

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 21, 2018

Church News

Take Them a Meal-Pam Kubicek

There are still 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 TONIGHT 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. Children present will be asked to carry crowns to the front of the sanctuary to be laid at the foot of the cross.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Ben Clark in loving memory of JoHanna Clark.

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!

Did You Know?

Cristo Rey-Denver is a joint ministry supported by both the Rocky Mountain Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, and is served by an Episcopal priest.

St. Nicholas: Anticipating Christmas

St. Nicholas: Anticipating Christmas is an event for all! Come and go whenever you please between 9am and 12pm on **Saturday, December 1**. There will be crafts, food, stories, and a concert by Chappell Kingsland. Please bring a hat, gloves/mittens, or socks for children in need.

Camp for Kids, Youth and Families at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

This Summer, 2019, St. Philip is going to camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp! All children and youth currently in 3rd-12th grades will have the opportunity to go to camp

this Summer at Rainbow Trail in Hillside, CO. Families with children of all ages are also able to go to Family Camp. To find out more about camp and when you or your child (ren) can go to camp this summer with St. Philip, please go to <http://www.stphilip-co.org/camp>.

Get Togethers for 6

This is a reminder that you may join Get Togethers for 6 (formerly Dinners for 6) at any time. The groups meet for brunch, lunch, or dinner. It is the choice of the host. A list of who is hosting and their guests is sent out by email at the beginning of each month so that a time can be settled on for the group by phone calls. We are taking off the month of December as it is just too busy, but will start up again in January.

The host prepares the main dish and the guests bring a side dish. The group is open to both couples and singles. We rotate hosting so that you only have to host a couple of times during the year. The get togethers may happen on any day of the weekend, and have even occurred during the week if the group agrees. This is not a gourmet dinner group and paper plates are just fine. The point of the get togethers is to meet others from St. Philip.

The get togethers usually last 2 to 3 hours, depending on how busy everyone is that day. There is no babysitting service offered and children are not invited to the meals. Therefore, the group attracts members who are over 55. We always need and welcome substitutes to fill in for members on vacation. If you are interested and would like further information, please call Sue Bryant at 314.495.4608 (cell) or her home phone in the evenings at 720.667.3910. We hope you will consider joining this fun group to get to know others who worship at St. Philip.

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

Women's Lunch

Our women's bible study group is going for lunch following our study on **Wednesday, December 12**, at Robert's Deli, Pierce & Ken Caryl. We'll meet at about 11:15am. Plan to join us and enjoy lunch and fellowship. Contact: Chris at 303.973.3096.

Church Needs/Fundraising

ELCA Good Gifts

“Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat, please put a penny in the old man’s hat ...” Or better yet, order a chick or piglet or a water well for someone in need from the Good Gifts catalog. These are gifts that keep on giving and can help a family survive on their own. These gifts fight hunger and transform lives, and can be given to honor a friend or loved one. You can find the ELCA Good Gifts catalog on the World Hunger table in the narthex, or online at ELCA.org/goodgifts. Contact Nancy Oelz with questions.

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 work day scheduled on **Saturday, December 1** from 9am - 12pm. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Lutheran Disaster Response-California Wildfires

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.

Advent Readers Needed

We especially need readers for each service on **December 2**, the first Sunday in Advent. Sign up on the counter in the narthex, or contact Jan Philpy.

Help Needed for St. Nicholas Day

Adult and teen help is needed for St. Nicholas Day on December 1. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49adae2da57-stnicholas> and sign up today!

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.

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

Sunday School is family style this **Sunday, November 25!** Families with kids of all ages are invited to come and sing together, hear a story about "Porcupine Pie," and create a giving manger to take home. Meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for all the fun!

At the beginning of each service this **Sunday, November 25**, the Sunday School children will be carrying in crowns they made in Sunday School to lay at the foot of the cross by the altar. This is in celebration of Christ the King Sunday, the last day of the church year. We acknowledge the reign of Jesus over heaven and earth as we give our lives in service to him. PLEASE bring your children to church that day to participate even if they didn't decorate a crown.

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

Chappell Kingsland Performance

Remember Chappell Kingsland from the August Ken Caryl concert? He is the musician who made our organ sing like never before! He will be giving a concert on **Saturday, December 1 at 10:30am** as part of the St. Nicholas-Anticipating Christmas event. Come and enjoy!

Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, and extend an invitation to join us for our Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 9**. We will be starting with *Caroling for our Lord* at **1pm** in the lobby of Lutheran Hospital, 8300 W 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge. We will be gathering around the piano and singing many of our favorite carols and hymns. Please join us in singing.

At **3pm** we will be moving to the Chapel of the Good Samaritan, also on the Lutheran Hospital Campus, at the northeast corner of the hospital's North Pavilion. *The Miracle of our Lord* includes many new and old pieces which celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Our next concert will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1701 W. Caley Avenue, Littleton on **December 9 at 7:30pm**.

We do not sell tickets for our concerts but we will accept a freewill donation. Please contact David Peterson, 303.210.9428, email us at TheLutheranChorale@comcast.net, or visit our website at thelutheranchorale.org.

Preparing for Worship - Thanksgiving Eve November 21
First Reading: Joel 2:21-27
Second Reading: I Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33
Preparing for Worship - November 24 & 25
First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

Calendar of Events This Week (November 21 - December 2, 2018)

<p>Wednesday, November 21 <i>Family Promise</i> 6:00p – Sr. High Youth 7:00p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship 8:00p – Pie Social (FH, Kitchen)</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 27 1:30p – Worship Planning Mtg. (MC-1) 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)</p>
<p>Thursday, November 22 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Family Promise</i> Church office closed</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 28 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event</p>
<p>Friday, November 23 <i>Family Promise</i> Church office closed No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Thursday, November 29 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Friday, November 30 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Saturday, December 1 9:00a – St. Nicholas Celebration 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, November 26 1:00p – College Care Packages (MC-2) 7:00p – Congregation Council Mtg. (FH-1a/b) 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Mtg. (MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Sunday, December 2 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:45a – Worship 4:00p – Ambler Clarinet Choir (Sanc.)</p>

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Save The Date-2018	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving-Church offices closed
December 1	St. Nicholas: Anticipating Christmas—a fun morning for all! - 9am-noon
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

Wednesday, November 21-Thanksgiving Eve

Accompanist – Coreen Wells

Assisting Minister – Renate Muthart

Lector – Nathan Whittenburg

Acolyte – Jaimen Whittenburg

Communion Deacons – Peter Mielke

Sacrament Servants – TBD

Ushers – Charlie Petersen, Charlie Petersen, Jr.

A-V Sound & Slides – Beth Mielke

Saturday, November 24, 2018

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Tom Schnickel

Sacrament Servant – TBD

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 25, 2018		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer	Renate Muthart
Lector	Chris Youngren	TBD
Acolytes	Aaron Graff, Casey Graff	Kaden Rahne
Communion Deacons	TBD	Amy Rahne
Ushers	John Selden, Mike Graff, Tim Young	Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, Betty Welch	TBD
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	Stacey Wacholz
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (11/24): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 11/25: Peter Mielke

Our Prayer List

Members:

Aaron Graff, Virginia Reitze, Max Landon, Jeanne Rasmussen, Jonathan & Sherry Anderson, Louanne Isernhagen, Marie Koecher-Knapp, Wauneta Rogge, Elvira Barber, Pam Kubicek, Margaret Rusch, Ray Peterson, and Richard Wagner.

Family Members:

Family of Pat Walke Schneider (Roy & Ann Hager's cousin)

Marc & Maggie (Bonnie Miller's nephew & his wife)

Ian Anderson (Sherry Anderson's son)

Megan, Marty, & Madge (Penny Christensen's niece and her family)

Brianna VanGorder (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)

Family of Marvel Walker (Margaret Rusch's sister)

Darlene Rahne (Amy Rahne's stepmother)

Patrik Bagwell (Monica Auch's grandson)

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)

Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Gail Thomas & Travis Stokes

Trina, Melissa, Susan, and Judy (Henning)

Andrew & Kate Rymer (Rogge)

Mulhollen family (Celusniak)

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.