

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

August 22, 2018

Church News

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.

Thank You for Your Help!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, clean up, and run Gather Together Sunday. It was a great success, everyone had a wonderful time, and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of those who pitched in.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Marilyn & Bill Reitz in celebration of their 67th anniversary.

Last week's flowers (8-18 & 19-18) were given by Dick & Jo Rock in celebration of their 64th anniversary.

September is looking mighty sparse! 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.

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 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 26
- Conduct interviews with leaders in the community to gauge the perception of SPLC in the community

-Currently scheduled for August 27 and 28, 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

Save the Date!

Harvest Potluck on **Sunday, October 7, 5:30-7:30 pm**. Bring yourself, your family, and a dish to share. Enjoy some of the bounty of the St Philip's Garden (pumpkins prizes and canned garden items) and learn what's happening. Games, prizes, and a creative project!

Garden Updates

- We did get some hail damage last week and the garden looks a bit beaten down. The good news is that most everything survived and is still growing.
- Extra Produce in Your Home Garden? Please drop off your garden surplus on Wednesdays for Thursday delivery to the Sheridan Food Bank. Please weigh, mark, and put in refrigerator.
- Help needed watering and harvesting **August 22-September 10** while Ana is out of town. Please email atolenti@aol.com if you think you could chip in an hour or two.

Golf Tournament Update

What a great time was had by those who golfed at the Club at Ravenna! The course was spectacular and the weather was just beautiful. Our total profit for the golf tournament was \$5,788.19. A special thank you goes out to our hosts, Kevin and Dawn Collins—you and your staff made everything just perfect. Thank you sincerely to our \$250 golf hole sponsors: Belleview Eye Associates, Chick-Fil-A (Aspen Grove), the Club at Ravenna, the Cribbage Players of St. Philip, the Steering Team of the Sharing with Sheridan program, St. Philip Early Learning Center, Thrivent Financial (Gary Philpy), and Thrivent Financial (seed money from Bryan Vinz). We so appreciate your donations. Thank you also to our most wonderful 48 golfers who played golf, and for those who participated in the putting contest. I heard only rave reviews. This \$5,788.19 is all set aside to help pay for the remodeled kitchen that is being planned for next summer. Stay tuned for more on that project, and keep an eye out for events next year, to include another golf tournament as well as a silent auction. Thank you all!

Inquirer's Class/New Member Class

We invite those interested to attend our next **Inquirer's/New Member Classes, September 9-October 14**. The first three weeks will be for those who want to learn more about the Lutheran church and its teachings. The second three weeks are for those who want to learn more about St. Philip Lutheran Church and how you might get involved in its ministries. Pastor Nathan will be teaching this class on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30am in the Fireside Room. Please RSVP to the church office at 303.979.4491 if you are planning to attend.

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.

Thank You

Our *Rags to Rock* concert on Saturday, August 18 was a great time. 172 people were in the audience, and we had a wonderful variety of music. We raised \$100 to put back towards our concert fund, and almost \$700 for Mosaic. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to make this event happen and to all who attended. Please mark your calendars for our *Harvest Hoedown* on **Sunday, November 4 at 2:30 pm** and stay tuned for more information on concerts in 2019.

The Ken Caryl Concerts Committee

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.

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 ac-

tual 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 Fishko at 720.502.3628. We will both be happy to answer any questions concerning this Dinner Group.

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 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

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.

Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? For everyone who volunteers at the Food Bank of the Rockies, Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry gets credit to use for food purchase. It's a win-win! We have a group scheduled to work on **Saturday, September 1** from 9am - 12pm. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

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

Sunday School is Family Style this Week!

Families with children in PK through 6th grade (littler ones are welcome too!) are invited to come learn about worship together this **Sunday, August 26**. We'll begin in the Fellowship Hall with a brief introduction, and then move the sanctuary to explore our worship space. We'll then have a worship people scavenger hunt! See you at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Events

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 for reservations.

Preparing for Worship - August 25 & 26

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

Worship Servants

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Taylor White

Altar Guild – Linda Heesch

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, August 26, 2018

	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard	Jonathan Anderson
Lector	Chris Youngren	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Lilly Varnell	Vicky Cerny, Melissa Giesen
Communion Deacons	Susan Shepard, Sandi Stevermer	Amy Rahne
Ushers	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach	Nick Schell, Nancy Schell, Rob Simons
Altar Guild	Carole Kessler, JoAnn Breitbach	Betty Welch
Ambassadors	Glenn & Louanne Isernhagen	Stacey Wacholz
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	Denton West
Coffee Cart	Horan & McConaty	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (8/25): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 8/26: Chris White

Save The Date-2018

1st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies

August 24	Children's Colorado Blood Mobile: 8am-1pm
October 5 & 6	SPELC Consignment Sale
October 7	Harvest Potluck
October 28	Reformation Sunday; 9th Grade Confirmation
November 4	Ken Caryl Concerts <i>Harvest Hoedown</i>: 2:30pm
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving-Church offices closed
December 24	Christmas Eve worship: 3, 5, 7, 9pm
December 25	Christmas Day-Church offices closed; worship at 10am

Calendar of Events This Week (August 22 - September 2, 2018)

Wednesday, August 22 8:00a – SPELC Open House 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Fellowship Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR)	Tuesday, August 28 1:30p – Worship Planning Meeting (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts
Thursday, August 23 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 8:00a – SPELC Staff In-Service 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, August 29 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR)
Friday, August 24 (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)	Thursday, August 30 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Saturday, August 25 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, August 31 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>
Sunday, August 26 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 9:30a – Adult Forum (MC-4/5) 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Leadership Retreat (FH/Kitchen)	Saturday, September 1 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, August 27 2:00p – ASK Leaders Meeting (FS/Nursery) 3:00p – ASK (FH, Kitchen) 7:00p – Congregation Council Mtg (FH-1a/b) 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Mtg (MC-4/5)	Sunday, September 2 <i>Family Promise</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Beth Clough, Rob Murphy, Karen Otto, Wauneta Rogge, Elvira Barber, Ray Peterson, and Janet Wagner.

Family Members:

Tom Sheldon (Karen Morin's cousin)	Caroline Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)
Jane Stevermer (Michael Stevermer's mother)	Mark Overholser (Barb DeLong's brother)
Kara & family (Sue Miller's niece)	Scott Worman (Monica Auch's son)
Family of Jerre Biddle (Beth Clough's father)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Donna Silco (Tom Silco's sister-in-law)	Jim Dawson (Dave Husted's uncle)
Maryanne Pixley (Mark Pixley's mother)	Bill Orf (Howard & Nancy Hanson's son-in-law)
Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)
Isabelle VanGorder (Marilyn Belford's great-granddaughter)	

Friends:

Friends & family of Trish Kanzler (Morin)	Lance (Schnickel)
Henry Galleher (Silco)	Tahniah & Ben (Anderson)
Bruce Worthington (Silco)	Tina Wulf & family (Stevermer)
Tracey, Sandra, Rachel, Jason, RD, & Percia (Pazalos)	Donna Hershey (Philpy)
Mary (Endersen)	Lore Schnell (Fritsch)
Judy Marxhausen (Nourse)	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 as she continues her seminary studies.

Prayers of support and love for our companion synods and friends in Madagascar, and our Madagascar missionary Kirsten Laderach. Prayers of support for Aaron and Anna Silco and their mission work in Thailand.

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.