

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 19, 2018

Church News

Advent and Christmas Services

Our final Midweek Advent service is tonight at 7pm. Our theme is anticipation. Please join us as we prepare for Christ's birth.

Sunday, December 23 our Bluegrass Group will provide music at the **8am** service. Then at the **10:45am** service the children and youth of our congregation will play and sing for the special music and anthems. **Prelude songs will start at 10:30am. Come early and enjoy the music from the children!**

Christmas Eve Services are as follows:

3pm-Focuses on children and families

5pm & 7pm-Full instrumental and choral accompaniment

9pm-Quieter late night service

Christmas Day Service is at 10am.



Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed **December, 25, 26, and January 1** for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Altar Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been given by Michael & Sandi Stevermer in celebration of Sandi's mother's 90th birthday.

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.

Sanctuary Clean Up

We are asking anyone willing and able to come help clean up the sanctuary on **December 20 at 1:15pm**. To prepare for our Christmas services, we would like the sanctuary vacuumed and dusted, the pews oiled, and the hymnals to be evenly distributed among all the rows.

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>.

How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk?

Sandra Fishko will be leading a six-week discussion on this topic beginning **January 6, 2019**. This study is based on Ephesians and highlights how we can live out God's

priorities. How do we effectively show the difference that genuine faith makes in our lives? These will be 40-minute discussions that require no homework. In fact, you don't have to purchase the book; handouts will be provided. For further information contact Sandra Fishko at sfishko045@gmail.com or 720.502.3628.

Book Club

The St. Philip Book Club meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday to discuss a wide variety of literature. We meet in the Fireside room beginning at 6:30pm; light refreshments are usually provided. The book club is open to ALL, not just members of St. Philip. We welcome anyone who enjoys reading, and lively discussion!

The book selection for January 2019 is a suspense novel, ***Watchers***, by Dean R. Koontz. The Oakland Press review of this book described it as a "superior thriller" about a man, a dog, and a terrifying threat that could only have come from the imagination of #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Dean Koontz—nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read*. (Note: It ended up #79 in the top 100!)

We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, January 8** to chat about this book!

For more information about the book club, please contact Sue Riecks at 303.829.4981, or email at susanmartinriecks@gmail.com.

Church Needs/Fundraising

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, January 5, 2019** from 9am - 12pm. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Ushers Needed

The usher team is in need of ushers to serve at the 8am services for the June/December rotation. No experience necessary. Do not have to be at all services. Contact Charlie Petersen at petersens@q.com if you are interested.

Worship Servants Needed

We still need some worship helpers for the Christmas season, **December 23 through January 6**. Deacons, sacrament servants, lectors, and assisting ministers, please check SignUpGenius and your calendars for openings and sign up to help.

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.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—December Donations

This month we are asking for jelly, Masa flour, and 5 lb. bags of sugar. Please place these items in the bins by the office. Thank you!

Thank You

Many thanks for all the lovely cards, the phone calls, and the beautiful shawl after my recent hospitalization. And to Pastors Nathan and Brad for visiting. I'm so thankful to my God for all the blessings I have received during my lifetime of good health and this wonderful life.

-Virginia Reitze

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

There is no children's Sunday school this Sunday, December 23. Instead, please come to the sanctuary at 10:15am to run through the song *Way Down in Bethlehem*. We'll sing it during the Call to Worship at the 10:45am service. We'll also hear many of our young friends share their musical gifts throughout the service!

You're invited to be part of God's story! We'll be featuring a "no-rehearse" Christmas pageant at the 3pm Christmas Eve service on **December 24**. Come a few minutes early for an angel, shepherd, sheep, or wise person costume! YOU are invited to participate!

Sunday school will begin again on **Sunday, January 6, 2019** with an Epiphany Party and lesson on prayer.

St. Philip Early Learning Center

SPELC Fall 2019 Registration will be opened up to Church Families January 14, 2019. If you would like to take a tour of the preschool, tour dates are **Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24** from 10:00 – 11:00am. Please call Kelli at 303.972.9774 for more information.

Events

Theater & Theology

Our next play is *Last Night and the Night Before* in the Ricketson Theater on **January 29**. This play is a powerful and funny drama about a woman and her 10 year-old daughter who show up unexpectedly on her sister's doorstep. Sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, January 6**. Tickets are \$35 each, and checks made out to St. Philip with Theater & Theology in the memo line can be put in the offering plate or turned in to the office. For questions contact Nancy Oelz at nancyoelz@gmail.com or 720 231 5189.

Worship Servants

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Angy Lyslo

Sacrament Servant – Suzanne Peterson

Usher – Monica Auch

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 23, 2018		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen	Jan Philpy
Lector	Chris Youngren	Linda Baker
Acolytes	Roni Pixley	TBD
Communion Deacons	Sandi Stevermer, Lynn Nourse	Jim Smith, Gary Philpy
Ushers	TBD	Marc Roswech, Bryant Barchet, Chris White, Andy Osborne
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, Betty Welch	TBD , Diane Michael
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt	Stacey Wacholz
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (12/22): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 12/23: Mark Pixley
Worship Servants for Monday, December 24, 2018		
	3:00pm	5:00pm
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer	
Lector	NONE	TBD
Acolytes	Kaden Rahne	Nolan Morse, Rowan Morse
Communion Deacons	Amy Rahne	Lynn Nourse, Kris Mauler
Ushers	Jerry Mydlach, Gaylen Rapp, Brian Lamb	Mark Morse, Tom Silco, Rod Mauler, Nick Schell
Sacrament Servants	Betty Welch	The LaPoint Family
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke	Steve Rower
Worship Servants for Monday, December 24, 2018		
	7:00pm	9:00pm
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith	Renate Muthart
Lector	Karen Morin	Nathan Whittenburg
Acolytes	Jacob White	Roni Pixley
Communion Deacons	Lisa Edington, Victoria Edington	Linda Baker
Ushers	Chris White, Tim Young, Trevor Young	Al Herzl, Will Herzl
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler	Lisa Edington
A-V Sound & Slides	John Wall	

Worship Servants for Tuesday, December 25, 2018	
	10:00am
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard
Lector	TBD
Acolytes	TBD
Communion Deacon	Peter Mielke
Ushers	Andy Osborne, Mike McNamara
Sacrament Servant	LeRae Schnickel
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke

Preparing for Worship - December 22 & 23

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Preparing for Worship - December 24

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Preparing for Worship - December 25

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Financial Statistics

As of the end of November 2018:			
SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	1,070,187	1,098,042	(27,855)
Expenses	1,093,001	1,131,568	38,567
	(22,814)	(33,526)	10,712
SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	356,548	366,404	(9,856)
Expenses	352,464	366,404	13,940
	4,084	-	4,084
SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	713,639	731,638	(17,999)
Expenses	740,537	765,164	24,627
	(26,898)	(33,526)	6,628
Contributions			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
YTD Actual	646,037	612,882	
YTD Budgeted	662,573		
	(16,536)		
ELCA World Hunger			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
YTD Actual	\$7,550	\$6,211	

Calendar of Events This Week (December 19 - 30, 2018)

<p>Wednesday, December 19 11:30a – SPLC Staff Lunch 6:00p – Confirmation mentoring (FH, FS, MC-1) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth (YR) 7:00p – Advent Worship Service</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 25-Christmas Day <i>Church office closed</i> 10:00a – Worship</p>
<p>Thursday, December 20 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 26 <i>Church office closed</i> <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 21 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Thursday, December 27 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 6:30p – Columbine Townhomes (FH-1a/b)) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, December 22 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Bluegrass Rehearsal (Sanc.) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, December 28 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>
<p>Sunday, December 23 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:45a – Worship</p>	<p>Saturday, December 29 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, December 24-Christmas Eve 3:00p – Worship 5:00p – Worship 7:00p – Worship 9:00p – Worship</p>	<p>Sunday, December 30 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:45a – Worship</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Kay Mosier, Jack Dice, Lesia Hatlestad, Susan Shepard, Family of Ginger Brennan, Jerry Mydlach, Jonathan Anderson, Sherry Anderson, and Vicki Slusser

Family Members:

Marc & Maggie Miller (Bonnie Miller's nephew and his wife)	Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Sheldon Clinton (Linda Thomas' father)	Phil Ott (Rita Kuenne's cousin)
Tom & Connie Mallette (Lisa Edington's parents)	Isabelle VanGorder (Marilyn Belford's great-granddaughter)
Lael Cordes-Pitts (Naomi Doerr's sister)	Caroline Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)
Family of Dorothy (Lyle Gillett's mother)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Antonetta DiLorenzo (Alyssa Bostrom-Collins' grandmother)	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)
Family of Laura Dahl (Becky Near's aunt)	

Friends:

Bev (Gillett)	Sarah Masters (Clough)
Chris & Sara Bridges (Shepard)	Kelsey & Mike Connole (Anderson)
Tom Jensen (Endecott)	Keith Speicher (Stevermer)
Monica Christopher (Bracken)	Family of Chuck Yost (Shibly)
Matt Wolbert (Silco)	Ronnie & Pat (Pazalos)
Butch Stratman (Hammer)	

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.