

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

August 29, 2018

Church News

The church office will be closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

There will be no emailed prayer chain next week as our prayer chain facilitators are on vacation. The Prayer List released by the church office will still come out on Wednesday, September 5.

Altar Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been given by Suzanne & Ray Peterson in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Fall 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.

Welcome Our New Organist/Pianist!

We are pleased to introduce you to our new Organist/Pianist at St. Philip, Bryan Chuan. He is a fabulous keyboard player, and we are so excited to have him start with us on **September 9**. He did his undergraduate work at Harvard in music. After teaching middle school science for two years, Bryan decided to pursue his passion for music and earned his Master of Music degree in Piano Performance at the University of Nevada-Reno. His next step is working on his doctoral program in Piano Performance at CU Boulder. He has played for Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in Reno, and we are very lucky to have him play for our Lutheran church! He also enjoys cooking and hiking. Bryan is moving to Colorado with his wife, who is also advancing her education. Please be sure to greet him warmly!

Thank You, Coreen!

Yet again, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Coreen Wells for filling in for us as our organist and pianist while we were searching for a full-time organist. She has been a dedicated music servant at St. Philip, and we are so grateful for her talent, creativity, and willingness to fill in whenever necessary. We are truly blessed to have her on our ministry team! We are grateful that Coreen will continue to fill in for us when needed. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!!

Join a Music Ensemble

It's that time of year again! Summer is winding down and the St. Philip music ensembles are getting into the swing of things! It's never too late to join the Sanctuary Choir or the Ringing Brass (handbell choir). Martin Luther said, "Music is one of the fairest and most glorious gifts of God."

The most common excuse I hear for not joining one of these groups is, "I don't read music." Never fear! This is a problem that can be quickly remedied with a little bit of instruction. Some of our members still struggle with reading music, but we all manage to make beautiful music to praise the Lord. Both of these groups are filled with enthusias-

tic, patient, and encouraging people who would love to have more musicians to enjoy their craft.

Another common excuse I hear is, "I don't have enough time to commit to that every week." I'm pretty sure no one in either group has had perfect attendance! We all understand that life happens and there are other things that demand our attention. Please consider joining us for a month or two to try it out and see if you can make it work.

Another excuse is, I never go to the 8:00 service (or the 10:45 service.) No problem! Come when you are able!

Running out of excuses?

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing **this Thursday, August 30 at 7 p.m.** We will also welcome our new organist, Bryan Chuan, at this rehearsal. Our first Sunday to sing will be **September 9** at the early service. We will alternate the services we sing at: early service one week, 10:45 service the next week (except for festival Sundays when we will sing for both services.)

The Ringing Brass will have their first rehearsal on **Tuesday, September 4 from 7-8pm** in the sanctuary. The more the merrier! Consider joining us as a substitute ringer if you don't want to commit to each week. We would love to have you join us!

If you would like to provide special music for a service, that would be great too! I am always looking for song leaders, instrumentalists, and vocal soloists to lift up their talents to enrich the worship services. You can contact me at jshibly@stphilip-co.org.

Our congregation is a great singing congregation. If you decide to forgo participating in a music ensemble, please sing with gusto as a member of the congregation. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! We all have a gift to share!

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:

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.

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.

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.

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.

Church Needs/Fundraising

Family Promise Challenge

Join the St. Philip youth and/or help raise funds for the Family Promise Challenge! The challenge is to “Get Down” from your bed, sleep on the floor, in a car, or just somewhere other than your normal comfortable bed to help Family Promise raise awareness of and \$25,000 for families experiencing homelessness. During the month of

September you are challenged to pick one night to sleep somewhere else besides your bed.

Have someone take a picture of you sleeping or getting ready to sleep in this place. Then send it to Pr. Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org) or post it on the St. Philip Facebook page.

For more info, go to <https://www.classy.org/campaign/down-for-dreaming/c189219>.

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

Our Food Bank of the Rockies volunteer opportunity on September 1 has been cancelled due to the Labor Day holiday. We have been rescheduled for **Saturday, September 15** 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 – September Donations

This month we are asking for toilet paper, canned fruit, and meal soups. 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 (younger ones are welcome too!) are invited to come learn about worship together this **Sunday, September 2**. We'll begin in the Fellowship Hall with a brief introduction, and then move to the baptismal font, and finally go outside for a little water play. Come prepared for sprinkles and showers! See you at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Events

Theater & Theology

Our next play on **October 2** is *The Constant Wife*, in which Constance Middleton cheerfully plays her traditional role as a housewife, but she actually has bigger plans. This cheeky satire is just as relevant today as it was in the 1920s. Sign-up in the Narthex by **September 9**. Tickets are \$35 a piece. Contact Nancy Oelz with 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 - September 1 & 2
First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading: James 1:17-27
Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Worship Servants

Saturday, September 1, 2018

Pianist – Becky Miller
Cantor – Grace Miller
Altar Guild – Suzanne Peterson
Usher – Paul Stortz
A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, September 2, 2018		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen	Bill Shepard
Lector	Karen Morin	TBD
Acolytes	TBD	McKenna Rogge, Jada Rogge
Communion Deacons	TBD	TBD
Prayer Partner	Naomi Doerr	Heather Varnell
Ushers	John Schutt, Connie Schutt, Denton West, Gaylen Rapp	Tyler Henson, Ron Ramey, Rod Mauler, Andy Osborne
Altar Guild	Betty Welch	Diane Michael
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	Stacey Wacholz
A-V Sound & Slides	Stephen Mathis	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Cindy Knuth & Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (9/1): John Breed	Week beg. 9/2: Peter Mielke

Calendar of Events This Week (August 29 - September 9, 2018)

<p>Wednesday, August 29 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR)</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 4 <i>Family Promise</i> 1:30p – Worship Planning Meeting (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Choir (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Thursday, August 30 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 5 <i>Family Promise</i> 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR)</p>
<p>Friday, August 31 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>	<p>Thursday, September 6 <i>Family Promise</i> 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 5:45p – Personnel Committee (MC-1) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, September 1 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, September 7 <i>Family Promise</i> (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>
<p>Sunday, September 2 <i>Family Promise</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship</p>	<p>Saturday, September 8 <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>Monday, September 3-Labor Day <i>Family Promise</i> <i>Church office closed</i></p>	<p>Sunday, September 9 <i>Family Promise</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

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

Family Members:

Family of Jane Stevermer (Michael Stevermer's mother)

Valley (Larry Kemp's daughter)

Richard Truman (Arne & Harriet Truman's nephew)

Corey (Rita & Carl Kuenne's nephew)

Tom Sheldon (Karen Morin's cousin)

Kara & family (Sue Miller's niece)

Family of Jerre Biddle (Beth Clough's father)

Donna Silco (Tom Silco's sister-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:

Danielle (Anderson)

Philip Ott (Kuenne)

Bessie (Kuenne)

Jay French (Phillips)

Paula Wills & family (Nelson)

Friends & family of Trish Kanzler (Morin)

Henry Galleher (Silco)

Bruce Worthington (Silco)

Donna Hershey (Philpy)

Lore Schnell (Fritsch)

Janet Arceneaux (Stevermer)

Emily Mulhollen (Celusniak)

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Jasper Dean Shepard, son of Joey & Aysia Shepard, grandson of Bill & Susan Shepard.

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.