

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

October 16, 2019

Church News

Worship Survey

We are seeking input on the structure of 2020 Sunday worship services during the traditional school year (September-May) to potentially start in January 2020. Saturday evening services and one service on Sundays from June-August will remain unchanged.

Check your email for the survey, or ask Angela in the church office to send you a link. Paper copies will also be available in the Narthex and the church office. **Please respond by Sunday, October 20.** We look forward to your thoughts.

We will bring a recommendation, out of the results of this survey, to the congregational meeting on **November 17**.

Upcoming Services

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. Also, come to the Adult Education class to hear Pastor Randy's friends Michael and Carmen Zoughbi speak about being Palestinian Christians (see article on p. 2).

November 2 & 3: All Saints Sunday—We remember those who have passed away in the last year by lighting candles and reading names. Please fill out the back of your connection card, or send your names to Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Anne & Tom Henning in memory of Katelyn Henning—always remembered and forever loved.

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.

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. You can also sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4da5ac29a20-stphilip1>. **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!

Creative Caring Quilters Group

Hi all ladies! We are full of ideas for our group. Here's what we do:

1. When? Fourth Saturday of each month from 9am-12pm.
Our next meeting is **Saturday, October 26**.
2. Where? Fellowship Hall
3. What? We make things for The Gathering Place and the Linus Project. Both will involve babies and children. For more information, call either LeRae Schnickel (303.579.6853) or Rita Kuenne(720.320.6602).
4. Supplies? We have fabric, tools, boards, and irons. We also have a few sewing machines.
5. Who ? Anyone that sews, knits, crochets, or just wants to learn or have fellowship.
6. Why? We want to share what we have with those in need. Our emphasis is giving.
7. Do? We will do string piecing in different ideas for uses in our quilts on the 26th. Or just sew on your own! We have fabric available! Bring your own if you want.

We hope to have you join us. Mark the date!

Special Guests—Michael & Carmen Zoughbi

In 1999, I went on sabbatical to the Holy Land to spend the summer in the heart of Judaism and Christianity. I stayed at Tuntur, the ecumenical retreat center (run by the Catholic Church) on the edge of Bethlehem. It was there where I first met Michael Zoughbi, a local Palestinian Christian.

He invited me to visit his family, and later, the carvers of Bethlehem. For centuries, the local Arab Christians have used olive wood to make beautiful carvings that they could sell to the Christian pilgrims that came to Bethlehem and Jerusalem (six miles from Bethlehem). But with the recent building of the separation wall by the state of Israel, less people come and shop in Bethlehem. That, in turn, means that many shops and carvers find it difficult to make a living.

Michael – and his wife, Carmen – come to the US every few years to sell the olive wood to help out a co-op of about 30 carvers. But more importantly, they come to tell the story of the few thousand remaining Christians in the region. Some scholars have said that the Arab Christians in Bethlehem are the “Fifth Gospel”, as their presence bears witness to the Christmas story.

Michael and Carmen will be at St. Philip on Sunday, October 27. He will speak to the adult education class between the services, tell his story, and answer questions, as well as sell some olive wood. This is something you truly do not want to miss!

-Pastor Randy

P.S. The crèche scenes are truly amazing, and the ornaments make great gifts!

Veteran's Day Slide Show

Sunday, November 10, we will observe Veteran's Day, and we will present a slide show before and after services that weekend, highlighting members and relatives of members who have served in the armed forces. If you are a veteran or have a family member who is a vet whom you would like included, please email Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org by **November 1**. We will need a current picture and a picture from time of service, as well as branch of service, rank, and years of service. (If you have been included in the slide show in the past, we have all of your information already in the new one. Thank you!)

St. Philip Book Club

Love to read? Want to challenge yourself a bit? Consider joining us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the St. Philip Book Club! We are a lively bunch of people who enjoy reading good literature from a variety of genres. We get together to discuss the books we have read, and much more!

The book club meets in the Fireside Room at the church; the meeting starts at 6:30pm. Light refreshments are usually served. ALL are welcome to come - this book club is open to the community, not just members of St. Philip.

Our book selection for November is ***The Other Einstein***, a historical fiction novel by Marie Benedict. The meeting date for November is the 12th. The December book selection is ***PI***, by Nicholas Sparks. Our December meeting date is the 10th.

For more information about the St. Philip Book Club, please contact Sue Riecks at susanmartinriecks@gmail.com or call 303.829.4981. Hope you can join us!

Church Needs/Fundraising

Key Keepers Needed!

We have a couple of openings for key keeping here at St. Philip. We need someone to open the church the first Saturday of the month at 8am, and then lock up at noon. There is also an opening for a nighttime key keeper, who would be a part of a 6-person rotation and so would only be needed once every 6 weeks. That person would have to come up to the church after hours, make sure all the lights are out, set the alarm, and lock up the church for the night. Please contact Angela Seep or Linda Goodnough in the office if you are interested.

King Soopers Community Rewards

King Soopers is committed to helping communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations will earn thousands of dollars through King Soopers Community Rewards. It makes fundraising easy! All you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your SooperCard! Just sign into your account and enroll, or update your Community Rewards under Account Settings to St. Philip Lutheran Church.

Military Donations

We have two collection bins outside of the church office to collect things for care packages to send to deployed soldiers. Here is a list of needed items: beef jerky, tuna packets, granola bars, nuts, trail mix, fruit snacks, hard candy, small packs of candy (Tootsie Rolls, Life Savers, Smarties, gummy bears), flavor packets for water, cards saying thank you with a personal message, sunscreen wipes, instant soup cups, playing cards, gum, and chapstick. If you have any questions contact Mary DeBoer.

College Care Packages

It is the time of year to prepare for College Care packages. The pennants highlighting the snacks we will need for the approximately 50 boxes we send will be up in the Narthex **October 19**. Take as many pennants as you wish and return the snacks to the church Narthex no later than **November 5**. If you take a pennant, please make sure to bring in that particular snack. If you are not able to supply the snacks, please return the

pennant or notify Anne Henning, because we plan specific numbers of snacks for each box. The students often say these care packages are one of the highlights of their semester. Thank you for your support.

Scouts Selling Greenery

Our resident Boy Scout Troop 554 will be taking orders for Christmas greenery after services on **October 20 and October 27**. Cash or check made out to Troop 554 will be accepted at time of order. The greenery will be distributed on **Sunday, December 1**.

Family Promise October Rotation

We are getting ready to host some wonderful families at St. Philip during the final week of October; **Sunday, October 27 through Saturday, November 2**.

Family Promise is a program to assist families experiencing homelessness. The program's success lies in the ability of its volunteers to put a human face on hope. While guests are without homes of their own, St Philip's facilities are their temporary home. Please consider sharing your time and talents.

The volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Narthex next to "Nathan the Bear." These sign-up sheets are for meal donations and opportunities to interact with our guests. This will be our last of hosting of 2019.

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

Action Center—Action For the Holidays

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

Each year we provide meal kits with all the fixin's to feed over 5,000 people. The event takes place on **Saturday, November 24**, but we need your support before then.

Items we need:

- Turkey Gravy
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Yams
- Chicken Broth
- Stuffing
- Pie Filling
- Cake Mix + Frosting
- Mac & Cheese

HELP US ATTEMPT A WORLD RECORD

On **December 4 from 12 to 5pm** we will attempt to break the record for the largest sock drive. We can only accept NEW socks during the listed time above. Bring your socks and bring a buck to help support The Action Center's soon-to-be re-opened shelter.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

This year, **December 9 -14** our Holiday Gift Shop will be relocating, but we are ready to help make sure that 3,800 kids have a magical holiday!

Items we need:

- Remote Control Cars and Trucks
- Skateboards
- Scooters
- Science Kits

- Arts & Crafts Kits
- Nail & Make-Up Kits
- Bicycles + Helmets
- Legos and Nerf Toys

All Action Center donations can be brought to their Donation Dock at 8755 W 14th Ave., Lakewood.

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

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: You’ll hear great blues from Scott “Shack” Hackler and raise funds to send Deng Dau Atem to college in Kenya. Deng has been volunteer teaching math and science in the Kakuma Refugee Camp since graduating from Koelel High School. He wants to study business administration and has qualified to attend a two-year college.

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.

Augustana Arts

Colorado Women’s Chorale presents the Music of Eric Whitacre and More!

Join the Chorale for this beautiful exploration of plot, texture, humor, and literary devices in some of the most exciting choral music ever composed on **Saturday, October 26 at 7:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver). Use code RMS25 to purchase 25% off tickets at www.AugustanaArts.org

The Silent Film, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Comes to Life with Organ Improv.

The most remarkable and highly-regarded organist, Peter Krasinski, returns to Augustana Lutheran Church to perform improvised pipe organ accompaniment for the silent film, *Hunchback of Norte Dame* on **Saturday, November 9 at 7:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver). Use code RMS25 to purchase 25% off tickets at www.AugustanaArts.org.

Global Gift Fair

Shop for unique items for yourself, your friends, and your family and support artisans around the world and around the corner. The Global Gift Fair takes place on **November 2 and 3 from 9am to 2pm** at Atonement Lutheran Church, 6281 W. Yale Ave, Lakewood.

Theater & Theology

Our next Theater & Theology play will be Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* on **THURSDAY (not Tuesday), December 12 at 6:30pm** in the Space Theater. This play is a classic comedy of mistaken identities, hilarious hijinks, and unrequited love. Please sign up in the narthex by **November 17**. Tickets are \$35 each, and checks should be made out to St. Philip with Theater & Theology in the memo line. Arrive at the theater by 6:15pm to receive your ticket from Pastor Bollman or a member of St. Philip.



Mundt's Musing

“The end never justifies the mean-ness.”

Financial Statistics

As of the end of September 2019:			
SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	804,327	892,019	(87,692)
Expenses	781,136	909,658	128,522
	23,191	(17,639)	40,830
SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	266,858	319,195	(52,337)
Expenses	242,665	319,195	76,530
	24,193	-	24,193
SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	537,469	572,824	(35,355)
Expenses	538,471	590,463	51,992
	(1,002)	(17,639)	16,637
Contributions			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
YTD Actual	508,351	540,835	
YTD Budgeted	544,500		
	(36,149)		
ELCA World Hunger			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
YTD Actual	\$3,063	\$6,755	

Preparing for Worship - October 19 & 20

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Second Reading: II Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Worship Servants

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Pianist – Michael Clough

Cantor – Beth Clough

Sacrament Servants – The Sundes

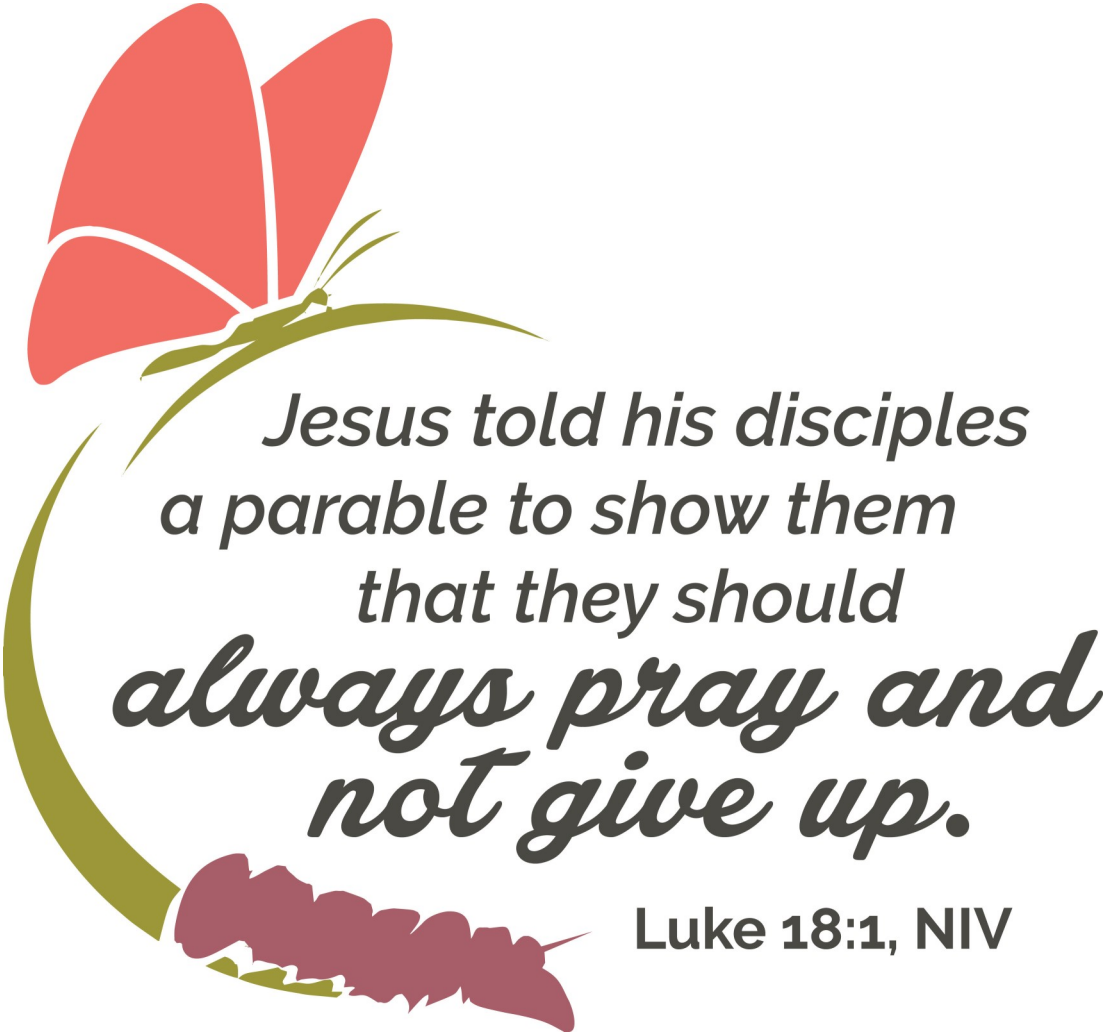
Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Denton West

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 20, 2019

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen	Jan Philpy
Lector	Sandra Fishko	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Erin Finnerty, Cora Eliasson	Rowan Morse, Kaden Rahne
Communion Deacons	Pam Kubicek	Lisa Edington, Victoria Edington
Prayer Partner	Jill Luer	Dawn Collins
Ushers	Tom Silco, Bill Colbenson	Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse, Brian Lamb
Sacrament Servants	TBD	Nancy Schell
Ambassadors	Lynn Nourse, Vicki Slusser	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Chris Youngren, Sandra Fishko	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (10/19): Karen Otto	Week beg. 10/20: Sue Riecks

Save The Date-2019	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
October 25	Halloween Party 6:30pm
November 9	Scottish Fiddle Concert 11:00am
November 17	Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary 9:15am
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm Pie Social following worship
December 8	Ken Caryl Concerts: <i>Christmas Around the World</i> and St. Nicholas Day Celebration 2:30pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Services 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm
December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service 10am



Our Prayer List

Members:

Carolyn Rapp, Dave Husted, Bob Connor, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members:

Marlene Porter (Jackie Seres's aunt)
Linda Haugen (LeRae Schnickel's sister)
Emily Silco & Jamie Wolbert (Tom Silco & Dori Hammer's daughter & fiancé)
Dawnee & Brandon Hunt (Monica Auch's niece & nephew)
Bryan Philippi (Adeline Newth's nephew)
Tish & family (Carol Doehler's cousin)

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:

Martha Kyhn (Phillips)
Christy (Gillett)
Abraham
Kathy Heater (Stevermer)
Shelly & Mike Caldwell (Seep)

Cyndi (Anderson)
Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)
Terry (Kuenne)
Chip Box (Amsberry)

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. Prayers for healing and comfort for those suffering from PTSD, homelessness, loss, depression, and other physical and mental issues.

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:angela.seep@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

Calendar of Events This Week (October 16 - 27, 2019)

<p>Wednesday, October 16 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 22 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting 11:00a – Worship Planning Meeting 2:30p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal 7:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1)</p>
<p>Thursday, October 17 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 23 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>
<p>Friday, October 18 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 8:00a – Blood Mobile (parking lot, narthex) 5:00p – Scottish Fiddle Rehearsal (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Thursday, October 24 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 9:00a – Grateful Thread Quilters (FH-2) 6:30p – Columbine Townhouses (FH-1a/b) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, October 19 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, October 25 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30p – Halloween Party</p>
<p>Sunday, October 20 <i>Scouts Selling Greenery</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Sunday Story Explorers (FH, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Worship 2:00p – Student Piano Recitals (Sanc.) 7:30p – Lutheran Chorale (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Girl Scout Training (FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 4:30p – Scottish Fiddle Rehearsal (CR) 5:30p – Worship 6:30p – Confirmation Dinner (FH, kitchen)</p>
<p>Monday, October 21 10:00a – Property Team Meeting (FH-1a/b) 4:00p – A.S.K. Leaders Council (FS) 5:00p – A.S.K. Bible Study 7:00p – LGMC Board Meeting (MC-3)</p>	<p>Sunday, October 27 <i>Family Promise</i> <i>Scouts Selling Greenery</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Sunday Story Explorers (FH, FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Worship-9th Grade Confirmation</p>

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