

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 14, 2018

Church News

Take Them a Meal-Pam Kubicek

There are still 2 slots available to provide meals for Pam while she recovers from ankle surgery. Go to takethemameal.com to sign up. The recipient's last name and password are both Kubicek.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 22** and **Friday, November 23** to give the staff a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families.

Upcoming Services

Wednesday, November 21 join us for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Bring a non-perishable item to donate to Sharing with Sheridan. After the service, come to the annual pie social in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, November 25 is Christ the King Sunday. The Sunday School children are decorating crowns for a banner that they will process in with at both services.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Amy Rahne & Brian Lamb in memory of Brian's father, Jim Lamb.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. See your Connection Cards for details, or contact the church office.

Angel Tree

The angel tree is happily bare! Gifts are due by **Sunday, December 2**. Place your unwrapped items in the bins next to the tree. Any questions? Call Carl or Rita Kuenne at 720.320.7201 or email rckuenne@yahoo.com. Blessings to all and thank you!

St. Nicholas: Anticipating Christmas

St. Nicholas: Anticipating Christmas will take place on **Saturday, December 1** from 9am -12pm. This event will include fun for all ages. Crafts and activities for kids, snacks, stories, and a concert presented by Chappell Kingsland (the pianist/organist with a classical/rock spin who wowed us at the KC Concerts *Rags to Rock* performance in August).

Please sign up to help where you can.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49adae2da57-stnicholas>

Did You Know?

Your generosity helps the RMS-ELCA accompany our 3 Spanish-speaking and one Indonesian worship communities.

Sabbatical for Pastor Brad

In August, it was announced that Pastor Brad has been granted a three-month sabbatical after serving our congregation for six years. A sabbatical is a blessing to our pastors as they have the opportunity to be renewed, re-energized, and re-equipped for ministry in the future.

Pastor Brad feels blessed to have this opportunity to take a sabbatical. He will use his study time to learn about and experience what the church needs to do in the future to engage, motivate, and care for people of all ages. Christians in our society have the desire to be people of faith and the desire to go to church, but there is something missing. What tends to be missing is the drive to go to church and a lack of motivation to be involved. Pastor Brad will be looking at how churches do ministry a little differently or provide more opportunities to encourage more people to attend, be involved, and engage with a community of faith.

Pastor Brad's sabbatical will start on January 1, 2019, and he will return to the office on April 1, 2019. Please type <http://www.stphilip-co.org/sabbatical/> into your internet browser to read more about what Pastor Brad will be doing on his sabbatical. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Pastor Brad.

College Outreach Ministry

The end of the first semester of the school year draws near, and that means it's time to prepare for College Outreach Care packages. We will be collecting and mailing boxes at the end of November. We will display pennants in the Narthex **beginning Saturday, November 10**. The pennants will highlight the specific number and type of snack needed to fill 55 student boxes. The snacks should be **returned by Sunday, November 25**. It is important that you bring in the specific snacks highlighted on your pennant. Thank you for supporting this ministry as we love on these young adults. They are so appreciative! Contact Anne Henning with any questions at adhenning14@gmail.com

CCQ (Caring, Creative Quilters)

Saturday, November 17 9:00 am - 12:00pm

This Saturday we will be busy with holiday projects that individuals can bring, or a new project, Button Blizzard! This small quilt (12 in x 12 in) teaches how to do simple appliqué as well as sewing on a "sleeve" for displaying the cute snowman in a "button blizzard." I used some of our family's old, old white buttons for this project and will display it on a small quilt hanger. Everything needed for this mini quilt (minus the hanger) will be provided.

Please RSVP to Becky Feuerstein at becky91955@gmail.com if you want a Button Blizzard kit to work on Saturday.

Traditional Baking

Calling all Norskies and Norskie wannabes! There will be lefse and krumkake baking on **Saturday, November 17 beginning at 12:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lefse dough and krumkake dough all ready to roll out and bake. See the following website for directions and recipes for lefse and krumkake: www.lefsetime.com.

If you have a grill or an electric krumkake iron, please bring them. Presently, we may have four grills for lefse and two electric krumkake irons. Bring a couple of clean towels,

large baggies, a pastry board, a rolling pin or two, a sleeve or two for your rolling pins, flour, and a lefse stick. Contact LeRae Schnickel at lschnickel@icloud.com if you have questions.

Quilts on Display

Do you have a quilt you have created that you would like to share? They will hang in the Sanctuary from **November 17-24**. Please bring the quilts to church on **Saturday, November 17** by 9am and we will hang them for you. Any questions? Call Barb Donaho at 303.794.1796 or Rita Kuenne at 720.320.6602.

Bios of Candidates for Council and Endowment Committee

At the Congregational Meeting between services on **November 18**, we will be voting for Church Council Nominees and Endowment Committee Nominees. Go to <http://www.stphilip-co.org/council-candidates/> to read the Church Council nominee bios. Go to <http://www.stphilip-co.org/endowment-committee-bios/> to read the bios for the Endowment Committee nominees.

Mary, Queen of Saints

*A class by Jerry Jantz, beginning **December 2***

As Protestants we are not attuned to Mother Mary's role in the economy of salvation. Yet among Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox, Mary is venerated as an important example of what it means to be a Christian, nay even more, as a mediator to the Son. In John's gospel, in the story of the wedding at Cana, Jesus asks his mother, "Who are you to me?" Mary answers to the servants at the ceremony, "Do what he tells you to do!" She is saying "I am the one who knows Jesus and I am telling you that He is your Lord—follow him." We, too, ask the question of Mary, "Who are you to us?" Can we answer this prayer, "Yes, we will follow Jesus...doing what he says?" Mary, Full of Grace, Mother of the Church, Protector against evil...the list of names goes on. Come and ask with me during this time of Advent, "Who is Mary to us?"

- Intro: The story of Mary in the Bible and in the Apocrypha
- History and development of Mariology: Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant
- Mary for today's world: Host to the Love of God

Silver Sages

Dinner at the White Fence Farm

Tuesday, December 4

We will meet at church at 4:15pm for those of you who wish to carpool. The address is 6263 Jewel Ave., Lakewood. **There is a LIMIT of 20 people.** Please sign up in the narthex. **Reservations are required and the deadline is Tuesday, November 20.** If you're 55 or older, single, married, or have a significant other, we hope you will join us for this outing.

Share the Love

The Women of St. Philip's Pay It Forward collection is now being called the Share the Love collection. This special collection will take place during the month of February, not during the Thanksgiving weekend as in previous years. More information will be forthcoming. Contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 if you have questions.

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

We have a great tradition at St. Philip. After our 7pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service, where we give thanks to God for His many blessings to us, we move to our fellowship hall for a pie social. It is a great fellowship event for our congregation.

Bake a pie or buy a pie and bring it, cut and ready to share. What a variety of pies we usually have to enjoy! Even if you do not bring a pie, you are welcome to join us for this wonderful time of sharing. Thanksgiving is about giving thanks for all of those special people in our lives, and we hope you count your church community among those people.

Carolyn Rapp is coordinating this event for us. If you are able to come early and help her set up, or stay afterwards and help her clean up, that would be great. Her email address is gvrapp@sbcglobal.net.

“Let us give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!”

Church Needs/Fundraising

Lutheran Disaster Response

As you probably already know, several wildfires are raging across California. Already more than 40 people have died and more than 200 are missing. Hundreds of thousands have fled their homes under evacuation orders. Lutheran Disaster Response has already begun addressing immediate needs, including providing food and other necessities to survivors. They are also preparing to address long-term needs.

You can help by donating to Lutheran Disaster Response through our church. Just write “Lutheran Disaster Response-US wildfires” on the memo line of your check and bring it to the church office, or put in the offering plate this weekend.

Family Promise – November Rotation

Our next Family Promise rotation is **November 18-25**. We are in need of Evening Hosts to interact with the children. This is a 2-hour shift from 6-8pm. Also needed are Overnight Hosts, who are in the building from 8pm-6am the following day in case the families have questions or are in need of assistance.

In addition, the day center will be closed on November, 22, meaning our families will be here at the church for Thanksgiving. Please consider sharing your blessings with the homeless families who will be staying with us on this holiday when we give thanks for all we have. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Call Rick Richardson at 720.467.8607 with any questions.

Advent Readers Needed

We need people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath on Sunday mornings during Advent. Readers are needed for both services and will also light the Advent candles and place a figure in the nativity scene. Anyone can participate: families with young children, families with older children, couples, groups of singles. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Contact Jan Philpy if you have questions.

Anticipating Animals

We are looking to borrow large, stuffed barn animals for the St. Nicholas event on **Saturday, December 1**. Sheep, cows, horses, donkeys, things like that. Contact

Jan Philpy or Kristen Celusniak if you have any that might work.

Special Music for Sunday, December 23

We are looking for children who wish to perform a Christmas-themed song before and during the 10:45am worship service on Sunday, December 23. This can be through voice, piano, violin, or any other musical instrument. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49adae2da57-christmas1>
Contact Kristen Celusniak at kristen.celusniak@gmail.com with any questions.

AmazonSmile

Are you planning to do your holiday shopping online? You can support our St. Philip Youth at the same time with AmazonSmile. All you have to do is type <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0923808> into your browser and click Start Shopping. A portion of your transaction will go to St. Philip. It's so easy!

Come Make a Difference in the Life of one of our Confirmation Students

Are you interested in making a difference and having an active role in the faith of one of our confirmation students? St. Philip is continuing its mentoring program for our confirmation students! Our mentors have made and continue to make a big impact on our confirmation students and their faith. One of our confirmation students wrote, "One very special person who influenced my faith was ... my 7th and 8th grade mentor during confirmation. She helped me to strengthen my faith and come out of my comfort zone with prayer. She taught me a very valuable lesson about the Bible and how to connect it to prayer. I am very thankful to have had her as a mentor during this confirmation experience."

Our goal is to pair up one confirmation student with one adult in the congregation. The mentors come to mentor during the seasons of Advent and Lent. We would like the mentors to walk with the confirmation student for two years as they go through confirmation. The hope is that this relationship continues as they are in high school.

There are three Wednesdays in Advent where the mentors will meet with their mentee (December 5th, 12th, and 19th). Then we will come back in Lent to meet again (March 13th and 20th, April 3rd and 10th). We will begin with worship at 6pm and then join in a meal together after worship. After the meal, the mentors and the confirmation students will meet for mentoring for 30-45 minutes, until 8pm.

The responsibility of the mentors will be to get to know the confirmation student you are paired up with, talk to them, pray with them, pray for them, share your faith with them, encourage them, and support them in their life and faith. This will be done through natural conversation, a guided discussion on a certain topic, and connecting with them outside of mentoring.

Are you interested in making a difference and having an active role in the faith of one of our confirmation students? If so, please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Brad at bdoty@stphilip-co.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brad.

Sacrament Servants

You are already at a worship service, so why not volunteer to prepare or clear communion? Anyone who receives communion can do this and you pick the service. It's a

great opportunity for families to serve together, and we will help you get started. Contact Jan Philpy (gjphilpy@gmail.com or 317.709.5045) or one of the pastors if you are interested.

Sharing with Sheridan Fall Food Drive

For the month of November we are holding our annual fall food drive. Items needed include tuna, canned chicken, meal soups, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, spaghetti, toilet paper, and toiletries. PLEASE no opened or partially used items. Items should be placed on the table in the hallway across from the mailboxes. Contact Karen Otto at karenlotto@msn.com for more information.

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

All ages are invited to start Sunday school together at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. After the opening program, we will move into classes:

- ◇ Frolic Family (0-3 years + a grown-up): You can say "I'm sorry" to God.
- ◇ Frolic PK (3 and 4 years): God gives us strengths and gifts.
- ◇ SPARK! (K-4th Grade): Jonah & the Big Fish (Jonah 1-4)
- ◇ Connect (5th & 6th Grade): Prophets (Amos 5:21-24)

Bible Study Groups/Classes

Men's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

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. Please come and join us whenever you can. Any questions? Call Paul at 303.794.9739.

Fellowship in the Word

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. Contact Pr. Glenn Isernhagen with any questions.

Let's Unwrap the Bible

Let's Unwrap the Bible is a women's bible study. We meet at 9:30am in the Fireside Room at church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. We are currently studying 1,2,3 John. Our discussions focus on how scripture relates to our present-day lives, listening and learning from each other. Consider joining us any time!
Contact: Chris Youngren 303.973.3096

Events

Augustana Arts

Augustana Arts is proud to present **Anima Chamber Ensemble** as it kicks off its 4th season with contrasting works of brilliance and peacefulness in a concert called *Radiance and Rest* on **Saturday, November 10 at 7:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver. This elite 16-voice ensemble will touch you at your core, as they share their passion for great choral literature. As these accomplished mu-

sicians share their souls, breathing life into every word they sing, experience the spirit and vitality of choral music deep in your soul. Once again, we are thrilled to be joined by Fairview HS Festival Singers and Ralston Valley HS Concert Choir for this inspiring performance. All ELCA members receive 25% discount using code RMS25. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org to join us for a night to remember!

Through the Lens of Music: Focus on Spirit. Let Stratus stir your spirit through a provocative exploration of the incredible Spirit of Music on **Friday, November 16 at 7:30pm** at First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd. This concert offers the same selections as the *Music of the Vine* event on 11/17, without the wine-pairing experience. String orchestra masterpieces, such as Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto #3*, and more, will be divinely performed and also includes cameo appearances of the English Horn and Trumpet, too! This concert offers a unique immersive seating option. Use code RMS25 for 25% off all tickets. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org.

Music of the Vine: A Perfectly Paired Evening with Music & Wine. Sip, listen, savor, and enjoy with Claude Robbins, President of the International Wine & Spirits Guild and Stratus Chamber Orchestra in this paired experience of fine wine and music on **Saturday, November 17 at 6:30pm** at Historic Grant Avenue, 216 S. Grant St., Denver. Enjoy cleansing appetizers, wine sampling, music notes by Conductor David Rutherford, and wine history by Claude - all paired with great string classics such as *Adagio for Strings* by Samuel Barber, Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto #3*, and Aaron Copland's *Quiet City* in this very special evening. All proceeds benefit Outreach and Education programs of Augustana Arts, including our life-changing City Strings program. \$55 per person or \$100 per couple by 11/14. Purchase tickets at www.AugustanaArts.org.

Preparing for Worship - November 17 & 18
First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25
Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

Financial Statistics

As of the end of October 2018:			
SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	973,251	994,621	(21,370)
Expenses	981,147	1,028,999	47,852
	(7,896)	(34,378)	26,482
SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	316,196	332,634	(16,438)
Expenses	301,901	332,634	30,733
	14,295	-	14,295
SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	657,056	661,987	(4,931)
Expenses	679,246	696,365	17,119
	(22,190)	(34,378)	12,188
Contributions			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
YTD Actual	592,208	551,700	
YTD Budgeted	599,482		
	(7,274)		
ELCA World Hunger			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
YTD Actual	\$7,284	\$5,554	

Our Prayer List

Members:

Louanne Isernhagen, Marie Koecher-Knapp, Wauneta Rogge, Margaret Rusch, Elvira Barber, Dave Blandin, Susan Shepard, Pam Kubicek, Ray Peterson, and Richard Wagner.

Family Members:

Family of Marvel Walker (Margaret Rusch's sister)

Darlene Rahne (Amy Rahne's stepmother)

Patrik Bagwell (Monica Auch's grandson)

Kailee & Allison Nauman (Char Nauman's granddaughters)

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)

Phil Ott (Rita Kuenne's cousin)

Isabelle VanGorder (Marilyn Belford's

great-granddaughter)

Caroline Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)

Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)

Bill Orf (Howard & Nancy Hanson's son-in-law)

Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Trina, Melissa, Susan, and Judy (Henning)

Andrew & Kate Rymer (Rogge)

Mulhollen family (Celusniak)

Amy & Chad (Miller)

Tom & Marianne Jensen (Endecott)

Family & friends of Joan Vawter (Anderson)

Donna Hershey (Philpy)

Judy Marxhausen (Nourse)

Lore Schnell (Fritsch)

Prayers for everyone suffering loss from the fires in California.

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 encouragement for Garang Manyok Giet as he continues his seminary studies at African International University.

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.

Save The Date-2018	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
November 21	Thanksgiving Eve worship: 7pm; Pie Social: 8pm
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving-Church offices closed
December 1	St. Nicholas: Anticipating Christmas—a fun morning for all!
December 24	Christmas Eve worship: 3, 5, 7, 9pm
December 25	Christmas Day-Church offices closed; worship at 10am
Save The Date-2019	
March 3	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>An Afternoon in Paris</i> 2:30pm
June 26	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>An All-American Evening</i> 7pm
September 28	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Spanish Serenade</i> 7:30pm
December 8	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Christmas Around the World</i> 2:30pm

Worship Servants

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Carolyn Smith

Sacrament Servant – Linda Heesch

Usher – Paul Stortz

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 18, 2018		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Krause	Jonathan Anderson
Lector	Karen Morin	Addison Roswech
Acolytes	Aaron Graff, Casey Graff	Cora Eliasson, Erin Finnerty
Communion Deacons	Lisa Edington, Victoria Edington	Jim Smith, Jonathan Anderson
Prayer Partner	Jill Luer	Dawn Collins
Ushers	John Selden, Mike Graff, Tim Young	Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge
Sacrament Servants	TBD, JoAnn Breitbach	Betty Welch, TBD
Ambassadors	Dick Rusch, Mary Hatlestad	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Endowment Committee	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (11/17): Karen Otto	Week beg. 11/18: Sue Riecks

Calendar of Events This Week (November 14 - 25, 2018)

Wednesday, November 14 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 11:15a – SPLC Staff Fellowship 6:00p – Confirmation Service Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR) 7:00p – Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Tuesday, November 20 <i>Family Promise</i> 11:00a – Memorial Service, Liz Swenson (Sanc) 2:00p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts (FH, Kitchen, FH-1a/b) 7:00p – Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (Selander home)
Thursday, November 15 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHoP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, November 21 <i>Family Promise</i> 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting 6:00p – Sr. High Youth 7:00p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship 8:00p – Pie Social (FH, Kitchen)
Friday, November 16 (church office open 8am-noon) No activities scheduled	Thursday, November 22 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Family Promise</i> Church office closed
Saturday, November 17 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Girl Scouts (MC-1, FH-1a/b) 9:00a – Quilt Hanging (Sanc.) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 12:00p – Lefse making (Kitchen, FH) 5:30p – Worship 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event	Friday, November 23 <i>Family Promise</i> Church office closed No activities scheduled
Sunday, November 18 <i>Family Promise</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship	Saturday, November 24 <i>Family Promise</i> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, November 19 <i>Family Promise</i> 10:00a – Property Team Meeting (FH-1a/b)	Sunday, November 25 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> <i>Family Promise</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship

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Mark 13:2, NRSV