

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 5, 2018

Church News

September 9-15 is Suicide Prevention Week. This is an annual campaign to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide. On Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9 we will be focusing much of our services on this important topic. We will offer prayers and give you a chance to recognize anyone you know or have known who has been affected by suicide. Please join us.

Take Them A Meal

Sign up now to take meals to Rob Murphy. Rob recently had chest surgery and can only eat soft foods. Go to <https://takethemameal.com/> and in the Find box for recipient's last name put Murphy. The password is also murphy. Select Rob Murphy from the list. If you have questions contact Karen Rossi at 720.935.3021.

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!

Strategic Planning-The Survey Process

The Strategic Planning Committee, commissioned by the Church Council, is busily working on the next phase of the process in updating the strategy for SPLC. As you recall, the strategic planning process is going to result in three main deliverables for the congregation:

1. An updated, clear, and achievable Mission Statement
2. Guiding Principles and Core Values to drive decision making and prioritization
3. Ministry Result Areas (MRAs)

During the past 2 weeks we have been on a data collection journey to create the basis for our **congregational-wide survey that will go out on September 15 and run through September 30**. This survey will run for 2 weeks and be best filled out online. However, a paper copy will be available in the office for you to fill out. The survey is concise, with 12 questions. Ten of the questions are check-box format and 2 are open-ended with ample space to fill out all your thoughts.

The data that is going to be collected in this survey will drive the creation of the mission statement, guiding principles, and MRAs for the church, so **I cannot stress enough the importance of making your thoughts known**. The collection of our congregation's opinions will drive the decision making of our church planning for the immediate future.

I encourage you to ask me any questions you may have about the process by writing me here: ddhusted@gmail.com

Thank you.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Strategic Planning Retreat on August 26. It was a very productive, engaging, and well attended event and we are grateful for everyone's input. Information about the results from the retreat survey will come soon.

Our greatest thank you goes out to all who donated blood in our recent Children's Colorado Blood Drive. We were able to collect 21 donations, which translates to up to 105 children who can benefit from your gift. It seems so little, but causes so much good.

~Bill and Susan Shepard and Art Barber

St. Philip Friends:

Thank you so much for your loving care of me. I do so much enjoy being a part of your fellowship and playing for you. It is a privilege. AND you really know how to get to a girl – through her stomach! Thanks for the great gift card.

In Christ's love, Coreen

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

Please take a look at the sign-up sheets in the narthex for places you can help out with our Family Promise rotation this week. Call Rick Richardson at 720.467.8607 if you are available.

Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Our Food Bank of the Rockies volunteer opportunity was 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!

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

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 the Bible together this **Sunday, September 9**. We'll begin in the Fellowship Hall with a brief opening, do some Bible-related activities, and finally break into our classes to explore the Bible each student will be using in their class. We'll conclude with a blessing in the Fellowship Hall. See you at 9:30am!

Teachers Needed!

The Sunday School teacher sign-up is live! You are invited to be a lead teacher or assist with one of our age groups:

- *Frolic Family (newborn-3 years + a parent)
- * Frolic Preschool (PK)
- *SPARK! (K-4th Grade)
- *Connect (5th & 6th Grade).

Once you've signed up, you'll receive access to all the lesson plans and additional resources through our digital platform. Sign up for one Sunday or multiple Sundays at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a4ff2-201819>.

Bible Study Groups

Men's Tuesday Evening Bible Study-Begins Sept. 11

Men's Tuesday Evening Bible Study takes place at the Paul Selander home, 6338 S Harlan Way in Leawood. All men of St Philip are invited to attend this in-depth Bible study. Our study continues with the history, culture, and language of the Old and New Testaments. This year we will complete our study of the Epistles of Paul and move back to the beginning with a new look at where it all started-Genesis. Each week Rudy Swenson leads the discussion of these fascinating areas of study. Please come and join us whenever you can. Any questions? Call Paul at 303.794.9739.

Fellowship in the Word-Begins Sept. 12

Fellowship in the Word is a men's Bible study that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in MC-1. If you are participating **please pick up your packets in the church office**. Contact Pr. Glenn Isernhagen with any questions.

Let's Unwrap the Bible-Begins Sept. 12

Let's Unwrap the Bible is a women's Bible study that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in the Fireside room. Contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 with any questions.

St. Philip Early Learning Center

Annual Consignment Sale is Coming Soon!

It's September! That means we're gearing up for our consignment sale **October 5 & 6!** It's our ONE fundraiser of the year, so come support us! How, you may ask? Easy peasy! You can donate items to be sold, sell your items and make some cash, SHOP, and volunteer! Visit our website at www.stphilipelc.org for more information.

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.

Stewardship 101

Stewardship of Our Work Life

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. --Colossians 3:17

The priesthood of all believers has been characterized as Martin Luther's most underappreciated theological insight. Simply put, Luther observed that God calls all Christians -- not just pastors -- to lives of holiness. Every one of us, not just priests, accomplishes God's holy work, regardless of what we do for work, whether employed or working at home.

It's a simple idea, and one that certainly elevates our "job" to a new status, but it can

be hard to live out. Here are some tips:

Think *disciple*: You may know to be a disciple in church, but prayerfully imagine how you can be a follower of Jesus at work, too!

Think *excellence*: There's satisfaction in doing your best. Knowing that your work is holy can provide not only incentive but also a satisfaction boost.

Think *relationship*: They're not just your coworkers, they're also the neighbors whom Christ commands us to serve and to love as ourselves.

Think *service*: Every workplace holds challenges for your employer, coworkers and customers. How can your experience and gifts help?

Think *priest*: You are called to be a holy person 24/7. How does this awareness invite you to change your behavior and attitude toward your work?

We spend so much of our lives in our jobs, we can't park our faith at the door. Instead, we bring the light of Christ to the workplace as holy people of God's reign!

--Rob Blezard

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Preparing for Worship - September 8 & 9
First Reading: Psalm 139:1-13
Second Reading: Acts 16:25-28
Gospel Reading: Luke 15:3-6

Save The Date-2018	
1st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
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

Worship Servants

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Tom Schnickel

Altar Guild – TBD

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, September 9, 2018		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Klingman	Mike Graff
Lector	JoAnn Breitbach	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Caroline Casson, Kameron Barthels	Kaden Butts, Kaden Rahne
Communion Deacons	TBD	TBD
Ushers	John Schutt, Connie Schutt, Denton West, Gaylen Rapp	Tyler Henson, Ron Ramey, Rod Mauler, Andy Osborne
Altar Guild	Carole Kessler	TBD
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt	Char Nauman & Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (9/8): Dick Rock	Week beg. 9/9: Sue Riecks

Calendar of Events This Week (September 5 - 16, 2018)

Wednesday, September 5 <i>Family Promise</i> 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR)	Tuesday, September 11 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 1:30p – Worship Planning Meeting (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Book Club (FS) 6:30p – ELC Consignment Sale Mtg. (MC-4/5) 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Choir (Sanc.)
Thursday, September 6 <i>Family Promise</i> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 11:00a – Milestone Ministry (FS) 5:45p – Personnel Committee (MC-1) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, September 12 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR)
Friday, September 7 <i>Family Promise</i> (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>	Thursday, September 13 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Saturday, September 8 <i>Family Promise</i> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:45a – Nominating Committee (FS) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, September 14 (church office open 8am-noon) <i>No activities scheduled</i>
Sunday, September 9 <i>Family Promise</i> Confirmation Covenant Service-10:45a 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 9:30a – Inquirer's Class (FS) 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Confirmation Huddle (MC-4/5)	Saturday, September 15 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Girl Scouts (MC-1, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, September 10 2:00p – ASK Leaders Meeting (FS, Nursery) 3:00p – ASK (FH, Kitchen, Narthex) 6:00p – ELC Consignment Sale Mtg. (MC-1)	Sunday, September 16 Commission of SPELC Staff-10:45a 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 9:30a – Inquirer's Class (FS) 10:45a – Worship

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Connie & Don Bloom, Max Landon, Janet Shibly, Michael Stevermer, Rebecca Anderson, Elvira Barber, Ray Peterson, and Janet Wagner.

Family Members:

Austin (Teresa Cline's great-nephew)
Patrik Bagwell (Monica Auch's grandson)
Family of Wally Jungmeyer (Janet Shibly's father)
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)
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)
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:

Gail Thomas & family
Danielle (Anderson)
Philip Ott (Kuenne)
Bessie (Kuenne)
Jay French (Phillips)
Paula Wills & family (Nelson)

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.