

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

October 23, 2019

Church News

The church office will be closed Friday, October 25.

Upcoming Services

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 below).

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.

Have Questions About the ELCA Becoming a Sanctuary Denomination?

Join us for a time of information as well as questions and answers with the Office of the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod. We will gather on **Wednesday, October 30**, beginning with a meal with the confirmation students and senior high youth. The meal will begin at 6:00pm and the Q&A will go from 6:30-7:45pm. We will all come back together for a time of closing worship with songs and a blessing.

-Pastor Brad

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Paul & Laurie Selander in celebration of their 40th 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 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. We hope you will join us for a spooktacular good time!

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!)

Grateful Threads Quilters

This is a group that meets at St. Philip. Our quilts are made under the guidelines of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and are given to Veterans that have been in combat or touched by war. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at the church from 9am to 1pm in Fellowship Hall Room 2. We are looking for people who are interested in contributing their time and talents, and someone who does long-arm quilting. For more information, please contact: Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383 or Kathy Verreyen at 303.902.6850.

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!

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 ***The Wedding***, by Nicholas Sparks. Our December meeting date is the 10th.

For more information about the St. Philip Book Club, please contact Sue Riecks at susmartinriecks@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.

Family Promise October Rotation

Volunteers are at the heart of St Philip's Family Promise focus. Depending upon the level of involvement of each volunteer, St Philip needs between 50 to 75 volunteers for a host week to be successful. Volunteer activities include: dinner and evening hosts, overnight hosts, meal preparation, driving the Family Promise van and family enrichment activities.

We are preparing to host our final 2019 rotation this week. Beginning **Sunday, October 27 through Saturday November 3**, four families will be staying with us at St. Philip – 4 adults and 12 children. The volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, or you can text or call Rick Richardson directly (720.467.8607) for more information. We are still in need of:

Evening Hosts:

Wednesday (10-30), Thursday (10-31) and Saturday (November 2)

Overnight Host:

Monday (10-28), Tuesday (10-29) and Thursday (10-31).

If you can assist, please reach out to Karen Otto, Karen Smith, Rick Richardson or Pastor Brad. Thank you again for all that you do for this ministry. We just couldn't do it without you!

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 are up in the Narthex. 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.

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. If you see good coupons that you aren't using for cereal, meal soups, canned meats, or personal items, please clip them and place them in Karen Otto's mailbox, or the food pantry donation bin. Thank you!

Events/Activities

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.

Preparing for Worship - October 26 & 27
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

Worship Servants

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Pianist – Michael Clough

Cantor – Beth Clough

Usher – Monica Auch

A/V – Steve Rower

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 27, 2019		
	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Anne Klingman	Bill Shepard
Lector	Sandi Stevermer	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Levi DeBoer, Cora Eliasson	Abby Carlson, Addison Roswech
Communion Deacons	Lynn Mossbrucker	Susan Shepard
Ushers	Tom Silco, Bill Colbenson	Charlie Petersen, Mike McNamara, Mark Morse, Brian Lamb
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, JoAnn Breitbach	Betty Welch, Diane Michael
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	Dick Rusch
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Coffee Cart	LeRae Schnickel	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (10/26): Dick Rock	Week beg. 10/27: Peter Mielke

Calendar of Events This Week (October 23 - November 3, 2019)

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	Tuesday, October 29 <i>Family Promise</i> 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting 11:00a – Worship Planning Meeting 2:30p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal
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)	Wednesday, October 30 <i>Family Promise</i> 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group
Friday, October 25 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30p – Halloween Party	Thursday, October 31-Halloween <i>Family Promise</i> 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
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)	Friday, November 1 <i>Family Promise</i> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled
Sunday, October 27 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> <i>Family Promise</i> <i>Scouts Selling Greenery</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship-9th Grade Confirmation	Saturday, November 2 <i>Family Promise</i> 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Seeds of South Sudan (FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, October 28 <i>Family Promise</i> 7:00p – Congregation Council Mtg (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Meeting (FH-1a/b)	Sunday, November 3 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Family Promise</i> 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship

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Our Prayer List

Members:

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

Family Members:

Family of Martha Kyhn (Jeri Phillips's sister-in-law)

Matt Boren (Katie Amaya's cousin)

Michael Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's son-in-law)

Family of Bobby (Linda Thomas's uncle)

Marlene Porter (Jackie Seres's aunt)

Linda Haugen (LeRae Schnickel's sister)

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:

Christy (Gillett)

Kerry & Sandra (Mundt)

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](mailto:AngelaSeep@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.