

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 2, 2019

## Church News

### Pastor Brad on Sabbatical

Just a reminder that **Pastor Brad will be on sabbatical starting January 1. He will return to us on April 1.** We wish him and his family well! If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Pastor Nathan or JoHanna in the church office.

### Upcoming Services

**Sunday, January 6 - Epiphany**

**Sunday, January 13 - Baptism of our Lord**

Henry Derek Serlet will be baptized at the 10:45am service.

### Altar Flowers

**The 2019 flower calendar is up!** Call or come in to the office to select your dates. 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.

### St. Philip Church Council

Here are the names and positions of your 2019 church council:

President – Katie Amaya  
Vice-President – John Guran  
Secretary – Heather Varnell  
Treasurer – Denton West  
Liaison to Worship – Jim Smith  
Liaison to Family Life – Samantha Kime  
Liaison to Discipleship – Taylor White  
Liaison to Evangelism & Global Outreach – Will Rogge  
Liaison to Community Care & Compassion – Mark Pixley

Please thank these people for sharing their leadership gifts in service!

### Sermon Series—Gifts & Resurrection: Corinthian Teachings

**January 19-February 24, 2019**

During the months of January and February, the second lessons in the month of Epiphany come from the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> chapters of I Corinthians. These chapters deal with the topics of spiritual gifts and resurrection. As Pastor Brad is on sabbatical, Pastor Nathan has chosen to tie these topics together in a preaching series. Here are the topics for the six weeks of this series:

**January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: I Corinthians 12:1-11, *Given for the Common Good***

**January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>: I Corinthians 12:12-31a, *Every Gift is Needed***

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: I Corinthians 13:1-13, *The Greatest Gift Is Love***

**February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>: I Corinthians 15:1-11, *Resurrection Appearances***

**February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>: I Corinthians 15:12-20, *Christ's Resurrection Changes Everything***

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, *Bodily Resurrection***

Please join us on these consecutive weekends as the topics will tie together in a series. We will hear how these topics impact us in our life together at St. Philip.

### **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](mailto:sfishko045@gmail.com) or 720.502.3628.

### **Jesus for a Post-Modern World**

#### **A class by Jerry Jantz, beginning January 13, 2019**

It has been said that every generation must re-interpret their vision of Christ. This new definition, a new relationship with Jesus, now will define both parties, God and human. This reinterpretation keeps us in position to experience God at work in our lives and in the world around us. A continuing effort, it keeps our faith from degenerating into "empty belief".

Today we live in a post-modern world...what does that mean for us? And for our understanding of Christ as He mediates us to our experience of the Father? We live in a world of opinion—the emergence of the power of the subject—a reversal from the search for the "objective" truth of the material world. It is a turn back toward religion. But what kind of religion is it that the relentless march of history has now placed upon us? Come let us discuss ways to think and talk about God's work in this post-modern world.

1. Post-modern as a description of our era...not primitive mythic, not ancient prophetic, or modern scientific.
2. What are the problems that drive this redefinition of the age?
3. What are the solutions suggested to these problems?
4. Dialogue and the revelation of God...the church for today.
5. East and West: the Incarnation or the Resurrection?
6. Or is the redeemed life lived in the empty tomb? All is Grace, all a gift...offer thanks

## **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](mailto:ckess911@aol.com).

### **Christmas Cards Needed**

Do you have old Christmas cards sitting around your house that you're never going to use? Or maybe you received them for Christmases past and have no idea what to do with them now? Our VBS craft team wants your old Christmas cards, used or unused,

for a craft project they will be doing with the children in July. Bring them to church and place them in the bin by the office.

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—January Donations**

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

### **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).**

## **Thank You**

My thanks for the many comforting cards, words of support, and hugs after the recent death of my brother, Erling. He was a special person in my life and all of your words and thoughts helped to soften the loss. Thank you!!

*-David Oelz*

On behalf of Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, thank you for your recent in-kind donation of 45 Angel Tree gifts. In-kind donations are critical for us to provide our services, so we are especially grateful for your decision to give to our clients in this significant manner!

It is the kindness and generosity of people like you that allows LFS to fulfill its mission to those we serve. Thank you for “walking with the vulnerable, through services that provide, heal, strengthen, and provide hope.”

*-James Barclay*

*President and CEO of Lutheran Family Services*

## **Children & Family Ministries**

### **Sunday School**

Sunday school will begin again on **Sunday, January 6, 2019** with an Epiphany Party and lesson on prayer. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am; feel free to stay with your children as we learn about the wise men who came to see Jesus.

## **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 will be a lush, modern adaptation of Tolstoy’s masterpiece *Anna Karenina* on **February 12**. Please sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, January 20** if you want to at-

tend. Tickets are \$35 and checks can be put in the collection plate with Theater & Theology in the memo line, or taken to the church office. Contact Nancy Oelz at 720.231.5189 with any questions.

### **Augustana Arts**

Augustana Arts is pleased to present the Vida Guitar Quartet from the U.K. on **Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.** at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, CO 80246. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 seniors, and \$15 students, and are available online at [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org) or at the door.

Founded in 2007, the VIDA Guitar Quartet brings together four of the UK's most exceptional guitarists. Vida's ability to deliver music of the highest level with their trademark British humor has made group of four favorites in concert halls throughout the world. VIDA's seemingly effortless sense of ensemble and their broad range of timbres and dynamics evokes "listening to an entire orchestra and not merely to four guitars. There's only one word for it: magic." (Gramophone).

Use code RMS25 for 25% off all tickets. Visit [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org).

## **Stewardship 101**

### **Stewardship of Time**

*O God, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.* -**Psalm 90:12**

What does it mean to count our days? Certainly, the poet who wrote Psalm 90:12 was thinking of more than arithmetic, which may not necessarily gain us a wise heart. Wisdom comes from perspective, from painful introspection and prayerful deliberation.

We count in order to know not only how many days we have *lived*, but to ponder how many days we might have *left*. Counting, we remember that we are finite creatures whose lives march forward in steady 24-hour steps, carrying us from birth to death. Knowing, then, that our days are numbered, we appreciate each one more fully.

We count our days to gain the wisdom that every day is sacred; every day presents opportunities to live more fully in relationship with God and our neighbors; every day is for love and joy and peace and fulfillment. Yet it's all too easy to let the days slip away.

This month consider a focus on stewardship of your time – how you spend every day God gives you. Here is a "to do" list for making the most of every day:

**Pray:** Begin each day communicating with the creator of the universe, meditating on Scripture or a wise Christian author. Even 10 minutes. End by praying Psalm 118:24: "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

**Care:** Convey through word or deed how much you care about someone in your life. Call up an old friend or relative. Invite a co-worker to lunch.

**Help:** Look for some way to assist someone. Volunteer. Hold a door open for someone entering a store behind you. Stop for a pedestrian who wants to cross the street.

**Enrich:** Find something that will deepen your knowledge, understanding or appreciation of the world. Read a poem or book. Listen to a sermon podcast or educational news program.

**Stop.** That's right, do nothing. For at least 10 minutes (use your smart phone timer) sit quietly, breathe deeply and try to clear the busy thoughts from your mind. Open your spirit to God's presence.

**Be healthy:** Do something to increase your physical health, such as eating a nutritious meal or taking a walk.

**Pray:** End every day thanking the creator of the universe for another wonderful day. A day you have counted and that you have made count.

Focus on stewardship of time and see how your own life will change. Make it a permanent part of your discipleship.

--Rob Blezard

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On entering the house,  
they saw the child with  
Mary his mother;  
and they knelt  
down and paid  
him homage.

Matthew 2:11,  
NRSV



## Preparing for Worship - January 5 & 6

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

### **Worship Servants**

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**

**Pianist** – Naomi Doerr

**Cantor** – Ericka McDaniel

**Sacrament Servant** – Linda Heesch

**Usher** – Joanne Ermold

**A/V** – Jerry Jantz

### **Worship Servants for Sunday, January 6, 2019**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bill Shepard	Jan Philpy
<b>Lector</b>	Karen Morin	Jim Smith
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Linda Baker	Rick Richardson
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Black, Roy Hager	Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	<b>TBD</b> , Betty Welch	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Jill Luer	Heather Varnell
<b>Greeter</b>	Karen Otto	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Jill & Greg Luer	Stacy Wacholz
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Beth Mielke	John Wall
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	Phyllis & Larry Kemp	
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	<b>Sat. (1/5):</b> John Breed	<b>Week beg. 1/6:</b> Sue Riecks

## Calendar of Events This Week (January 2-13, 2019)

<b>Wednesday, January 2</b> 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1)	<b>Tuesday, January 8</b> 9:00a – Girl Scout Training (MC-3) 1:30p – Worship Planning (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team (FS) 6:30p – Book Club (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Tuesday Bible Study (Selander house)
<b>Thursday, January 3</b> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	<b>Wednesday, January 9</b> 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 Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)
<b>Friday, January 4</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	<b>Thursday, January 10</b> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
<b>Saturday, January 5</b> 8:00a – Girl Scout Training (MC-4/5; kitchenette) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30p – Worship</b>	<b>Friday, January 11</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled
<b>Sunday, January 6-Epiphany</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour (FH/Kitchen; MC-4/5) <b>10:45a – Worship</b>	<b>Saturday, January 12</b> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) <b>5:30p – Worship</b>
<b>Monday, January 7</b> 5:00p – A.S.K. (FH, Kitchen, YR, MC-1, MC-4/5) 7:00p – Troop 554 Committee Mtg. (FH-1)	<b>Sunday, January 13</b> <b>8:00a – Worship</b> 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:00a – Inquirers' Class (FS) 9:30a – Education Hour (FH; MC-4/5; MC-3) <b>10:45a – Worship</b>

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# *Our Prayer List*

## **Members:**

**Bob Rhodes, Jack Dice, Lesia Hatlestad, Rebecca Anderson**

## **Family Members:**

**Ian Anderson** (Sherry Anderson's son)  
**Darin Smith** (Kelly Barber's brother)  
**Shirley Lucken** (Kelly Barber's mother)  
**Ken Bailey** (Karen Otto's brother)  
**Tom & Connie Mallette** (Lisa Edington's parents)  
**Fawn Kemp** (Larry Kemp's daughter)

**Phil Ott** (Rita Kuenne's cousin)  
**Caroline Carroll** (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)  
**Ryan Ermold** (Joanne Ermold's son)  
**Erika Kuenne** (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

## **Friends:**

**Coreen Wells**  
**Tom** (Nelson)  
**Richard Hoehler** (Hoehler)  
**Judy Marxhausen** (Nourse)  
**Gordon, Steve, and Tom** (Pazalos)

**Prayers of thanksgiving for the arrival of Aiden Willis Peoples, grandson of Michael & Sandi Stevermer.**

**Prayers of love, support, and protection for Pastor Brad, Roseanna, Lucas, and Madison Doty as they journey on sabbatical. May the Lord bring them back to us safely.**

**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](mailto:aseep@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*