

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

August 15, 2018

## Church News

### **Gather Together Sunday is Almost Here!**

On **Sunday, August 19** we will celebrate **Gather Together Sunday** (formerly Rally Day). We will have our outdoor service at 9:30am, followed by games, crafts, bingo and more on the front lawn. Then our annual potluck lunch will be served! Come in comfortable clothes to join in the fun as we gather together to worship and have fun as a community of Christ!

### **For the Potluck:**

Last name beginning with A-G: salad or chips

Last name beginning with H-N: side dish

Last name beginning with O-Z: dessert

### **Regular Worship Times Return**

We will return to our regular worship times on **Sunday, August 26**. The first service will stay the same at 8am and the late service will be at 10:45am. Sunday School and Adult Education Classes are from 9:30-10:30am every Sunday.

### **Upcoming Baptism**

Join us this **Sunday, August 19 at 9:30am** for the outdoor baptism of Liam Patrick Rand, son of Megan and Jason Rand, grandson of Kirstine and Mark Rand. This will take place during our Gather Together service.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

The SPLC Church Council has commissioned a group of congregation members to start a strategic planning process for our church. The last time a strategic planning effort was undertaken by SPLC was back in 2007. That was the same year a guy named Steve Jobs introduced the world to the iPhone. Needless to say a lot has happened since 2007 and SPLC is prudent in revisiting our strategic plan.

Many may ask the purpose of a strategic plan, additionally many don't remember the one in 2007, why should we revisit it? Strategic plans, when conducted with the input of the people they cover serve the purpose of helping an organization do a better job in many ways. They improve the functioning of an organization by focusing the energy, resources, and time of everyone in the organization in the same direction.

The Strategic Planning Team is taking a very disciplined approach to creating this strategic plan update and will seek input from the entire congregation at points in the process. It is the desire of the team that the output of this effort will be a clear, concise plan that will help to focus our efforts and our resources on the most important things we hold dear. This focus will allow us to make clear decisions on projects, plans and efforts from the church council to the lay person in the congregation. We all will know the mission, vision, and values based on this updated plan, making decisions clear and quick.

The team is made up of the following:

Dave Husted (leader)

Pastor Nathan

Pastor Brad

Katie Amaya

Amy Rahne

Denton West

Evan Molian (consultant)

The high level plan is as follows:

**August 2018 -**

- Hold a large group retreat for church leaders and staff
  - Between 60 to 70 people will be invited hoping to field a group of no less than 40 attendees
  - Currently scheduled for August 26th, invites to go out Friday 8/17
- Conduct interviews with leaders in the community to gauge the perception of SPLC in the community
  - Local church pastors
  - Business leaders
  - Government (local) leaders
  - Currently scheduled for August 27th and 28th, getting confirmation on interviews

**September 2018**

- Conduct a congregation wide survey
  - Based on input from the large group retreat and the August interviews

**October 2018**

- Evaluate the survey results
- Draft Core Values
- Draft Mission
- Draft Vision

**November 2018**

- Incorporate feedback
- Finalize Mission, Vision, Values
- Begin development of Goals / Objectives
- Develop ministry result areas

**December 2018**

- Assessment of ministry result areas
  - Key goals
  - Priorities
- Finalize objectives
- Develop communication plan

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- Finalize plan
- Train usage of document
- Design review
- Sub committee approval
- Council approval
- Congregation approval

We are really looking forward to this exercise and can't wait to hear what you have to say about the priorities for St Philip. Look for weekly temple talks during services beginning this Sunday.

With God's help,

*Dave Husted*

### **Global Farm Challenge Matching Funds**

The ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge is a special initiative to raise more than \$1 million to support the church's agricultural work around the world. Our younger members started raising money for the Global Farm Challenge in June prior to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Their efforts will be continued throughout the year. Right now, all gifts to the Global Farm Challenge (ELCA World Hunger) will be matched, dollar for dollar, until a goal of \$515,000 is reached.

### **2018 Ken Caryl Concert Series Piano Award**

All students in grades K-12 expressing an interest and aptitude in music and a need for a piano are eligible for this award. The award will be announced on **November 4** at our *Harvest Hoedown* concert. The decision of the committee is final. Applications must be received by **October 15**. Application forms can be found in the Narthex and on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Celusniak at [kristen.celusniak@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.celusniak@gmail.com).

### **Dinners for Six**

We will soon be starting another year of Dinners for Six. Once a month you will have dinner or brunch with four other people from St. Philip. We rotate hosting, with the host serving the main dish and the guests providing the side dishes. All members will receive the names of the other people who will be sharing a meal together each month. The actual weekend date of the get together will be up to the couples so that all are able to attend. The goal is to have fun and meet new friends from church. You may join as a single or a couple. Please no children at the dinners, and the group does not offer babysitting services. Please sign up at church or call Susan Bryant in the evenings at 720.667.3910, or call Sandra Fishco at 720.502.3628. We will both be happy to answer any questions concerning this Dinner Group.

### **Creative, Caring Quilters (formerly Ties to the Community)**

#### **Saturday, August 18, 9am-12pm**

Come join us as we begin a new quilting year! August 18 we will be learning a simple but beautiful technique for quilted table runners. They look great and are fun to use during the fall holidays and also make special gifts! If you'd like to participate please **RSVP no later than August 16** so we are sure to have needed fabric and supplies. Participants only need to bring their sewing machines (we have 2 machines available at church if you can't bring your own!) and basic sewing supplies (scissors, needles, thread, marking pens, point turner, etc.).

Questions? Please email: [becky91955@gmail.com](mailto:becky91955@gmail.com).

**RSVP:** [becky91955@gmail.com](mailto:becky91955@gmail.com) or 720.255.6443

### **7th Annual St. Philip Golf Tournament**

Have you ever wanted to play one of the most beautiful golf courses in Denver? Ravena Golf Course has breathtaking 360 degree views of Pike National Forest, the red-rock outcroppings of the Dakota Hogback and the Denver skyline. The Ravena Golf Course was named a *Golfweek Top 100 U.S. Residential Golf Courses for eight years in a row!* Come play this world-class golf course at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Philip Golf Tournament on **Monday, August 20**. The tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start at 9:00am. Any golfer with any skill level is welcome to play!

The Ravenna Golf Club has graciously opened this private course for the St. Philip Golf Tournament to play, and to play at cost! The cost is only \$150/person, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, and prizes. You don't want to miss this tournament and opportunity to play at the Ravenna Golf Course!

Go to [www.stphilip-co.org/golf-tournament/](http://www.stphilip-co.org/golf-tournament/) to sign up. The sign-up and payment deadline is **August 15, 2018**.

### **Peace of Mind Educational Seminar**

Join us for Education Hour on **Sunday, August 26** from 9:30 to 10:30am for a Peace of Mind Educational Seminar. During this workshop, hosted by Pastor Brad Doty and Karen Miller, Horan & McConaty will educate families on the emotional and financial benefits of pre-planning their celebration of life and legacy. The seminar provides educational and spiritual insights for honoring life legacies, and highlights the universal process we all experience upon the death of a loved one.

### **The Theology of Prayer-A Class by Jerry Jantz**

#### **Beginning @ 9:30am September 9**

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God...* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

What does "pray always" mean? What is prayer today? How has the answer to this question changed over the centuries? In this era of man's assertion of himself, what can the "coming of God's Kingdom" mean? From Abraham to Moses to Jesus we have a continuing emphasis on prayer. Does God answer prayer today? How...and how would we know? The very essence of religion is prayer. Yet we do not know what it means to pray. What happens when we pray? Come and discuss with me as we look at the history of prayer and its meaning and value today.

- Intro and Overview: Many kinds of prayer, even before Abraham
- Prayer in the Old Testament: Abraham, Moses, and the Psalms
- Prayer in the New Testament: The Lord's prayer; John 17; Luke
- The Tradition Develops: The Lectio Divina and the Beatific Vision
- The Reformation and Luther's *anfechtung*: Saving Martin's soul
- Modern to Post-modern World: *Hearing to do to Doing to hear*.
- Summary and review...a soul alive: Living life toward God

### **Let's Unwrap the Bible Begins**

All women in the church are invited to participate in this Bible study. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am in the Fireside Room at church. Our first session will be on **September 12**. Our book of study will be *1, 2, 3 John & Jude* by John MacArthur (blue cover). Our book following that will be *James*. Join us as we discuss scripture and how it relates to our everyday lives.

### **Thank You For Your Help!**

A huge thank you to everyone who came out Saturday, August 11, and helped us clean up the courtyard for our outdoor service this Sunday, August 19. Special thanks to Jerry Mydlach, Gaylen Rapp, Michael Stevermer, Brett, Alana, and Bjorn Borstad, the Keller Family, Al Herzl, Larry Edwards, Tim Young, and Tom Schnickel. We appreciate all your hard work!

### **Thank you Geoff Collins and Alyssa Bostrom**

For the past three years, Alyssa Bostrom and Geoff Collins have been adult leaders for Sr. High Youth Group and Summer Youth Group! Our youth have been extremely lucky to have them as youth leaders, role models, and teachers. They have opened up themselves and taught our youth many valuable life, faith, and spiritual lessons.

Thank you Alyssa and Geoff for your love and service to our youth these past three years!

Starting on **August 22**, Pastor Brad is looking for two adults each week to be adult leaders. This includes leading the Sr. High Youth in games and activities as well as leading them in a devotion, which Pastor Brad will provide.

If you are interested in being an adult leader for one or more weeks and making a difference in the lives of our Sr. High Youth in this way, please contact Pastor Brad.

## **Church Needs/Fundraising**

### **Attention Altar Guild Members and Hopefuls**

The sign-up sheet for communion set up and clean up is now in the Narthex with the other sign-ups. Please check your calendars and sign up for a slot.

### **Family Promise – September Rotation**

Our next hosting week will be **September 2-9**. 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.

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry – August Donations**

This month we are asking for cereal and canned fruit. 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**

### **Children's Conversation**

This Sunday's children's conversation will include a back-to-school blessing! No need to bring a backpack; a special tag will be passed out to decorate during the sermon or at home.

### **Sunday School is Back!**

The Sunday school year will kick off with three weeks of family-style Sunday schools. Families with children in PK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to learn about worship, water (baptism), and Word (the Bible) on Sundays **August 26, September 2 and 9**, beginning at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. During this time, we will also preview the Sunday school year, open registration, and meet our Sunday school teachers and volunteers.

## **Events**

### **Ken Caryl Concerts**

*Rags to Rock* will be **Saturday, August 18** at 7:30pm. This free and family-friendly event will include an eclectic mix of tunes from Scott Joplin to Chris Martin (Coldplay) performed by a variety of artists including Joseph Harkins and Chappel Kingsland from the University of Denver Lamont School of Music. Donations collected at this performance will benefit Mosaic. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

### **Theater & Theology**

Join us for *Oklahoma* in the Stage Theater at the DCPA on **September 18** at 6:30pm. This joyful production is set in an all African-American town in the early days of the Oklahoma Territory. In this classic musical, cowboys and farmers alike chase their destinies to a land that promises love, opportunity, and a brighter future. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, August 26**. Put your check made out to St. Philip with Theater & Theology noted in the memo line in the offering plate or take it to the church office. Tickets are \$35 each. Call or e-mail Nancy Oelz with any questions.

### **Augustana Arts Presents the US Air Force Academy Band - Falconaires**

**Thursday, September 20 - 7:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church  
5000 East Alameda Ave. Denver

The United States Air Force Academy Band Falconaires arrives in Denver for an inspiring and uplifting concert. In their own unique fashion, the Falconaires will present a program of jazz favorites! In recognition and dedication to our veterans and those currently serving, this FREE concert is sure to bring honor to the women and men around the globe who protect the freedoms we all enjoy! Join us as we celebrate our heroes! Admission is FREE; visit [www.augustanaarts.com](http://www.augustanaarts.com) for reservations.

## Financial Statistics

<b>As of the end of July 2018:</b>			
SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	702,329	694,834	7,495
Expenses	680,304	721,459	41,155
	22,025	(26,625)	48,650
SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	220,485	231,323	(10,838)
Expenses	196,053	231,323	35,270
	24,432	-	24,432
SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	481,844	463,511	18,333
Expenses	484,251	490,136	5,885
	(2,407)	(26,625)	24,218
<b>Contributions</b>			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
YTD Actual	428,676	389,232	
YTD Budgeted	419,828		
	8,848		
<b>ELCA World Hunger</b>			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
YTD Actual	\$5,598	\$4,215	

## Preparing for Worship - August 18 & 19

**First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25**

**Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58**

### **Worship Servants**

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

**Pianist** – Michael Clough

**Cantor** – Beth Clough

**Altar Guild** – LeRae Schnickel

**Usher** – Monica Auch

**A/V** – Jerry Jantz

### Worship Servants for Gather Together Sunday, August 19, 2018

	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jan Philpy
<b>Lector</b>	Jan Philpy
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kaden Rahne, Melissa Giesen
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Paula Willhouse, Linda Vehrs, Lynn Nourse, Sandi Stevermer
<b>Ushers</b>	Nick Schell, Nancy Schell, Rob Simons, Charlie Petersen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	JoAnn Breitbach, Betty Welch, Diane Michael
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Steve Rower
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	<b>Sat. (8/18):</b> Karen Otto <b>Week beg. 8/19:</b> Mark Pixley

### Save The Date

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies**

<b>August 18</b>	<b>Ken Caryl Concerts <i>Rags to Rock</i>: 7:30pm</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>Gather Together, Service in courtyard 9:30am, picnic 10:30am</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>7th Annual Golf Tournament</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Children's Colorado Blood Mobile: 8am-1pm</b>
<b>October 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>SPELC Consignment Sale</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Ken Caryl Concerts <i>Harvest Hoedown</i>: 2:30pm</b>



## Calendar of Events This Week (August 15 - 26, 2018)

<b>Wednesday, August 15</b> 9:00a – Silver Sages Planning Meeting (MC-3) 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR)	<b>Tuesday, August 21</b> 1:30p – Worship Planning Meeting (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts
<b>Thursday, August 16</b> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 10:00a – Concert Rehearsal 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	<b>Wednesday, August 22</b> 8:00a – SPELC Open House 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Fellowship Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR)
<b>Friday, August 17</b> (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>	<b>Thursday, August 23</b> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 8:00a – SPELC Staff In-Service 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
<b>Saturday, August 18</b> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Bluegrass Rehearsal (Sanc.) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Girl Scouts (MC-1, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30p – Worship</b> 7:30p – Ken Caryl Concert Series "Rags to Rock" (Sanc)	<b>Friday, August 24</b> (church office open 8am-noon) 8:00a – Blood Mobile (Parking Lot) 8:00a – SPELC Staff CPR/1st Aid 11:00a – Ken Caryl Middle School 7th Grade Event (whole building)
<b>Sunday, August 19-Gather Together Day</b> <b>9:30a – Worship (outside)</b> 10:30a – Activities & Luncheon 11:00a – Reception for Rand Baptism (MC-4/5)	<b>Saturday, August 25</b> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30p – Worship</b>
<b>Monday, August 20</b> 9:00a – Golf Tournament—Club at Ravenna 2:00p – ASK Leaders Meeting (FS/Nursery) 3:00p – ASK (FH, Kitchen)	<b>Sunday, August 26</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 9:30a – Adult Forum (MC-4/5) <b>10:45a – Worship</b> 12:00p – Leadership Retreat (FH/Kitchen)

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# *Our Prayer List*

## **Members:**

**Karen Otto, Jeri Rhodes, Wauneta Rogge, Elvira Barber, Ray Peterson, and Janet Wagner.**

## **Family Members:**

**Donna Silco** (Tom Silco's sister-in-law)  
**Maryanne Pixley** (Mark Pixley's mother)  
**Erica** (Sherry Anderson's niece)  
**Family of John Kirkland** (Jeri Rhodes' father)  
**Michael McLaughlin** (Michael & Sandi Stevermer's nephew)  
**Laurie Norris** (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)  
**Clare Anderson** (Nicole Nottingham's aunt)  
**Ian Anderson** (Sherry Anderson's son)  
**Scott & Katie Lund** (Paula Rogge's sister and brother-in-law)

**Fawn Kemp** (Larry Kemp's daughter)  
**Isabelle VanGorder** (Marilyn Belford's great-granddaughter)  
**Caroline Carroll** (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)  
**Mark Overholser** (Barb DeLong's brother)  
**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:**

**Henry Galleher** (Silco)  
**Bruce Worthington** (Silco)  
**Tracey, Sandra, Rachel, Jason, RD, & Percia** (Pazalos)  
**Mary** (Endersen)  
**Judy Marxhausen** (Nourse)  
**Lance** (Schnickel)  
**Tahnia & Ben** (Anderson)  
**Tina Wulf & family** (Stevermer)  
**Jay French** (Phillips)  
**The Schrader family** (Anderson)  
**The Shull family** (Anderson)

**Melissa & Cindy** (Henning)  
**Brian Briggs & family**  
**Bessie** (Kuenne)  
**David** (Goodnough)  
**The Niedling family** (Cimino)  
**Family of John Sellers** (Daubers)  
**Donna Hershey** (Philpy)  
**Michael Boswell** (Morin)  
**Lore Schnell** (Fritsch)  
**Janet Arceneaux** (Stevermer)  
**Emily Mulhollen** (Celusniak)

**Prayers for our prayer partner 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](mailto:aseep@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*



