

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

March 6, 2019

Church News

If you receive a suspicious email from Pastor Nathan or any other staff, please do not respond. Delete the message and contact the church office. Make sure you check the sender's email. If you are in any way suspicious, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Upcoming Services

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.

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.

April 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday

April 18 - Maundy Thursday Worship is at 7:30pm

April 19 - Good Friday Worship is at 7pm

April 20 - Easter Vigil Worship begins at 5:30pm and typically lasts about 2 hours.

April 21 - Easter Sunday Worship services at 6:30, 8, 9:30, and 11am

Daylight Savings Time

This Sunday, March 10 time springs forward! Be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Upcoming Baptism

On **March 16** at the 5:30pm service Ava Marlene McLean will be baptized. She is the daughter of Sara and Matthew McLean.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Bill & Susan Shepard in celebration of Bill's mother's 96th birthday, and in memory of Susan's mother.

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.

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!

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.

Creative Caring Quilters

Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am - 12:00pm

This month is BYOP! Bring Your Own Project that needs some concentrated sewing time. We will talk again about Quilts of Valor, have the "strings" out for string quilts, and have time for sharing and sewing. Hope you can join us!

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. Contact Sue Counterman at sue.counterman@gmail.com with questions.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Watch your email; an invitation to our second Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is coming soon! Join us **Sunday, April 7 at 5pm** in the Fellowship Hall as your St. Philip staff treat you to a feast to say thank you for all you do here at church. We know it is the volunteers who make everything run so smoothly around here, and this is our way of saying thanks!

8th Annual St. Philip Golf Tournament

Save the Date! The 8th annual St. Philip Lutheran Church Golf Tournament will be held at The Club at Ravenna, a lovely private golf course, on **Monday, August 19**. All skill levels are welcome. Please consider getting a group together and then enjoying the fun and fellowship. Or, come as a single...we can pair you up. Lunch is included.

Church Needs/Fundraising

Date Night Babysitting

Need a night out? Can't find a sitter? The St. Philip Rainbow Trail Campers got you covered! On **Friday, March 8 from 6-8:30pm** we are offering babysitting here at the church for just \$20 for the first child, and only \$5 for each additional child. We'll have games and snacks and plenty of fun! Sign up by **March 6** here at church, or call the office at 303-979-4491.

Butter Braids & Honey Baked Hams

The youth going to Rainbow Trail this summer are earning funds to help defray the cost of going. They will be selling Butter Braids and Honey Baked Ham gift cards be-

ginning on **Saturday, March 16 continuing through Sunday, March 31**. They will be available for pick up on **April 13 and 14**. Please consider supporting our youth.

Bread & Broth Meals

Monica Auch has graciously volunteered to coordinate our Bread and Broth meals this year. These are simple meals that we share in our Fellowship Hall before our mid-week Lenten services. They begin at 6:00pm each Wednesday in Lent, beginning on **March 13** and running through **April 10**. Worship on each of these nights begins at 7:00pm.

If you are willing to help with set up, kitchen duty, or clean up on any of these Wednesday nights, please let the church office or Monica know.

We also need people willing to bring soup on these Wednesday nights. If you are willing, please go online and sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448afaa2dabfb6-midweek>.

We look forward to our time of fellowship as well as our gathering for worship on these Wednesday nights in Lent!

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—March Donations

This month we are asking for jelly, canned chicken, and especially canned fruit.. 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).

Thank You

We had another wonderful concert on Sunday afternoon. Despite the bad weather, over 100 people showed up for our “Afternoon in Paris” and were treated to exquisite music followed by a lovely reception. Special thanks to all who donated to the reception and helped with set up, clean up, and greeting. We are blessed to have such a supportive church family and a beautiful space to perform. Please save the date for our next concert, *An All-American Evening* on **Wednesday, June 26 at 7pm**.

Kristen Celusniak & The Ken Caryl Concerts Team

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

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

Frolic Preschool: Sharing

SPARK!: The Good Shepherd 3 (John 10:11-18)

Connect: The Cross (Romans 5:1-11)

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

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.

Cindy and Friends – In Concert!

Greatly-admired organist Cindy Lindeen-Martin and several of her friends will come together for an evening of music extolling the assorted sonorities of the pipe organ in combination with various instruments such as bassoon, oboe, trombone, saxophone, bagpipe, and more. Join us on **Saturday, March 23 at 7:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. Use code RMS25 for 25% off all tickets. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org for more info.

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 thelutherancho-rale@comcast.net, or visit our website at www.thelutheranchorale.org. You can also call David Peterson at 303.210.9428.

Augustana Arts' Heart for the Arts Gala

Please join us for a night to remember on **Saturday, April 6** at Augustana Lutheran Church. Support the arts with this grand evening, which includes dinner, silent/live auctions, and performances of Stratus Chamber Orchestra, Colorado Women's & Men's Chorales, and City Strings students. Tickets are \$65 per guest, \$110 per couple, or \$400 a table for eight, and all proceeds benefit outreach and education in the arts throughout the metro-Denver area. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org for reservations or more details.

Theater & Theology

Sweat is a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama in which layoffs and a cheaper workforce threaten a local union as the threads that once kept a community together begin to unravel. This play will be presented on **May 14 at 6:30pm** in the Space Theater at the

Denver Center for Performing Arts complex, followed by a talk-back led by Pastor Bollman. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the narthex by **April 21**, put your check for \$35 in the offering plate or the office, and arrive at the theater by 6:15pm on May 14 to receive your ticket. For questions, call Nancy Oelz at 720.231.5189, or email her at nancyoelz@gmail.com.

Stewardship 101

Holistic Stewardship for Lent

For centuries Lutherans have observed Lent with passionate devotion and prayerful attention to spiritual disciplines. These faith practices strengthen our souls and open our hearts to the resurrected Christ at Easter.

This year, try developing a sense of holistic stewardship for your life. Stewardship, of course, looks at how we use not just our financial abundance but all the blessings that God has given us – our health, our family and friends, our faith, our time, our intelligence, and so on.

Just as holistic medicine takes a “big picture” view of physical health as a dynamic interconnection of our body’s systems, holistic stewardship helps us see and appreciate all our gifts in relationship to one another.

For instance, how does your stewardship of time interact with your stewardship of your relationships or health? How might more-thoughtful stewardship of your time improve your relationships or your health? How might better stewardship of time, relationships and health improve your financial abundance?

When you examine your stewardship of these and all your gifts in dynamic interconnection with one another, you can find more meaning and purpose as a disciple of Jesus.

To get there, for the days of Lent focus on just five major categories of the blessings God has given you easily remembered by the shorthand word FAITH.

Family and friends – nurturing relationships.

Abundance -- finance and material possessions.

Intelligence – your mind and special talents.

Time -- living fully 24/7.

Health – physical and emotional wellness.

Spend 15 minutes every day to prayerfully ponder and meditate on these FAITH blessings. A prayer journal or notebook may help you process and connect.

- Take stock of your blessings in each category, thanking God for them.
- Reflect on how they interrelate to give you joy and purpose and meaning.
- Ask God to help you use these gifts more wisely and fully for God’s purposes.
- Imagine God blessing and enriching your life as you learn to steward these gifts in a way that they will support and enhance one another.

This Lent, let holistic stewardship help you envision your gifts and life more fully in God’s reality, the reality called the Reign of God. It’s the Reign that Jesus preached and proclaimed, and that he brought to fulfillment with the victory over death that we celebrate at Easter.

--Rob Blezard

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Preparing for Worship - March 9 & 10
First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Worship Servants

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Taylor White

Sacrament Servant – Suzanne Peterson

Usher – Paul Stortz

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, March 10, 2019		
	8:00am	10:45am
Assisting Minister	Mike Graff	Jim Smith
Lector	Karen Morin	Jim Smith
Acolytes	Jaimen Whittenburg, Levi DeBoer	Kaden Rahne, Kaden Butts
Communion Deacons	Sandi Stevermer, Lynn Mossbrucker	Kyle Pitts
Ushers	John Schutt, Dave Daubers, Denton West, Gaylen Rapp	Tyler Henson, Ron Ramey, Rod Mauler, Andy Osborne
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, JoAnn Breitbach	TBD
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (3/9): Dick Rock	Week beg. 3/10: Jay Breidenbach

Calendar of Events This Week (March 6 - 17, 2019)

<p>Wednesday, March 6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12:30p – Imposition of Ashes (Sanc.) 2:00p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation Classes 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (YR) 7:00p – Worship (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 12 9:00a – League of Women Voters (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 Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Tuesday Bible Study (Selander house)</p>
<p>Thursday, March 7 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 13 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 – Sr. High Youth Group (YR) 6:00p – Bread & Broth (FH, Kitchen) 6:30p – Confirmation Classes 7:00p – Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Friday, March 8 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30p – Date Night Fundraiser (FH)</p>	<p>Thursday, March 14 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Sanctuary Choir (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 9 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, March 15 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>
<p>Sunday, March 10 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour (FH; MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Gail’s Retirement Party (FH, Kitchen)</p>	<p>Saturday, March 16 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH, Kitchen) 9:00a – Girl Scouts (MC-1, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, March 11 5:00p – A.S.K. (FH, Kitchen, YR, MC-1, MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Sunday, March 17 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour (FH; MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Seeds of South Sudan Luncheon (FH, Kitchen)</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Rita Kuenne, Paul Sunde, Jane Webster & family, Marjorie Houldieson

Family Members:

Jason Perkins (Larry & Phyllis Kemp's nephew)
Becky Jenkins (Suzanne Peterson's cousin)
David (Sue Miller's brother-in-law)
Sean Miller (Sue Miller's son)
Kathy Johnson (Anne Krause's mother)
Rick Stull (Cliff & Kay Mosier's nephew)

Family of Donavon (Paul Sunde's brother)
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:

William Arceneaux (Stevermer)
Breanne & Nathan Hall (Cimino)
Marvin & Mary (Newth)
Jason Comp (Smith-Krause)

Larry & Sue Kleeman (Smith-Krause)
Cody & Heather Baker (Smith-Krause)
Abi Burtsch (Anderson)
Ava (Winters)

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.