

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 20, 2019

Church News

Sunday Service Time Change!

Effective December 29, 2019, St. Philip will move to one Sunday service at 9:00am. The Saturday service will remain the same at 5:30pm.

Upcoming Important Dates

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 Andy's grandmother, Wanda Hancock.

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.

Newly Elected Committee Members

Let's all congratulate those elected to Church Council, Call Committee, and Endowment during the Congregation Meeting on November 17.

Church Council:

Alyssa Collins, Beth Mielke, Amy Rahne

Call Committee:

Larry Edwards, Dori Hammer, Dave Kime, Kyle Pitts, Sandi Stevermer, Susan Shepard, Erin White, Denton West

Endowment:

Beth Faerber, Anne Husted, Kris Mauler

Fall Harvest Food Collection Through November

Notice the tables in the hallway? Let's fill them up with food! 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.

Quilt Art Display

Our talented ladies have been busy sewing and creating! We will have quilts on display in the church through **November 29**. Those you don't see are given to veterans, homeless, children, our high school seniors, and many others. Enjoy their beauty!

Special Music for Sunday, December 22

We are looking for children and youth who wish to perform a Christmas-themed song before and during worship services on **Sunday, December 22**. All levels, abilities, and

instruments are welcome! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49adae2da57-christmas1>. Contact Kristen Celusniak at kristen.celusniak@gmail.com with any questions.

Advent Season 2019—Detangling Christmas

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 choke 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

Advent Devotions

Advent is almost here! What does this mean? Advent is not an exciting time for many of us because it is the time where we wait for the coming of Christ. Who likes to wait? This time of the year we wait so much already: in lines at the stores as we buy our Christmas presents, wait for family to come home or to go on vacation ourselves, wait for the end of the semester of school for Christmas break, wait for Christmas - the list goes on.

Advent for us as Lutherans is a spiritual time and a spiritual discipline. We just don't jump to Christmas, but we reflect on the meaning of the coming of Christ as a baby and at the second coming. This is hard because society jumps to Christmas with the songs and carols playing, the Christmas parties and celebrations, and all of the other festivities.

We invite you this Advent to enter the spiritual discipline of devotion and worship. There are Advent devotions available for you to take and use each day throughout the Advent season - *Arise & Shine* by Tim Wesemann. This title of *Arise & Shine* is God's call to God's people held captive in the darkness of their sin and returning home to find the darkness of physical destruction in the book of Isaiah. God's light that has risen upon them shines through them in Jesus!

“Jesus Christ, the Light of the Word, calls us this Advent season to *Arise and Shine* as the Holy Spirit prepares our faith and lives for his coming.”

We invite you to pick up one of these devotions, which are in the narthex, to guide you in your devotion and prayer this Advent. Many blessings to you during this Advent season!

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

After our 7pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday, November 27**, we will move to our fellowship hall for a pie social. It is a wonderful St. Philip tradition and fellowship event for our congregation.

Bake a pie or buy a pie and bring it cut and ready to share. Even if you do not bring a pie, you are welcome to join us for this wonderful time of sharing. Thanksgiving is about giving thanks for all of those special people in our lives, and we hope you count your church community among those people.

Creative Caring Quilters-Meeting Change

The Creative Caring Quilt group **will not meet this Saturday, November 23**. The group will meet **Saturday, November 30 from 9am-12 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will not meet in December due to busy Christmas schedules. Hope you can come and share what you have been sewing, knitting, or crocheting, and to continue working on projects for Project Linus. Come join us for fellowship and coffee. We welcome beginner sewers and all interested young ladies.

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

Thank You

A "Shout Out" to the Grateful Threads for the quilts they shared for our Veterans appreciation day last Sunday. Also, a big "Thank You" to all who helped hang the quilts for Thanksgiving Eve. Much appreciated.

-Barb Donaho

Church Needs/Fundraising

Make a Difference in the Life of a Confirmation Student

Are you interested in making a difference and having an active role in the faith of one of our confirmation students? St. Philip is beginning a new rotation of its mentoring program for our confirmation students! Our mentors have and continue to make a big impact on our confirmation students and their faith. One of our confirmation students wrote, "One very special person who influenced my faith was...my 7th and 8th grade mentor during confirmation. She helped me to strengthen my faith and come out of my comfort zone with prayer. She taught me a very valuable lesson about the Bible and how to connect it to prayer. I am very thankful to have had her as a mentor during this confirmation experience."

Mentors come to mentor during the seasons of Advent (3 weeks) and Lent (5 weeks) on Wednesday evenings. We would like the mentors to walk with the confirmation student for two years as they go through confirmation. The hope then is that this relationship continues as they are in high school. Each Wednesday we will come together for a meal at 6:00pm and the mentors will meet with their confirmation student(s) from 6:30-7:00pm.

The responsibility of the mentors will be to get to know the confirmation student(s) you are paired up with, talk with them, pray with them, pray for them, share your life and faith with them, encourage them, and support them in their life and faith. This will be done through natural conversation, a guided discussion on a certain topic, and connecting with them outside of mentoring.

Are you interested in making a difference and having an active role in the faith of one of our confirmation students? If so, please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brad.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Events/Activities

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.

Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale invites you to join us as we welcome this wonderful season of Light. Join us to sign and hear familiar carols with the eternal message of hope, peace and Joy. Our concerts will start on **December 8** at ACL Lutheran Chapel of the Good Samaritan, 8300 W 38th Ave. Wheat Ridge. We will start at 3 pm. Our second concert will be at 7:30 pm at Concordia Lutheran Church, 13371 W Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood. Prior to the concert at Concordia, we will be having a Silent Auction and Bake Sale. Please come early to check out the goodies and sale items. If you have any questions please visit our new and revised webpage - thelutheranchorale.org. Or call David Peterson at 303.210.9428. Merry Christmas to all.

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.


Financial Statistics

As of the end of October 2019:			
SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	895,555	985,365	(89,810)
Expenses	875,654	1,011,535	135,881
	19,901	(26,170)	46,071
SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	305,431	354,650	(49,219)
Expenses	280,195	354,662	74,467
	25,236	(12)	25,248
SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	590,124	630,715	(40,591)
Expenses	595,459	656,873	61,414
	(5,335)	(26,158)	20,823
Contributions			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
YTD Actual	558,436	592,208	
YTD Budgeted	598,875		
	(40,439)		
ELCA World Hunger			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
YTD Actual	\$3,472	\$7,284	

Save The Date-2019

1st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies

November 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm Pie Social following service
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



“Jesus,
remember
me when
you come
into your
kingdom.”

LUKE 23:42

Our Prayer List

Members

Cody Celusniak, Family & Friends of Dave Husted, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members

Debbie Schweikl (Briana Pixley's aunt)	Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Becky Castlebury (Bill Shepard's sister)	Katy Weir (Bill Shepard's sister)
Barbara Smith (Debra Perkins-Smith's mother-in-law)	Bridget Gage (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)
Brianna Van Gorder (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)	Lauren Person (Mary Person's daughter)
Karl (Ann & Leif Nelson's uncle)	Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's parents)
Jenny (Ann & Leif Nelson's cousin)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Bonita & Ray (Tom Schnickel's cousin & her husband)	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends

Family & friends of Chip Box	Debbie (Nelson)
Kedra Shattinger (White)	Bill (Henning)
Jason Dobyms (White)	Bob Hawsey (Philpy)
Rich Huggins (Petersen)	Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)
Caryn Mitchell (Pixley)	Carson Stevens & family (Shibly)
Tyler (Nelson)	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.

Preparing for Worship - November 23 & 24

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

Worship Servants

Saturday, November 23, 2019

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Taylor White

Prayer Partner – Rita Kuenne

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Steve Rower

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 24, 2019

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer	Jim Smith
Lector	JoAnn Breitbach	Jonathan Anderson
Acolytes	Cameron Seep	Kayleigh O'Hanahan
Communion Deacons	Lynn Nourse, 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
Ambassadors	Connie & John Schutt	Stacey Wacholz
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Coffee Cart	Mary Hatlestad & Karen Otto	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (11/23): Carolyn Rapp	Week beg. 11/24: Mark Pixley

Calendar of Events This Week (November 20 - December 1, 2019)

<p>Wednesday, November 20 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 26 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 11:00a – Worship Planning Meeting (MC-1) 2:30p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 7:00p – Men’s Evening Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 27 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group 7:00p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship 8:00p – Pie Social (FH, Kitchen)</p>
<p>Friday, November 22 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Church office closed</p>
<p>Saturday, November 23 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Dave Husted Funeral (Sanc., Narthex, FH, Kitchen, Youth Room) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, November 29 Church office closed 9:00a – Christmas Decorating (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Sunday, November 24-Christ the King 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship</p>	<p>Saturday, November 30 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</p>
<p>Monday, November 25 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Meeting (FH-1a/b) 7:00p – LGMC Board Meeting (MC-3)</p>	<p>Sunday, December 1 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship</p>

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