St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

October 2, 2019

St. Philip Early Learning Center

SPELC Annual Consignment Sale is Here!

Our sale features a huge selection of gently used children's clothing for all seasons. We also sell maternity clothes, shoes, toys, books, DVDs, baby equipment, furniture, linens, decor, and more! Sale dates for this year are **Friday, October 4 from 9:30am to 8pm and Saturday, October 5 from 8am-1pm**. On Saturday all white ticket items are half price. The \$1 admission fee is donated to St. Philip's Family Promise ministry and Habitat for Humanity.

Church News

The church office will be closed Friday, October 4.

Transition Team Round Table

Do you have opinions about the type of person St. Philip needs to lead us into the future? The transition team would love to hear what you have to say! We will be hosting listening chats on **Saturday**, **October 12 in the sanctuary after the service**, and on **Sunday**, **October 13 from 9:15-10:15am in small groups in MC-1**, MC-3, and MC-4/5. Please stop by and have a round table discussion with us as we determine the qualities the congregation is looking for in a new pastor.

- The Transition Team

Upcoming Services

October 5 & 6: World Communion Sunday—Here we start October's global emphasis with the map of the world where candles can be placed in prayer.

October 12 & 13: Healing of All Nations Service—We continue with the map and lighting of candles, plus we offer special prayers for the nations of the world.

October 19 & 20: Stewardship Sunday—Bring your commitment cards and place them in the basket.

October 26 & 27: Reformation Sunday—Don't forget to wear red as we contemplate the importance of the Protestant Reformation. At the 10:30am service on Sunday, our 9th grade students will be confirmed.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Sandi & Michael Stevermer in remembrance of their son's transplant 32 years ago.

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 service on Sunday. Please return the vase to the church when finished.

Quilting Groups

Our two quilting groups have begun! We are sewing like crazy. Both groups want to have you come and join us, whether you sew or not. **Grateful Threads** meets on every other Friday, and **Creative Caring Quilters** meet the last Saturday of each month. We both could use two things:

1. A long-arm quilter to help us finish quilts. Do you know anyone?

2. As many hands as can help with many aspects of sewing.

3. Fellowship with a group of loving ladies whose goal is to give to those in need.

Both groups meet in FH 2. For questions see the contact list below.

Creative Caring Quilters: LeRae Schnickel-303.579.6853

Rita Kuenne-720.320.6602.

Grateful Threads: Kathy Gillett-303.359.7383

Kathy Verreyen-303.902.6850.

Hooked on Books

Hooked on Books is a women's book group meeting on the 1st Monday of each month. Our discussion on **October 7 at 9:30am** at church will be about the book *The First Lady* by James Patterson. For the **November 4** meeting, our book is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. For **December 2** our book is *A Redbird Christmas* by Fanny Flagg. If you enjoy reading a variety of books, we hope you will join us. Contact: Lynn at 303.502.4753 or Kathy at 303.932.8239.

Silver Sages Oktoberfest Meal

When: Friday, October 11, 5:00pm

Where: Jo & Dick Rock's Community Building

Cost: \$10 per person and Bring Your Own Beverage

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by October 6. Jo & Dick Rock's Community Building is located one block north on DePew at Coal Mine. The Silver Sages is a group of people, 55 and older, single, married, or have a significant other. We come together for meals and fellowship where we can build relationships with one another. Everyone is welcome!

Contact: Chris at 303.973.3096 or Sandra at 720.502.3628.

Halloween Party

Get your costumes ready and join us on **Friday, October 25** for the 9th Annual St. Philip Lutheran Church Family Halloween Party! The party is from 6:30 to 8:00pm and free activities will include an indoor Trick-or-Treat Street, games, prizes, food, and fun! Kids are invited to come in costume & bring a trick-or-treat bag. Also, we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Sharing with Sheridan Food Bank.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Melissa Keller at 720.891.8761 or visit the St. Philip Lutheran Facebook page. Candy donations can be placed in the marked bin outside of the church office.

We hope you will join us for a spooktacular good time!

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday Story Explorers

Sunday School has a new format! Children ages 3 to 6th grade will have the opportunity to participate in an inquiry-based, child-driven education program based on the concept of Godly play. 4th-6th graders have the option of taking a Bible course during this time frame as well.

We will have music and coffee cart snacks in the Fellowship Hall to start things off, and then we will move into the room off the Fellowship Hall for story and creative time.

Come join us on this new adventure!

New This Year! Wednesday Faith Quest

New this year, we are experimenting with doing a Faith Quest for children Pre-K through sixth grade! It will be fun, insightful and fulfilling!

Wednesday Faith Quest will be on the second Wednesday of the month through the end of the year. (October 9, November 13 and December 11).

At 6:00pm we will join the confirmation students and the sr. high youth for dinner. At 6:30pm, we will then all split into age-appropriate groups to learn about faith, God, and the Bible. At 7:15pm we will then come back together for closing worship where we will sing fun camp and kids songs until 7:30pm.

We hope you will join us for one or all of the Wednesday Faith Quests! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad.

Church Needs/Fundraising

Family Promise October Rotation

We are getting ready to host some wonderful families at St. Philip during the final week of October. Yes, the week of Halloween. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex this weekend. These sign-ups are for meal donations and opportunities to interact with our guests. This will be our last of hosting of the year. Please consider sharing your time and talents! Let me know if you have any questions or comments. I'm excited for the opportunity to serve with you again. Thanks again for all that you do for this ministry. We just couldn't do it without you!

-Rick Richardson 720.467.8607

ELCA Good Gifts: Brand New Gifts, Cards, and Online Store

The new ELCA Good Gifts catalog is here, and so is a new and improved online store. Shop now to find a dozen brand-new gifts (manure, anyone?) as well as returning favorites: goats, water wells, and school fees for a girl. Each gift goes on to make a difference in the world. When you give in honor of a friend or loved one, you can mail, email, or download a card to let them know. Resources such as coin boxes, Christmas cards, and Advent tree ornaments are available to help make your fundraiser a success. Browse gifts and resources at ELCA.org/GoodGifts. Start planning your Christmas gifts now!

Support the Response to Hurricane Dorian

Hurricane Dorian caused devastation in the Bahamas and damage in the southeastern United States. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with its partners to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery. To learn more or to make a donation, go to ELCA.org/disaster.

Volunteers Needed for Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

The Sharing with Sheridan food pantry has been an important ministry of St. Philip and critical to the Sheridan community for the last five years. Several of the original people are getting older, and we need some new people to help with distribution on Thursdays

so that this ministry can continue. If you are available even occasionally on Thursday from 3-6pm, please contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

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

Children's Hospital Blood Mobile

St. Philip will be hosting a Children's Hospital Colorado Mobile blood drive on **Friday**, **October 18** from 8:30am to 12:15pm. The need for blood donors grows every day, so your donation can make a big difference. There are plenty of available appointments, so if you would be interested in donating please go to www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4aabab2da46-stphilip4.

The process takes about 30 to 45 minutes total, from arrival, paperwork, a brief interview to the actual blood draw. Remember to have something to eat and hydrate beforehand; we will have snacks available after your donation. Donors will need to bring their government issued ID (passport or driver's license) to each donation. Please know that 30 minutes of your time could mean a lifetime to a child in need!

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—October Donations

This month we are asking for tuna, peanut butter, cereal, and meal soups. Please place these items in the bins by the office. Thank you!

Events/Activities

Love INC Fundraiser

You're invited to The Harvest on **Saturday, October 5 from 5:30-8:30pm** at CU South Denver (10035 S. Peoria St. Lone Tree). This is Love INC's only fundraiser of the year. Join us for fellowship, dinner, a mini silent auction, as well as a live auction and an inspiring program of inspirational stories. To reserve your complimentary seat RSVP to 303.798.0037.

Taste of Pakistan Benefiting Women's Development Association

Please join the Women's Development Association for a savory Pakistani lunch - Taste of Pakistan! The luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, October 8 from 11:30am-1:30pm** at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church.

WDA board members Kristen Johnson, Hannah Griffiths, and Jeffrey Kesten, MD recently returned from Lahore, Pakistan, where they witnessed the life-changing work of the WDA. During their visit, they also provided basic medical services for women and children, and saw the health and education challenges faced by Pakistan's poorest. Their story will fill you with wonder at what God is doing through WDA.

Save the date for this extraordinary opportunity to: Savor delicious Pakistani food, shop the Pakistan boutique and other vendors, pamper yourself with a gorgeous henna design, participate in the silent auction, support our vital mission.

Tickets are \$40 per person available through our website at www.womensdevelopmentassociation.com, or you can mail a check to our office. Please include with the check the names of people attending. Our address is 3955 E. Exposition Ave, Suite 100, Denver CO 80209.

This event allows us to send important funds to Pakistan, allowing us to continue our mission which is "to encourage, train and support women and children in developing nations in literacy, basic math, health education, and economic empowerment."

We hope to see you on October 8!

Blues at Bonacquisti Winery

Please join Arok Garang, founder of Seeds of South Sudan; the College Scholarship Team; and the Board of SoSS for an exclusive event where this year's college scholarship recipients will be announced. Come hear the astonishing stories of the candidates who have overcome harrowing experiences in South Sudan before arriving at Kakuma Refugee Camp and being selected into the SoSS program. Once in the program at Roots Academy, each student has dedicated their full energy to becoming top students in their high school programs. Come celebrate this achievement with us.

When: Thursday October 17 from 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Bonacquisti Winery 4640 N. Pecos St. Denver, CO 80211

What you can expect: Amazing stories, great jazz from the Brian Counterman Jazz Hands Foundation band, wine and light hors d'oeuvres, and an opportunity to support the programs of SoSS.

Cost: \$40. Payable online at www.seedsofsouthsudan.org or at the door.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear first hand about the exciting developments of Seeds of South Sudan programs.

Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale has begun rehearsals for our concerts on **October 20**. If you would like to join us, you are welcome. NO AUDITION required. We meet on Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood, at 7 pm until 9 pm.

Our God Our Help in Ages Past will be our first concert of the season on **Sunday**, **October 20** at Faith Lutheran Church, 17701 W. 16th Ave., Golden at 3:00 pm. Our second concert will be at St. Philip Lutheran Church 7531 S. Kendall Blvd. Littleton at 7:30 pm. This concert will include Ave Verum by Mozart, How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place by Brahms, and O Christ, Thou Lamb of God by Scarlatti and more. This concert is free (no tickets sold), but we do accept free-will donations. If you have any questions, please contact David Peterson at 303.210.9428, email us at thelutheranchorale@comcast.net, or visit our website at www.thelutheranchorale.org.

Stewardship 101

Wants, Needs, and the Path to Contentment

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

-1 Timothy 6:6-9

When Apple released a new iPhone some years ago, our teenager grew unhappy with the one that had been a treasured birthday present only a few months earlier.

"I really *need* a new iPhone," we were told with urgency and expectation. Sensible parents, we said no, pointing out that a new iPhone was definitely a *want*, not a *need*. Our teen stormed off, outraged by the injustice and deprivation.

Children and youth are forgiven for confusing *wants* and *needs*, but many of us reach adulthood without the knowledge. The distinction is especially hard to learn in our consumer culture, where every advertisement tells us that true happiness is forever *just one more* purchase away. When we believe this lie, we suffer lives of insatiable desire, ever grasping for the *newer*, the *better*, the *larger*, the *more*.

Mature faith and biblical stewardship challenge us to distinguish our *wants* from our *needs*, so that we may find contentment with "enough" — decent housing, healthy food, clean clothing, and reliable transportation. No longer slaves to a desire for more, we are free to enjoy the abundant life that comes from loving relationships with God and family and neighbor.

Getting free may take discipline, but with God's help we can grow. Faced with desire, we pray: "Is this a *need* or a *want*? If it's a want, why do I sense it's a need? Can I be content without it?"

Finding contentment, we open ourselves to the life God intends for us, rich and abundant in love, joy and grace.

-Rob Blezard

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Save The Date-2019					
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies					
October 4 & 5	SPELC Consignment Sale				
October 25	Halloween Party 6:30pm				
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm				
December 8	Ken Caryl Concerts: Christmas Around the World 2:30pm				



"At St. Philip Lutheran Church we intentionally build relationships through Christ to grow and serve."

Preparing for Worship - October 5 & 6

First Reading: Psalm 67

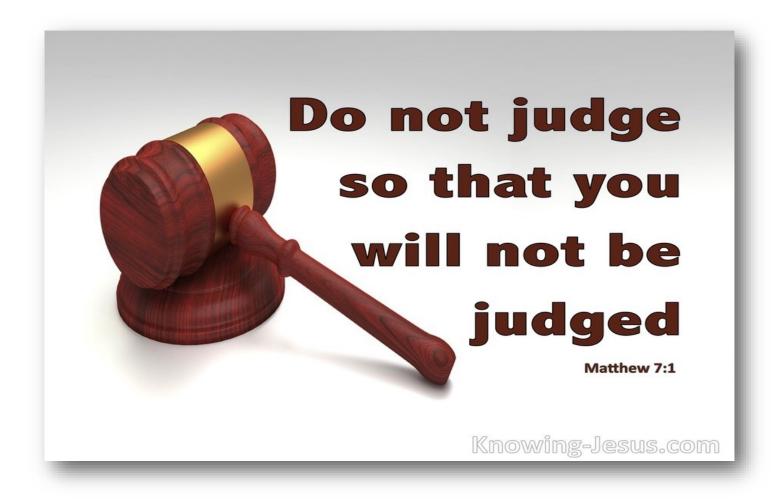
Second Reading: Matthew 7:1-5

Worship Servants

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Pianist – Becky Miller Cantor – Taylor White Usher – TBD A/V – TBD

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 6, 2019					
	8:00am		10:30am		
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith		Bill Shepard		
Lector	Chris Youngren		Karen Donaho		
Acolytes	Lilly Varnell, Emilie Varnell		Jada Rogge, Kyle Rogge		
Communion Deacons	Peter Mielke, Pam Kubicek		Susan Shepard		
Prayer Partners	Heather Varnell		Rebecca Near		
Ushers	Tom Silco, Bill Colbenson		Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse, Brian Lamb		
Sacrament Servants	Connie Schutt		Lynn Mossbrucker, Diane Michael		
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer		Dick Rusch		
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke				
Coffee Cart	7th & 8th Grade Girls				
KeyKeepers	Sat. (10/5): SPELC	Week beg. 10/6: Carolyn Rapp			



Our Prayer List

Members:

Dave Husted, Pam Kubicek, Roger Crowner, Karen Nelson, Renate Muthart, Jillian Stevens, Robert Kidder, Bob Connor, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members:

Tish & family (Carol Doehler's cousin)
Carl (Amy Rahne's uncle)
Megan & Steve Baldry (Mary Hatlestad's niece and nephew-in-law)
Jon Skeels (Sherry Anderson's brother)
Michael Appareti (Nicole Nottingham's father)
Barry & Karen Borstad (Brett Borstad's parents)
Caroline (daughter)
Ryan Erments)

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
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:

Allison & Lily Cape (Rogge)
The family of Loretta Nichols (Near)
Margi Fletcher (Stevermer)

Bertha Rossberg (Fecht) Doug (Philpy)

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

Prayers of support and encouragement for Aaron and Anna Silco as they continue their seminary studies.

Prayers 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.

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

Wednesday, October 2 SPELC Consignment Sale 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group	Tuesday, October 8 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting 11:00a – Worship Planning Meeting 2:30p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Book Club (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scouts		
Thursday, October 3 SPELC Consignment Sale 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR)	Wednesday, October 9 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00p – Faith Quest 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group		
Friday, October 4 SPELC Consignment Sale—9:30am-8pm Church office open 8am-noon	Thursday, October 10 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 9:00a – Grateful Thread Quilters (FH-2) 1:45p – SPELC Staff Meeting 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)		
Saturday, October 5 SPELC Consignment Sale—8am-1pm 5:30p – Worship	Friday, October 11 Church office open 8am-noon 5:00p – Oktoberfest (offsite)		
Sunday, October 6 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:15a – Adult Education Class (MC-4/5) 9:30a – Sunday Story Explorers (FH, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Worship	Saturday, October 12 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		
Monday, October 7 9:30a – Hooked on Books (FS) 7:00p – LMGC Board Meeting (MC-3) 7:00p – Troop 554 Committee Mtg. (FH-1)	Sunday, October 13 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:15a – Transition Team Small Groups 9:30a – Sunday Story Explorers (FH, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Worship		

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