

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 6, 2019

Church News

Thriving in Challenging Times

As Bob Dylan once said, "The times, they are a changing".

"Come gather 'round, people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin'
And you better start swimming'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changing'"

Newsflash: We are living in uncharted times. Why? America is in the process of replacing a general worldview that prioritized love, hope, and truth with an individualized moral buffet that prioritizes personal satisfaction. We're giving humanity back to his human nature — a nature beset by original sin and prone to tribalism. Our country – and we, its citizens - will find the way intimidating and discouraging unless we find new ways to come together and (most importantly) learn from each other.

For the next three weekends in November, I will present some Biblical insights on how to navigate these days.

November 10 - *Living with Absurdity* Luke 20:27-38

November 17 - *Overcoming Divisions* Luke 21:5-19

November 24 - *Reframing our Reality* Luke 23:33-43

-Pastor Randy

Upcoming Important Dates

November 9 & 10: A Veteran's Day slide show honoring the veterans of St. Philip will be shown before and after all services.

November 17: Congregational Meeting to be held between services.

November 24: Christ the King Sunday

November 27: Thanksgiving Eve Worship beginning at 7pm

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Flo Figge to celebrate the birth of her newest great-granddaughter Adalyn Noelle Figge.

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.

Angel Tree

The Refugee Angel Tree is up and ready to donate! Lutheran Family Services has many displaced folks to help out this year. Here's what we can provide:

1. Needs are on the ANGELS.
2. Choose ONE gift on the ANGEL.
3. Purchase and ATTACH ANGEL to UNWRAPPED gift.
4. Put in box under ANGEL TREE.
5. Sign your name, email, and recipient on sign-up sheet.
6. Gifts due **Sunday, December 1.**
7. Call or email Carl or Rita Kuenne if you have questions: Carl-720.320.7201 or Rita-720.320.6602 or rckuenne@yahoo.com.

St. Philip has been amazing at serving the Lord this way. Thank you in Jesus' Name!

PS. We could use help (truck, large vehicle) to get the gifts delivered. Got a way to assist? Call Carl: 720.320.7201.

Advent Season 2019—Detangling Christmas

To help manage the stress of getting ready for Christmas—with all that shopping, cleaning, and getting those Christmas decorations up—at least one company is trying to help. Tesco, a British supermarket company, posted an ad for a new job—a “**Christmas Light Detangler**”. The company's website offered the following description for the 36-hour-a-week job: “*This new position will offer you the chance to show that every little bit helps, by running the unique in-store service with a friendly, flexible approach and making a genuine difference to the little things that matter to our customers this Christmas.*” The major responsibility would be “manning and managing the *Christmas Lights Untangling Stand.*”

It seems for me, Christmas is a time where everything gets a little jumbled, tangled and twisted up. When the many demands of the season mount, my blood pressure goes higher, and my fuse gets shorter. A large part of my problem is allowing all the loose ends of the season to get tangled and chock out the joy of what Christmas is all about.

This Advent, we invite you to let God help to “detangle our lives”. **We will meet in the choir room for worship at noon, and afterwards share a potluck meal in MC-4/5.** We hope that you will come and invite a friend!

December 4: *Detangle our Minds* Matthew 1:18-25

December 11: *Detangle our Emotions* Luke 1:5-25

December 18: *Detangle our Relationships* Luke 1:26-38

-Pastor Randy

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 Ma-

rie 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 susanmartinriecks@gmail.com or call 303.829.4981. Hope you can join us!

Grateful Threads Quilters

Our quilting group is pleased to have a few of our quilts hanging in the church in honor of Veterans Day. We work together to make quilts, following Quilts of Valor Foundation guidelines, to honor, comfort and heal our service members and veterans touched by war. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at the church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are looking for people that are interested in contributing their time and talents. For more info contact: Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383 or Kathy Verreyen at 303.902.6850.

Silver Sages

Silver Sages will have their Christmas Lunch at the Cheesecake Factory at Southwest Plaza on **Thursday, December 5 at noon**. If you're 55 or older, join us for a gathering of friends, old and new, for good food and fellowship. Reservations are due **Sunday, December 1**. Please sign up in the narthex. For more information, contact Chris at 303.973.3096.

Church Needs/Fundraising

Advent Readers Needed

We need people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath on Sunday mornings during Advent. We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, groups of singles. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Jan Philpy.

Snow Shoveling Teams

We are setting up Snow Shoveling Teams for the next six (6) months --- those months we expect we could have snow events. Each team is responsible for shoveling the SIDEWALKS ONLY for a seven (7) day period --- from midnight Friday to the next Friday midnight (Saturday to Saturday). If shoveling is required on a Sunday, the start time is 7am --- the other days it is about 8am. Each team is typically three (3) people. The available pieces of equipment are: snow blower, snow plow (on a riding mower), and snow shovels. It usually takes about 1½ hours to clear all the walks.

Anyone willing to volunteer can contact Linda Goodnough or Jerry Mydlach.

Help with Ken Caryl Concert Christmas Around the World

We're expecting a large crowd for our *Christmas Around the World* concert on **Sunday, December 8 at 2:30pm**, which will include the St. Philip Choir, Bells, SPELC PreK kids choir, the Rocky Mountain Flute Choir, and more performers from our church family and community. Any donation of time or treats for the reception is appreciated. Please contact Beth Faerber - efaerber@hotmail.com - with any questions. To sign up to help, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ADAE2DA57-christmas2>.

Action Center—Action for the Holidays

Mark Your Calendars for Colorado Gives

This year Colorado Gives Day celebrates its 10th Anniversary on **Tuesday, December 10**. This 24-hour, statewide movement celebrates philanthropy in Colorado.

Did you know, you can schedule your donation for Colorado Gives Day ahead of time? Simply click on the purple 'Make A Donation' link on our website (theactioncenter.org), select 'CO Gives Day' under Donation Type to schedule your gift.

Thank you for being a part of the Colorado Gives Day movement by supporting The Action Center. And don't forget, donations of \$200 or more may qualify for a 25% state tax credit through the Colorado Enterprise Zone.

Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, November 16 - 24

This year The Action Center is initiating the very first Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Colorado as part of the Larger National Campaign. We want to bring light to the issues that surround our neighbors in need and you can help. What can you do? See the three articles below.

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.

Fall Harvest Food Collection Through November

Needed items: soup meals, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, canned fruit, personal care items. Please, nothing that is already open. Place items on the table in the hallway across from the mailboxes.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—November Donations

This month we are asking for canned tuna and chicken, canned fruit, canned diced tomatoes, and personal care items. Please place these items in the bins by the office.

Thank You

On Saturday, October 26, we had our annual Confirmation dinner for this year's Confirmation students and their families and friends. The tradition at St. Philip is for the 7th and 8th grade confirmation students to serve the meal. I would like to thank the following 7th and 8th graders as well as parents for doing a wonderful job with serving and cleaning up for 96 people! You all did a great job, thank you! ~Linda Young

Abby Carlson	Addison Roswech
Alex Hendrickson	Addison's friend :)
Dave O'Hanahan	Meg Roswech
Kayleigh O'Hanahan	Heather Varnell
Kristen O'Hanahan	Lilly Varnell

Children, Youth, & Family

Faith Quest

Faith Quest is for children Pre-K through sixth grade. Our next one is **Wednesday, November 13**. At 6:00pm we join the confirmation students and the sr. high youth for dinner. At 6:30pm, we all split into age-appropriate groups to learn about faith, God, and the Bible. At 7:15pm we come back together for closing worship, where we 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.

An Update from JoHanna Buchholz

Greetings from Southwestern Minnesota! I am now two months into my internship with Grace Lutheran in Dawson, Minnesota. Living in a small town has been an adjustment, but the people of Grace have been warm, welcoming, and keeping me busy! I am leading worship and preaching every Sunday, and sometimes throughout the week at the care center and senior residences. I am also teaching 24 lively 7th & 8th graders each week in confirmation, and 13 fun-loving 4th graders during "release time" on Wednesdays. I've had the opportunity to connect with other pastors in the area in text study and in the synod at fall theological conference. I am learning about myself and how I approach the role of pastor. Lydia has adjusted well to her school and daycare, and Scott is enjoying time to work on projects at home. We all send sincere thanks for sending us into this internship well. We treasure our memories from our time at St. Philip and your continued support.

-JoHanna M. Buchholz

Events/Activities

The Sew-it-All Studio is Now Open in Littleton

Sew-it-All Studio is a place to sew or learn how to sew. Sewing classes are open to all students ages 10-110. Beginners are always welcome, and continuing students will be challenged with advanced skills.

The Studio is also a community-shared teaching space, with a knitting teacher and a cookie decorating teacher. Have an idea or need a teaching space? Please contact Alicia at alicia@sew-it-all.com for details.

Sew-it-All participates in the "Sewing for Good" movement, with public service sewing and/or free use of the space for your service sewing projects.

Sew-it-All is a place to learn, to enjoy yourself, to build a skill set, meet like-minded people, and to create something meaningful. Come sit around the sewing table, and you too can Sew-it-All.

Visit www.sew-it-all.com for enrollment and information.

Augustana Arts

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.

Ken Caryl Concert Series

Bells will ring, choirs will sing, and we'll celebrate the season with songs and traditions old and new at *Christmas Around the World*, **Sunday December 8 at 2:30pm**. Performers include St. Philip musicians and some special guests, including a visit from the guy in the big red suit. Admission is free and there will be refreshments following the performance. Freewill donations will be given to the Sharing with Sheridan food pantry.

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.

Stewardship 101

A Month of Thanksgiving

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. –John 10:10b

Thankful people are happy people. It's not just a feel-good slogan on a refrigerator magnet or bumper sticker; it's proven science.

“Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships,” reports Harvard Medical School’s *Healthbeat*. That sounds like the abundant life Jesus describes in the gospels, doesn’t it?

So why aren’t Christians more thankful and happy? While we all sometimes face hardships that can avert our thankfulness, many of us simply take our blessings for granted. Perhaps we have succumbed to the lie we hear from 24/7 advertising – that we never *have* enough and never *are* enough.

Hopeful news from researchers is that thankfulness can be cultivated. Those who consistently *practice thankfulness* develop gratitude and happiness.

This November, the month of Thanksgiving, make thankfulness a daily spiritual practice. Here are some ideas for “A month of Thanksgiving”:

- **Pray thanksgiving.** In your morning and evening prayers, thank God for your life and whatever specific blessings come to mind.
- **Keep a thanks diary.** Every day write down what you are thankful for and why. Challenge yourself to find and pray about 10 things daily.
- **Express thank you.** Go out of your way to express thanks to the people you encounter every day with a kind word or a note.
- **Create a thankfulness calendar.** Every morning write something on your calendar for which you are grateful to God, and think, pray and meditate on it until bedtime.

Practice thankfulness consistently and you might be surprised to find yourself enjoying the abundant life Jesus promises us.

--Rob Blezard

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Save The Date-2019	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
November 17	Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary 9:15am
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
November 28 & 29	Church office closed for Thanksgiving
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

Preparing for Worship - November 9 & 10
First Reading: Job 19:23-27a
Second Reading: II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

Worship Servants

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Pianist – Michael Clough

Cantor – Beth Clough

Usher – Paul Stortz

A/V – Dave Kime

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 10, 2019		
	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Anne Krause	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Chris Youngren	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Cameron Seep	Rowan Morse
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto, Diane Bracken	TBD
Ushers	John Selden, Mike Graff, Aaron Graff, Tim Young	Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, JoAnn Breitbach	Betty Welch, Diane Michael
Ambassadors	Lynn Nourse, Vicki Slusser	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	Denton West
Coffee Cart	The Lee Family, Mary Person, Tom Flatley	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (11/9): Dick Rock	Week beg. 11/10: Gaylen Rapp

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

<p>Wednesday, November 6 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 12 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 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal 7:00p – Men’s Evening Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>Thursday, November 7 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 9:00a – Grateful Thread Quilters (FH-2) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 13 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 6:00p – Faith Quest 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>
<p>Friday, November 8 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Thursday, November 14 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, November 9 8:30a – Second Saturday Workshop (MC-2) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:00a – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 11:00a – Scottish Fiddle Concert (Sanc.) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, November 15 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30p – LGMC General Meeting (FH/kitchen)</p>
<p>Sunday, November 10 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship 1:00p – Recitals (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Saturday, November 16 8:00a – CMTA Celebration Series (Sanctuary, Narthex, Choir Room) 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, November 11-Veteran’s Day No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Sunday, November 17 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:15a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship 12:00p – CMTA Recitals (Sanctuary, Choir Room, Narthex)</p>

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Our Prayer List

Members:

Connie Schutt, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members:

Andrew Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's grandson)

Kay Vice (Kristen O'Hanahan's mother)

Family of Dwaine "Ed" Edington (Lisa Edington's father-in-law)

Bonita & Ray (Tom Schnickel's cousin & her husband)

Katy, Scott, Jerry, & Leilani (Bill Shepard's sister, brother-in-law, nephew, & niece)

Isabelle Van Gorder (Marilyn Belford's great-granddaughter)

Lori Morton (Bob & Linda Morton's daughter)

Karin Morton & children (Bob & Linda Morton's daughter & grandchildren)

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)

Bridget Gage (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)

Lauren Person (Mary Person's daughter)

Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's parents)

Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)

Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends:

Heb Bouton (Stevermer)

Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)

Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)

Derry Hochhalter (Otto)

Lily Cape (Rogge)

Pam (Gillett)

Family of Lee Carpenter (Thomas)

Carlene (Otto)

Aleksy Bakhtin (Hatlestad)

Nancy Hubbard & family (Henning)

Kathy Heater (Stevermer)

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.

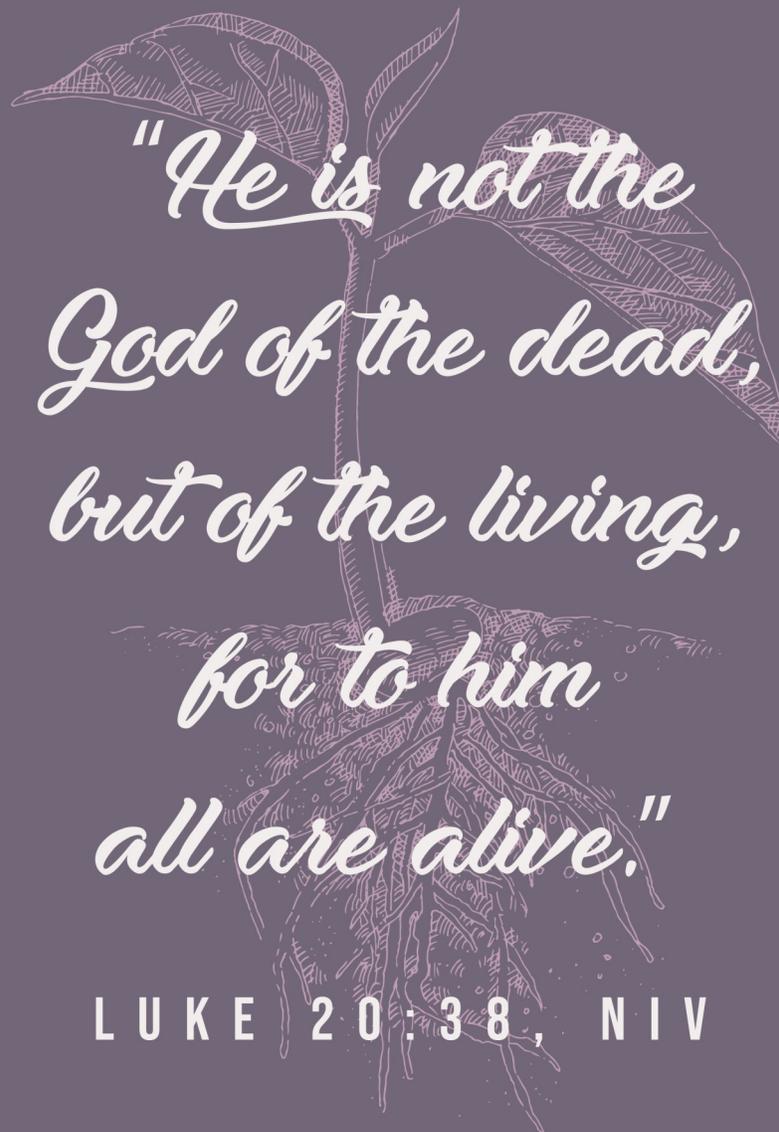
Prayers for Garang Manyok Giet as he continues his seminary studies at African International University.

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



*"He is not the
God of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him
all are alive."*

LUKE 20:38, NIV

