

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

June 5, 2019

A Message From Katie Amaya, Council President

Dear St. Philip members,

I wanted to provide a brief update on our pastoral transition process.

First, and most importantly, we hope you can join us to celebrate with Pastor Nathan and Naomi as they complete their ministry with St. Philip Lutheran Church. What a gift they have given us and been to us. Watch your email for an evite reminder to join us at the **Open House on Friday, June 14 from 5:30-8:00pm (program at 6:30pm)**. We also hope you can join us for a special worship service on **Sunday, June 16 at 9am**.

This past month has been busy with conversations with the Rocky Mountain Synod to learn about the transition process. We are awaiting 1-2 suggested Interim candidate names, which Council is charged with reviewing, interviewing, and either accepting or declining. It is expected that the earliest we will have an Interim in place with clearly defined roles will be July.

In preparation for when the Interim arrives, we have formed a Transition Team consisting of existing strategic planning taskforce members (Dave Husted, Amy Rahne, Denton West, Pastor Brad) plus Geoff Collins, LeRae Schnickel, Carolyn Smith, Chris White, and the Interim Pastor (TBD). This team, which is different than the Call Committee, is responsible for research, analysis, documentation, and self-study. Much of this work is already in process through the efforts of the strategic planning taskforce. This team will also be responsible for getting the congregation ready before the Call Committee begins the work of calling a new pastor. It is expected that the earliest the Transition Team will complete their work will be September.

Watch for a communications board to be posted in the narthex by the end of June with more details on an Interim Pastor and upcoming Transition Team activities. We also plan to schedule an in-person open forum for questions and answers on the transition process at the end of June. Stay tuned for more details, and feel free to reach out to me any time.

With many thanks,

Katie Amaya, Council President

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Church News

One Service for the Summer

St. Philip will be going down to one service on Sunday mornings, at

9:00am, starting on June 16 and going through August 18. The Saturday evening services stays the same. The Strategic Planning team proposed this change to the Worship Styles and Formats team after hearing and reading many comments from you, the members of St. Philip, in conversation and in the congregational survey. St. Philip's new mission statement is "*At St. Philip Lutheran Church we intentionally build relationships through Christ to grow and serve.*" One way we seek to do this - for a trial period in the summer - is to bring everyone together in one worship service on Sunday mornings. We will have the coffee cart available before and after the worship service to provide a space for people to get to know one another and connect with each other.

The Worship Styles and Formats team recommended this proposal to Church Council who voted to try it out for the summer. We are excited for the future of St. Philip and look forward to seeing you this summer in worship **at 9:00am!** We also hope you will join us and take the time to get to know the people you don't know here at St. Philip.

Upcoming Services

Sunday, June 9: Pentecost Sunday (wear red!)

Saturday, June 15: Baptism of Maddyn Joyce Miller and Camden Robert Miller, children of Kelsey and Chadwick Miller, grandchildren of Sue Miller

Sunday, June 16: Holy Trinity Sunday; Pastor Nathan's Last Service (ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9AM)

Sunday, June 23 - Sunday, August 18: ONE SUNDAY SERVICE ONLY at 9AM

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Charles & Heather Varnell in celebration of their 20th anniversary, and by Ed & Marilyn Belford in celebration of their 66th anniversary.

Check the 2019 Flower Chart 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.

Summer Matching Gift Challenge

Between now and July 24, your gift to Lutheran World Relief will be matched by a group of generous supporters. Lutheran World Relief provides emergency health support, fights hunger and poverty, and offers agricultural and financial training to families in desperate need around the world. You can give online at donate.lwr.org/match19 or call 800.597.5972 or send a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-1061. Your gift can make twice the difference during this matching time and will provide lifesaving, lasting change for suffering families.

9th Annual Fun and Fundamentals Memorial Basketball Camp

In memory of Katelyn Henning and her love of basketball, the Littleton YMCA (11 W. Dry Creek Ct.) will host a youth coed camp focused on fun and fundamentals. Katelyn's passion for basketball was nurtured at the YMCA.

The camp will be held **Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27 from 2-4:30pm**. Boys and girls ages 7-13 are welcome to register online at denverymca.org/fun-and-fundamentals. The cost is \$46 for YMCA members and \$76 for non-members. Scholarship opportunities are available. Contact Anne Henning for details.

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

Silent Auction Items Available

We have received a generous donation from Pirate's Cove of 4 tickets valued at \$60 for use during their 2019 season. The issue we have is that their season runs from May 25 through September 3. **BUT our auction starts on August 4!** So in order to make this donation worthwhile to the winner, we have decided to put these tickets up for auction NOW! Place your bid by emailing Linda in the church office at lgoodnough@stphilip-co.org, or call 303.979.4491.

Check the SPIN regularly in the coming months because we may have more early auction items to share with you.

Volunteers for Sheridan

Attention people available during the day! Sharing with Sheridan opened in 2014 and has continually grown, becoming an integral part of the Sheridan neighborhood. BUT some of our volunteers are getting to the point where they can no longer move boxes of food. So we are looking for some younger backs and knees to help **early Thursday afternoons**. You can work as often as you like according to your schedule, and non-St. Philip member are welcome! Contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Ready, Set, School!

We are looking for volunteers to help low-income children in our community get ready for school by purchasing a backpack, school supplies, and a back-to-school outfit for fall. If you are interested, please sign up at the information table. You will receive your child's information in June and we will collect packs in July. This program is sponsored by Inter-Faith Community Services. For more information contact Rebecca Near at beckyn6017@gmail.com.

VBS Needs List

We are looking for the following items for VBS. Please leave donations in the VBS bin on the donation cart outside the church office, and check back next week for an updated list!

- · Sharpies in various colors
- · 12-cup muffin tins (yard sale goers, this one is for you!)
- · Pretzel sticks
- · Ritz Crackers
- · Honey Graham Cereal
- · Cocoa Puff Cereal
- · King Soopers or Costco gift cards for additional snack items

Volunteer for VBS!

It takes YOU to make VBS happen! We need adults plus youth (5th grade and older) to provide hospitality for our VBS families, guide crews of kids through our time together, provide childcare for littles whose adults are also volunteering, and host our guest counselors from Rainbow Trail. To see more descriptions and sign up to volunteer, please visit our VBS webpage: vbspro.events/p/stphilipvbs19.

Volunteers who sign up by May 31 will receive a VBS/Day Camp T-shirt!

Contact JoHanna in the church office, or at jbuchholz@stphilip-co.org, with any questions.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—June Donations

This month we are asking for jelly, canned tuna or chicken, and toilet paper. Please place these items in the bins by the office. Thank you!

Children's Ministries

Register for VBS Online

Register through our VBS webpage: vbspro.events/p/stphilipvbs19.

VBS is **July 8-12, 9 am – Noon** and is open to children 4 years old through 4th grade. Counselors from Rainbow Trail will be on hand to help lead us in the theme, "I Am, We Are." There will be music, Bible stories, snacks, crafts, and plenty of play!

Register for Fine Arts Academy Online

Register through our FAA webpage: vbspro.events/p/stphilipfaa19.

The Fine Arts Academy is **July 8-11, 12:30-4:30 pm** and is open to students going into 5th grade and older. Each student will have the opportunity to participate in Bible theme and music, as well as two electives. This year's electives include Creation Art, Handbells, Quilting, Watercolor, and Woodworking. Each class is taught by generous members of St. Philip. The students will share their creations at a joint VBS/Arts Academy evening program on **Thursday, July 11**. Youth who choose to volunteer with VBS in the morning may bring a lunch to eat between VBS and the Arts Academy.

Events/Activities

Ken Caryl Concert Series

On **Wednesday, June 26 at 7pm**, Ken Caryl Concerts presents *An All-American Evening* here at St. Philip. We'll celebrate American composers with a variety of folk, classical, pop, and rock music. Performers include Kristen Celusniak, Bryan Chuan, Karen Donaho, Don Williams, KC Concerts Children's Choir, and special guests The Tivoli Club Brass Band. Admission is free, and donations will be collected for Piano Pathways. Refreshments will follow the performance.

Stewardship 101

Develop a Heart of Generosity

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." **Acts 20:35b**

A friend who regularly volunteers to serve meals to the needy illustrates the truth of Jesus' teaching.

"It's so rewarding to help," she says, explaining that the time and hard work is worth it. "I think get more out of it than they do."

It feels good to give, but we are blessed with so much more when we give generously. The act of giving truly blesses us by shaping our personalities and developing our character. That's a truth affirmed by research. (Check out "The Science of Generosity")

white paper from the University of California at Berkeley, or “The Science of Generosity Initiative” at Notre Dame University!)

Generous people tend to be the kind of good folk we want as friends and neighbors. We often think of generosity only in terms of financial giving, but generous people go way beyond that, embodying generosity with all they have and all they are. They are not merely generous, they are *generous-hearted*.

Anyone can develop a generous heart, or a *more* generous heart. Begin by deepening your relationship with God, seeking guidance and wisdom in daily prayer. Then simply begin to pour yourself out for the sake of others, giving generously as a spiritual exercise and discipline. Here are five action steps:

Give smiles. Smile at everyone you see. You may be surprised at how it changes your outlook.

Give nice words. Say something nice to everyone – family and friends, coworkers, parishioners, store clerks, folks in an elevator.

Give courtesy. Hold a door open for the person behind you; stop for pedestrians; let someone go ahead of you in line.

Give your time. Serve people *face-to-face*: tutor schoolchildren, serve meals, visit a shut-in, teach ESL, volunteer at a homeless shelter.

Give your resources: Slowly increase your giving to God’s ministry. Make tithing a long-term goal.

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. When we give our time, talents and possessions, God blesses us by developing in us a generous heart.

--Rob Blezard

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Save The Date-2019	
1st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
June 14	Pastor Nathan’s Retirement Party 5:30pm
June 15 & 16	Pastor Nathan’s Last Weekend of Services
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 12:30-4:30pm
August 4-25	Silent Auction (MC-4/5)
August 19	8th Annual St. Philip Golf Tournament
September 28	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Latin Serenade</i> 7:30pm
December 8	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Christmas Around the World</i> 2:30pm

Preparing for Worship - June 8 & 9

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Reading: John 14:8-17

Worship Servants

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Pianist – Naomi Doerr

Cantor – Ericka McDaniel

Sacrament Servant – TBD

Usher – TBD

A/V – Jerry Jantz

Worship Servants for Sunday, June 9, 2019

	8:00am	9:30am
Assisting Minister	Anne Klingman	Jan Philpy
Lector	JoAnn Breitbach	Chris White
Acolytes	Levi DeBoer, Cora Eliasson	Addison Roswech, Kaden Rahne
Communion Deacons	Lynn Nourse, Diane Bracken	Amy Rahne, Gary Philpy
Ushers	Tom Henning, Dave Kime, Tom Flatley	Bryant Barchet, Chris White
Sacrament Servants	JoAnn Breitbach	Carolyn Endecott, Nancy Schell
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt	Stacey Wacholz
A-V Sound & Slides	Denton West	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (6/8): Dick Rock	Week beg. 6/9: Mark Pixley

Calendar of Events This Week (June 5 - 16, 2019)

<p>Wednesday, June 5 6:30p – Summer Youth Group</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 11 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 1:30p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 2:30p – Worship Planning Meeting (MC-1) 4:00p – Kitchen Redesign Meeting (FH-1a/b) 6:30p – Book Club (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scouts</p>
<p>Thursday, June 6 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 12 6:30p – Summer Youth Group</p>
<p>Friday, June 7 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Thursday, June 13 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, June 8 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, June 14 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30p – Pastor Nathan’s Retirement Party</p>
<p>Sunday, June 9-Pentecost 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Worship</p>	<p>Saturday, June 15 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, June 10 No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Sunday, June 16-Holy Trinity Sunday <i>Juniors Camp at Rainbow Trail</i> <i>Pastor Nathan’s Last Sunday</i> 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Kent Eddy, Sherry Anderson, Norma Jean Benningsdorf, CJ Shibly, Renate Muthart, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members:

Family of Phil Ott (Rita Kuenne's cousin)
Family of Lois Kalis (Michael Stevermer's aunt)
Elaine Cordes & family (Naomi Doerr's mother)
Tom McGinnis & Sheila Miller (Mary Person's brother & sister-in-law)
Suzanna, Babou & family (Annelore Fecht's daughter and son-in-law)
Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Karen Mallette (Lisa Edington's sister)
Lauren Person (Mary Person's daughter)
Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's parents)
Caroline Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)
Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Mike Reed (Stevermer)
Tracey, RD, Paul, Steve, Sara (Pazalos)
Family of Flo Grepling
Kathryn Karford (Nelson)
Ash Lanham (Anderson)
The Murdock family (Anderson)

We offer prayers of love, support, and comfort for our former director of SPELC Gail Thomas and her family upon the passing of her son, Travis.

Prayers for our prayer partner congregations, Abiding Hope and Christ Lutheran.

Prayers of love and support for JoHanna Buchholz as she prepares for her internship.

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 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.