

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 20, 2019

Church News

Upcoming Services

February 24 - Receive New Members Check out the bulletin board in the hall to read short bios about our new members.

March 3 - Transfiguration Sunday JoHanna Buchholz will preach.

March 6 - Ash Wednesday This year we will have an informal open house-style imposition of ashes from 12:30-1:45pm in the sanctuary, as well as our traditional service at 7pm. See article below.

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, & 10 - Midweek Lenten Services Our theme this year is *Spirituality-Loving Jesus*. We will be using Holden's *Prayer at the Cross* service and incorporating candle lighting and chanting into our worship.

Ash Wednesday Services

This year at St. Philip we are offering two options for receiving the imposition of ashes on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**. At 7:00 p.m. we will have a worship service that will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. This service will begin our forty days of Lent as we walk with Jesus on the road to the cross.

The second option to receive the imposition of ashes is a daytime option from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. People can come into our sanctuary anytime during this time frame. We will have a bulletin that includes personal confession, reflection on scripture, and prayers (all that can be done individually, either sitting or kneeling in the sanctuary). When one desires, they may come forward to the altar railing where the pastor will impose the ashes on their forehead with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return." The person may then either leave the sanctuary or return to their seat for further reflection before leaving.

The imposition of ashes reminds us of our sin and mortality and our need for a Savior. Come join us for either our evening communal service at 7 p.m. or our daytime individual service between 12:30 and 1:45 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 6. May the upcoming season of Lent be a time of spiritual growth for us all!

Congregation Meeting

Please plan to attend our **congregation meeting on Sunday, February 24 at 9:30am** in the sanctuary. We will discuss the 2018 annual report, found on our website at stphilip-co.org, as well as the strategic planning findings and process.

Public Performance by Bryan Chuan

Our extremely talented organist and pianist, Bryan Chuan, will be performing at Grusin Music Hall on the CU Boulder campus **Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30pm**. For directions and information on the venue, go to <https://cupresents.org/venue/12/grusin-music-hall/>.

Gifting From an IRA

The law is now permanent that allows donors age 70 1/2 and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from the total of all their IRA accounts tax free if they give the

money directly to a charity. Any distribution to charity counts towards the donor's required minimum distribution from their IRA accounts, even though the charity, and not the donor, is the recipient. Previously, charitable gifts from an IRA were taxed as regular withdrawals. If you do not itemize your personal deductions on your tax return, this may be of benefit to you.

If this is of interest to you in making a charitable gift to St. Philip Lutheran Church, you need to first discuss this opportunity with your tax and/or financial advisors. You can also contact the church office for assistance.

St. Philip Stewardship Committee

Sharing with Sheridan Annual Report

For those who are interested, the Sharing with Sheridan page on St. Philip's website has been updated with 2018 statistics. A copy of the annual report is available in the rack outside the church office.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Linda Baker in memory of her mother, Rose. Flowers have also been given by Cliff & Kay Mosier in memory of their daughter, Valerie Kay.

The 2019 flower calendar has moved! Check over by the coffee cart and select your dates. The cost is \$25. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the second service on Sunday. Please return the vase to the church when finished.

Children's Ministries Mini-Retreat

Interested parties are invited to take part in a Children's Ministry Mini-Retreat **Sunday, February 24, noon-4 pm**. The mini-retreat will include time for devotion and prayer, discussion of children's ministries with a focus on Sunday school, visioning, learning via a webinar, and reflection. Please contact JoHanna at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org with questions and to RSVP.

2019 Men's Retreat

Mark your calendar for the 2019 Men's Retreat. This year's retreat will be **Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3**. We will spend two nights at the Easter Seals camp (2644 Alvarado Rd., Empire). The theme will be *Corinthian Teachings: Gifts and Resurrection*

Come join your fellow men from St. Philip to study the word of God, sing, pray, get back to nature, and play games. There will also be time for outdoor activities including hiking, snowshoeing, and maybe ice fishing or building snowmen.

The cost will be \$145 for the full weekend, which includes two nights lodging and five meals. Or \$45 for Saturday only, which includes Saturday lunch.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Contact Bill Shepard at 720.550.1695 or swshep5@msn.com, or Pastor Nathan at 303.979.4491 or ndoerr@stphilip-co.org with any questions.

The Cross Transforms Everything For Us

This adult education class will **begin on Sunday, March 10** between worship services. How do you view the death of Jesus on the Cross? How does the crucifixion and the symbol of the cross affect our daily lives? What did and do we gain if we look beneath

the surface of the cross? What do you think most people consider the heart of Christianity? Let's share the journey of Lent by learning how "the cross transforms everything for us." Our facilitator is Chris Youngren.

Honoring Banquet for Gail Thomas

Come help us wish Gail well, and send her off with good wishes and thanks as she begins the next chapter of her life! Gail has lovingly served in our Early Learning Center's ministry for 29+ years, touching the lives of many children and their families! We will be holding a banquet in her honor in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 10** immediately following the second worship service. We invite you all to come help celebrate Gail's amazing work! She would love to see and hug some of her past students and families; some of whom are all grown up now!

If you would like to help in the planning, set up, clean up of this event, we would love to have you! Please contact Samantha Kime via cell or email: 720.277.1329 or daveandsam714@yahoo.com.

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. (BYOB)

The book club is open to ALL readers, not just members of St. Philip. We welcome anyone who enjoys reading and lively discussion!

The book selection for March 2019 is a much loved classic novel, ***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn***, by Betty Smith. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is a semi-autobiographical 1943 novel written by Betty Smith. The story focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York City, during the first two decades of the 20th century.

We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, March 12** 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.

Luncheon For Garang

Please join us **Sunday, March 17** for a luncheon in support of Garang Manyot Giet. Garang is a seminary student at African International University in Nairobi, Kenya. He is in his second year of seminary, and will complete his studies in July, 2020. St. Philip has contributed to Garang's education since he began at AIU in the fall of 2017. At the luncheon we hope to hear directly from Garang via Skype, and Sue Counterman will share an updated message from Garang. Lunch will be provided by Robert's Deli in the Fellowship Hall directly after the second service.

Thank You

A HUGE thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to the Windermere Fire Victim's Valentine Gathering. It was a huge success! Over 70 residents and their Navigators attended and enjoyed a variety of food, drink, flowers, Valentines, and friendship provided by our congregation and Love, INC. There were many smiles and an abundance of happy energy in the room as they got to visit with people that they now seldom

see. They loved the feast, festive decorations, and Valentines that the 7th graders made for them!

St. Philip did an outstanding job sponsoring this event! Thank you for being an important part of this story. The journey is not over for some, but it's a new beginning for most affected by the fire. Praise God for his visible, unfailing care and faithfulness in all aspects of this tragic situation!

Becky Feuerstein and Carolyn Smith

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, March 2** from 9am - 12pm. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Mentors Needed For Youth

During the five Wednesdays of Lent after Ash Wednesday, we are looking for people willing to serve as mentors for our confirmation youth. The task is an easy one, but so very important. Each Wednesday night, beginning March 13 and running through April 10, we will begin with a Bread & Broth meal in our fellowship hall at 6:00pm. At 6:30pm we would have you meet with one or two of our confirmation youth, sharing highs and lows and learning more about them through a guided faith conversation. At 7:00pm we invite you to join the youth and other members of our congregation for our Lenten mid-week services as we gather around the theme of "Spirituality---Loving Jesus." If you are willing to be a mentor, or have questions about this, please contact Pastor Nathan at ndoerr@stphilip-co.org.

Ken Caryl Concerts Help Needed

Please consider helping in any way you can to welcome guests to St. Philip for our next concert on **Sunday, March 3**. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ADAE2DA57-anafternoon>. Contact Kristen Celusniak with any questions at kristen.celusniak@gmail.com or 303.517.4895.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—February Donations

This month we are asking for jelly, cereal, canned fruit, and pasta (no whole wheat). Please place these items in the bins by the office. **Please note that we have enough egg cartons to last until April.** Thank you!

Take Them a Meal

If you know a member who may appreciate having meals brought to them, please call Karen Rossi at 720.935.3021 (cell).

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall!

Frolic Family: Jesus, the Good Shepherd - Jesus is your Good Shepherd

Frolic Preschool: Jesus, the Good Shepherd 1 - Jesus knows us and calls us by name

SPARK!: The Good Shepherd 1 (John 10:11-18)

Connect: Conversion (Acts 9:1-6)

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School 2019 (PreK-4th grade)

Arts Academy 2019 (5th-12th grade)

July 8-12 (mornings)

July 8-11 (afternoons)

Events

Ken Caryl Concerts Presents An Afternoon in Paris

Ken Caryl Concerts of St Philip Lutheran Church is gearing up for its first concert of the season, *An Afternoon in Paris*. The concert will be presented in the sanctuary of St. Philip on **Sunday, March 3 at 2pm** and will feature Steinway artist Katie Mahan performing Claude Debussy's *Suite Bergamasque* and her own arrangement of George Gershwin's *An American in Paris*.

The March 3 concert is free of charge and open to all ages, with refreshments following the performance. Donations will be accepted to support the concert series as well as the Katie Mahan Foundation *Music for a Bright Tomorrow*, whose objective is to promote classical music and to inspire giving through music.

Music for Passiontide: The Seven Last Words of Christ

2:00pm, Saturday, March 16 at Littleton United Methodist Church

Richard Burchard's *The Seven Last Words of Christ* is a breathtaking new work - thoughtful, colorful, and lush in its depiction of the last words of the suffering Christ. Voices West premiered Burchard's composition *In Memoriam* several years ago to the delight of both audiences and singers. *The Seven Last Words* will prove very meaningful during the season of Lent. As a counterbalance, the concert program will conclude with pieces of comfort and hope by Felix Mendelssohn, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Franz Schubert. Tickets are available at voiceswest.org.

Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale will be presenting two special concerts in March to celebrate the passion of our Lord. We will be presenting *St John's Passion* by Bob Chilcot on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm**. This concert will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village, CO .

We will again perform *St John's Passion* on **Sunday, March 31 at 3:00 pm**. This concert will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO.

The Chorale presented this piece in 2015, which was the second time it was presented in the United States. It is a very moving piece using modern hymns to present the

passion.

A freewill donation will be collected to help with costs of the concert. We will also be collecting non-perishable canned goods to donate to Metro Caring food bank.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at thelutheranchorage@comcast.net, or visit our website at www.thelutheranchorage.org. You can also call David Peterson at 303.210.9428.

Save The Date-2019	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
February 24	Congregation Meeting 9:30am
March 3	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>An Afternoon in Paris</i> 2:30pm
March 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake/New Member Dinner 6:30pm
March 6	Ash Wednesday Worship Services 12:30pm & 7pm
March 10	Honoring Banquet for Gail Thomas 12pm
March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10	Bread & Broth 6pm Midweek Lenten Worship 7pm
April 14	Palm/Passion Sunday
April 18	Maundy Thursday 7:30pm worship
April 19	Good Friday 7pm worship
April 20	Vigil of Easter 5:30pm worship
April 21	Easter Sunday Worship Services 6:30, 8, 9:30, & 11am
May 26	Summer Worship Schedule Begins Services at 8am & 9:30am
June 26	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>An All-American Evening</i> 7pm
July 8-12	Vacation Bible School 9am-12pm
July 8-11	Arts Academy afternoons
September 28	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Latin Serenade</i> 7:30pm
December 8	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Christmas Around the World</i> 2:30pm

Financial Statistics

As of the end of January 2019:			
SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	100,389	94,822	5,567
Expenses	79,375	101,373	21,998
	21,014	(6,551)	27,565
SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	40,726	35,465	5,261
Expenses	19,472	35,466	15,994
	21,253	(1)	21,254
SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	59,663	59,357	306
Expenses	59,903	65,907	6,004
	(240)	(6,550)	6,310
Contributions			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
YTD Actual	57,935	53,278	
YTD Budgeted	56,250		
	1,685		
ELCA World Hunger			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
YTD Actual	\$294	\$484	

Preparing for Worship - February 23 & 24
First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Worship Servants

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Pianist – Michael Clough

Cantor – Beth Clough

Sacrament Servant – Linda Heesch

Usher – TBD

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, February 24, 2019		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Anne Krause	Bill Shepard
Lector	Sandra Fishko	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Kameron Barthels, Levi DeBoer	Kayleigh O'Hanahan, Kaden Butts
Communion Deacons	Jim Smith	TBD
Ushers	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach	Nick Schell, Nancy Schell, Rob Simons
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, JoAnn Breitbach	Betty Welch, TBD
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt	Char Nauman & Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke	Denton West
Coffee Cart	Mary Person & Tom Flatley	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (2/23): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 2/24: Chris White

Calendar of Events This Week (February 20 - March 3, 2019)

Wednesday, February 20 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR)	Tuesday, February 26 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 1:30p – Worship Planning (MC-1) 2:00p – Prayer Team (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Tuesday Bible Study (Selander house)
Thursday, February 21 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, February 27 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) 6:30p – Personnel Committee (MC-3)
Friday, February 22 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	Thursday, February 28 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Saturday, February 23 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, March 1 <i>Men's Retreat</i> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 2:00p – CMTA Set Up (entire church)
Sunday, February 24 <i>Receive New Members</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Congregation Meeting (Sanc.) 9:30a – Education Hour (FH; MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Children's Ministry Mini-Retreat (MC-4/5)	Saturday, March 2 <i>Men's Retreat</i> 8:00a – CMTA Achievement Day (entire church) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, February 25 5:00p – A.S.K. (FH, Kitchen, YR, MC-1, MC-4/5) 7:00p – Concert Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Congregation Council Mtg. (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Mtg. (FH-1a/b)	Sunday, March 3 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> <i>Men's Retreat</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour (FH; MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:45a – Worship 2:30p – KC Concert- <i>Afternoon in Paris</i> (Sanc)

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Jane Webster & family, Marjorie Houldieson, Mary Beth Graff, Betty Welch, Max Landon, and Sherry Anderson

Family Members:

Rick Johnson (Sue Bryant's brother)	nephew)
Family of David Saffrey (Howard & Nancy Hanson's brother-in-law)	Jason Perkins (Phyllis & Larry Kemp's nephew)
Gillian McDaniel (Roger & Linda Crowner's granddaughter)	Cruz DeBoer (Mary & Steve DeBoer's cousin)
Ray (LeRae Schnickel's cousin)	Bill Orf (Howard Hanson's son-in-law)
Linda (LeRae Schnickel's sister)	Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Steve (Sue Miller's brother-in-law)	Phil Ott (Rita Kuenne's cousin)
Tish (Carol Doepler's cousin)	Caroline Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)
Karen Mallette (Lisa Edington's sister)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Richard Truman (Arne & Harriet Truman's	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Sandy (Schnickel)	Brian & family (Doepler)
Liz Lesmann (Cimino)	Paula (Anderson)
Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)	Kathy & Kamish (Kuenne)
Crista & Dave (Endecott)	Ava (Winters)
Florence Nelson (Otto)	Family & friends of Brittany Campbell
Sandy & family (Doepler)	(Graff)

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.

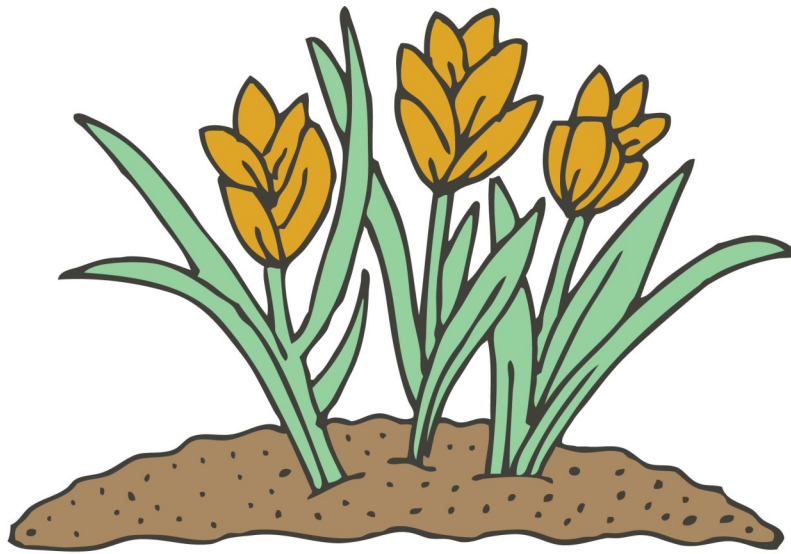
Prayers of love and support for JoHanna Buchholz as she continues her seminary studies. Prayers of support and encouragement for Garang Manyok Giet as he continues his seminary studies at African International University.

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.



WHAT IS
SOWN
IS PERISHABLE;
WHAT IS
RAISED
IS IMPERISHABLE.

1 Corinthians 15:42

