

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 13, 2019

Church News

Upcoming Important Dates

November 17: Congregational Meeting to be held between services.

November 24: Christ the King Sunday where all children in worship are invited to carry crowns to lay at the foot of the cross (crowns provided).

November 27: Thanksgiving Eve Worship beginning at 7pm. Join us for the annual pie social in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



Altar Flowers

Flowers for this weekend have been given by Chris & Andy Hancock in memory of Chris's father, Ed Nielsen. Flowers have also been given by Suzanne & Ray Peterson in celebration of their daughter's birthday.

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.

Quilt Art Display

Our talented ladies have been busy sewing and creating! We will have quilts on display in the church from **November 16 - 30**. Those you don't see are given to veterans, homeless, children, our high school seniors, and many others. Enjoy their beauty!

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

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Pick up a white card at one of the services, fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate; or contact Angela in the church office.

Creative Caring Quilters

Are you looking for a group to share your talents with and/or to enjoy fellowship and devotions? Come check out The Creative Caring Quilt Group! The Creative Caring Quilt Group will have their regular sewing session on **Saturday, November 23** from 9:00am- 12:00pm. Barb Donaho will present how to do the needle turn applique technique. Bring your sewing projects for Project Linus and/or The Gathering Place. If you don't have a project, come anyway and we will give you ideas. We are looking for knitters and crocheters to join us as both places accept all types of blankets. We are happy to help beginner sewers and to connect with each other as we stitch away.

Hooked on Books

Our group will meet on **Monday, December 2** at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg. On Monday, **January 6**, we will be discussing the book *The Weight of Water* by Anita Shreve. If you enjoy reading a variety of books, please join us. We always meet the 1st Monday of the month at 9:30am in the Fireside Room at church.

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.

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.

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

Church Needs/Fundraising

Thrivent Gives Back

At Thrivent Federal Credit Union, generosity is a core value for both our staff and our members. So, this year, we decided to compile a special offer: When you take out a

mortgage with us, you can **give \$500 to a church or charity of your choice AND save \$500 on closing costs**. Learn more at thriventcu.com/500-home.

Hanging of Quilts

The Creative Caring Quilt Group is asking for members to bring their quilts to St. Philip this coming **Saturday, November 16 by 9:30am** for our annual Quilt Show in the sanctuary. A luncheon will be provided for everyone who helps with the quilt hanging on November 16. The quilts will be on display from November 16 to November 30. You will need to pick up your quilts on the 30th.

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.

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, so donations are due by **November 15**. Anything donated after that will be distributed in the usual fashion.

Items we need:

- Turkey Gravy
- Instant Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Pie Filling

- Canned Yams
- Chicken Broth
- 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. Contact John at 720.407.6704 if you need to schedule a drop off time.

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.

ELCA Good Gifts

Choose from 50 charitable gifts to give in honor of friends or loved ones this Christmas. New gifts include seeds and gardening tools, a Sunday school start-up kit, and manure to help a farmer increase yields from his or her crops. Each gift makes a difference in the world and shares the love of Christ with our neighbors in need. Go to goodgifts.elca.org for more details.

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. **We are also in need of egg cartons.** Please place these items in the bins by the office.

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.

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.

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.

Augustana Arts

Augustana Arts and the Colorado Women's & Men's Chorales present *A Time of Wonder- a Holiday Family Sing-Along* on **Saturday, December 7 at 2:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver) Joined by the Colorado Saints Chorale, the concert is followed by a festival including games, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa. The music includes stunning choral classics such as Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, as well as caroling favorites. Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$2 for children. Use code RMS25 to receive 25% off tickets at www.AugustanaArts.org.

Augustana Lutheran Church Festival Christmas Concert featuring the ALC Chancel Choir, Augustana Ringers, AVE, and Stratus Chamber Orchestra will take place on **Sunday, December 15 at 7:30pm** and ALL ARE WELCOME! The stellar acoustics of the Augustana sanctuary (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver) will resound with glad tidings of Gloria! as the ensembles share their holiday gift of music with the community. There is no cost to attend, but tickets should be reserved at www.AugustanaArts.org.

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| Preparing for Worship - November 16 & 17 |
| First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a |
| Second Reading: II Thessalonians 3:6-13 |
| Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19 |

Worship Servants

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Ericka McDaniel

Usher – Monica Auch

A/V – Dave Kime

| Worship Servants for Sunday, November 17, 2019 | | |
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| | 8:00am | 10:30am |
| Assisting Minister | Jim Smith | Jan Philpy |
| Lector | Sandra Fishko | Nathan Whittenburg |
| Acolytes | Levi DeBoer | Jaimen Whittenburg, Addison Roswech |
| Communion Deacons | Susan Shepard, Linda Baker | Barb Donaho, Amy Rahne |
| Prayer Partner | Jill Luer | Becky Near |
| Ushers | John Selden, Mike Graff, Aaron Graff, Tim Young | Jim Cimino, Al Herzl, Chuck Rogge |
| Sacrament Servants | Lisa Edington | Victoria Edington |
| Ambassadors | Jill & Greg Luer | Dick Rusch |
| A-V Sound & Slides | Steve Rower | John Wall |
| Coffee Cart | Carolyn & Gaylen Rapp | |
| KeyKeepers | Sat. (11/16): Karen Otto | Week beg. 11/17: Sue Riecks, Peter Mielke |

Calendar of Events This Week (November 13 - 24, 2019)

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| 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 | Tuesday, November 19 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting 11:00a – Worship Planning Meeting 2:30p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal 7:00p – LGMC Faceters & Cabbers (MC-3) 7:00p – Men's Evening Bible Study (offsite) |
| Thursday, November 14 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3) | Wednesday, November 20 6:00p – Confirmation Servant Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group |
| Friday, November 15 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30p – LGMC General Meeting (FH/kitchen) | Thursday, November 21 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) |
| 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 | Friday, November 22 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled |
| Sunday, November 17 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:15a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) 9:30a – Sunday Story Explorers (FH-1a/b) 10:30a – Worship 12:00p – CMTA Recitals (Sanctuary, Choir Room, Narthex) | Saturday, November 23 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH, FH-2) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship |
| Monday, November 18 10:00a – Property Team Meeting (FH-1a/b) 7:00p – Congregation Council Mtg. (MC-4/5) 7:00p – LGMC Board Meeting (MC-3) | Sunday, November 24-Christ the King 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship |

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Our Prayer List

Members

Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members

Barbara Smith (Debra Perkins-Smith's mother-in-law)

Brianna Van Gorder (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)

Karl (Ann & Leif Nelson's uncle)

Jenny (Ann & Leif Nelson's cousin)

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)

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)

Katy Weir (Bill Shepard's sister)

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

Tyler (Nelson)

Debbie (Nelson)

Bill (Henning)

Bob Hawsey (Philpy)

Chip Box (Amsberry)

Heb Bouton (Stevermer)

Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)

Derry Hochhalter (Otto)

Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)

Kerry (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. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.