: 720.231.5189 or nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Preparing for Worship - February 10 & 11
First Reading: II Kings 2:1-12
Second Reading: II Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Worship Servants

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Quinn Silco

Altar Guild – LeRae Schnickel

Usher – Paul Stortz

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, February 11, 2018			
	8:00am		10:45am
Assisting Minister	Mike Graff		
Lector	George Rasmussen		Renate Muthart
Acolytes	Vicky Cerny, Abby Husted		Melissa Giesen, Anna Carlson
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto, Diane Bracken		Amy Rahne, Jonathan Anderson
Ushers	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach		Nick & Nancy Schell, Rob Simons, Hank Paker
Altar Guild	Carole Kessler	JoAnn Breitbach, Mary Hatlestad	TBD
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower		TBD
Greeters	Michael & Sandi Stevermer		OPEN
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer		Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp		
KeyKeepers	Sat. (2/10): Dick Rock		Week beg. 2/11: Chris White

Save The Date	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
February 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/New Member Dinner-5:30pm
February 14	Ash Wednesday-7pm
February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21	Midweek Lenten Services-Bread & Broth 6pm, Confirmation Mentoring 6:30pm, Worship 7pm
March 29	Maundy Thursday-7:30pm
March 30	Good Friday-7pm
March 31	Vigil of Easter-5:30pm (service typically 2hrs)
April 1	Easter Sunday-6:30am, 8am, 9:30am, 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



Calendar of Events This Week (February 7 - 18, 2018)

Wednesday, February 7 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group	Tuesday, February 13 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 2:00p – Prayer Team 5:30p – Shrove Tues Pancake Dinner (FH) 6:00p – Book Club (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (Selander home)
Thursday, February 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)	Wednesday, February 14 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group 7:00p – Ash Wednesday Service
Friday, February 9 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>	Thursday, February 15 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)
Saturday, February 10 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 1:30p – Scottish Fiddle Group (Sanc.) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, February 16 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>
Sunday, February 11 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – New Member Class (FS) 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship 12:30p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)	Saturday, February 17 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Girl Scouts (MC-1, FH-1a/b) 9:00a – Ties to the Community (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 1:30p – Scottish Fiddle Group (Sanc.) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, February 12 3:00p – After School Kids Leaders (FS, Nursery, Kitchen) 4:00p – After School Kids (FH, Kitchen, FH-1&2)	Sunday, February 18 <i>Family Promise</i> <i>Receive New Members</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship

Prepared and sent by Angela Seep, Parish Secretary
 St. Philip Lutheran Church
 7531 S. Kendall Blvd. Littleton, CO 80128-7060
 Office: 303.979.4491 Fax: 303.979.6396

Our Prayer List

Members:

The Carter family, Erin White, Sharon Peters, Cliff Mosier, Annelore Fecht, Dianne Mydlach, Ray Peterson, Kay Mosier, Chuck Krieger, Nancy Bott, and Janet Wagner.

Family Members:

Richard Field (Lesia Hatlestad's father)
Family & friends of Jen Mosser (Erin White's cousin)
Faith Merrill (Beth Faerber's aunt)
Barbara MacDonell (Jackie Seres' aunt)
Gloria Diers (Barb Donaho's sister)
The family of Karlene Murphy
Gerry Wineteer (Angela Seep's aunt; Gaylen Rapp's sister)
Dinell Jacobson
Family & friends of Joann Winterfeld (Sharon Peters' mother)

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 Karl Logan (Morin)
Jed (Philpy)
Claire Danforth (Osborne)
Ruth (Morgheim)
Pastor Tyg Taylor (Jacobson)
Tracey & Jeannie (Maggie)

Chad (Miller)
Keith Stechmesser (Philpy)
Lore Schnell (Fritsch)
Janet Arceneaux (Stevermer)
Ryan Pfister (Belford)
Emily Mulhollen (Celusniak)

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.