

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 27, 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.

Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday November 29 for Thanksgiving.

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-christmas3>. 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

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.

Olive Wood Carvings For Sale

Need a special Christmas gift? Pastor Randy has set up Olive Wood from Bethlehem in MC-2. Ornaments, creches, camels, Flight to Egypt, etc. are available for purchase. Please stop by and see these wonderful works of art from the Christians of Bethlehem. Checks need to be made out to Olive Wood Project.

Grace Talks—Life as a Refugee

Refugees. You've heard the word in the media and in political jargon, you have seen images, but who are they? How does someone become a refugee and how do they

enter into the U.S.? On **December 3 at 7pm** at Christ Lutheran Church (8997 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch), join Rebecca Burris, refugee mentor and former Communications Manager of a refugee resettlement agency, for an evening of exploration into the systems of refugees, the people behind that title, and what the future holds for them.

Caring Creative Quilters

The Caring Creative Quilt group will meet this **Saturday, November 30** in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will learn about making Log Cabin quilts. We have plenty of fabric strips for a practice square, or you could bring your own. Strips can be 2 1/2 inches wide or less and will be cut into different lengths. You will be given instructions and a pattern to follow. We will continue to work on Project Linus quilts. Project Linus accepts blankets of all sizes and blankets that are knitted, crocheted, or simply sewed like receiving blankets. Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks, or sewing machines and let's have fun stitching! Coffee and goodies are provided with good conversation. Contact LeRae Schnickel or Rita Kuenne if you have questions.

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!

The Pastors' Sermons are Now Online and Available on Podcast!

Have you ever wished you could hear the sermons online? Miss a weekend, get distracted, tune out, or fall asleep? Listen to the Pastor's sermons online any time! We now have good quality audio sermons online and as podcasts. Go to www.stphilip-

co.org/sermon/ to listen, or scroll all the way to the bottom to subscribe to our podcast. The sermons are usually uploaded on Monday or Tuesday after they are preached. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity as we continue to grow in our faith and relationship with God as a community.

Church Needs/Fundraising

Bakers—Now's Your Chance!

We have openings for Coffee Cart through **all of December into January**. This is a great chance to make those recipes you've always wanted to try. Or get a group together and each of you contribute one or two things! Coffee Cart is an important Sunday morning fellowship here at St. Philip. Lend us a hand!

Girl Scout Diaper Drive

Neighborhood Girl Scout Troop 2252 is working on their silver award and has partnered with Lutheran Family Services to do a diaper drive to benefit them. They are accepting unopened boxes or opened boxes of all sizes. If you have diapers to donate, you can put them in the box by the church office until **December 15**. Thanks for your help.

Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? For everyone who volunteers at the Food Bank of the Rockies, Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry gets credit to use for food purchase. It's a win-win! We have a work day scheduled on **Saturday, December 7** from 9am - 12pm. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

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.

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>.

Volunteers Needed at Sharing with Sheridan

Two areas where we are in need of assistance are:

1. Pickup order at Food Bank of the Rockies (I-70 and Havana) and deliver to SwS Food Pantry

- Wednesdays, unless there is a holiday, then the alternative schedule will be discussed ahead of time.
- Arrive at FBR 9:30-9:40am. Load order into personal vehicles, return to food pantry, work with the team to unload.
- Open bed pickups are great to accommodate wrapped pallet, SUVs, pickups with shell cover, and station wagons can also work.
- Lift boxes/crates up to 40 lbs.; vehicle able to carry somewhat heavy load.

2. Assist our shoppers from approximately 3-7pm Thursdays (holiday schedules may differ)

- Assist shoppers selecting food and getting their food to their vehicle.
- Restock shelves, repackaging bulk food, various tasks as needed (could be on other days).

For information on food pickup please contact Stephanie Otto at stephotto61@gmail.com or 303.587.4760. For information on providing assistance to shoppers and general help, contact Carole Kessler at ckess911@aol.com or 303.238.6873.

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.

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.

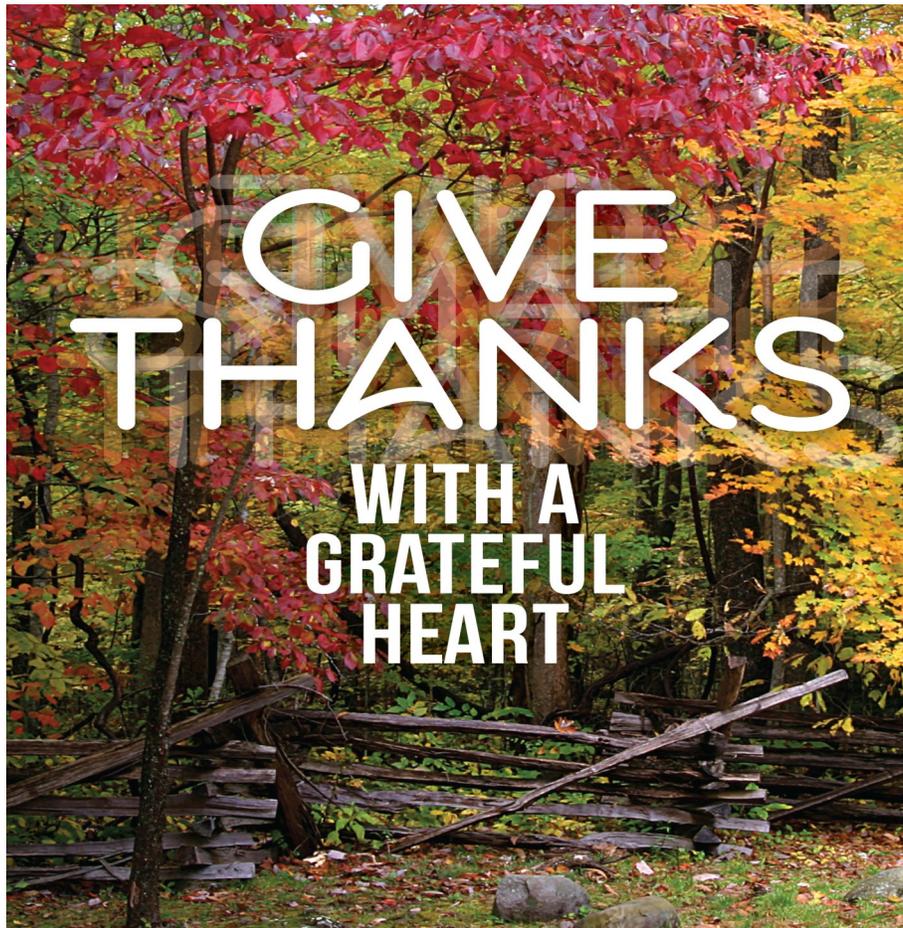
Lutheran Chorale

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.



Save The Date-2019	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
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 - Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Worship Servants

Saturday, November 30, 2019

Pianist – Janet Shibly

Cantor – TBD

Prayer Partner - Rita Kuenne

Usher – Monica Auch

A/V – Mark Michel

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 1, 2019

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Sandra Fishko	Jim Smith
Acolytes	TBD	Jada Rogge, Kyle Rogge
Communion Deacons	Lisa Edington, Victoria Edington	TBD
Prayer Partner	Jill Luer	Becky Near
Ushers	Tom Henning, Dave Kime, Tom Flatley	Marc Roswech, Bryant Barchet, Chris White
Sacrament Servants	TBD	TBD
Ambassadors	Lynn Nourse, Vicki Slusser	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
A-V Sound & Slides	Ry Barthels	John Wall
Coffee Cart	TBD	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (11/30): Dick Rock	Week beg. 12/1: Sue Riecks

Calendar of Events This Week (November 27 - December 1, 2019)

<p>Wednesday, November 27 9:30a – Let’s Unwrap the Bible (FS) 7:00p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship 8:00p – Pie Social (FH, Kitchen)</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 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 – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Men’s Evening Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Church office closed</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 4 12:00p – Midweek Advent Service (CR, MC-4/5) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>
<p>Friday, November 29 Church office closed 9:00a – Christmas Decorating (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Thursday, December 5 7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (Offsite) 1:45p – SPELC Staff Meeting 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</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>Friday, December 6 Church office open 8am-noon No activities scheduled</p>
<p>Sunday, December 1 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship</p>	<p>Saturday, December 7 9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3) 9:30a – Recital (Sanc., FH, Kitchen) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 1:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc., MC-4/5) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, December 2 9:30a – Hooked on Books (FS) 7:00p – Troop 554 PLC Meeting (FH-1a/b)</p>	<p>Sunday, December 8 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship 2:30p – KC Concert-<i>Christmas Around the World</i> (Sanc., Narthex)</p>

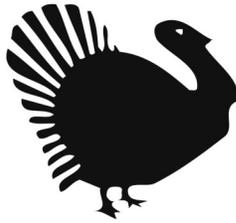
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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

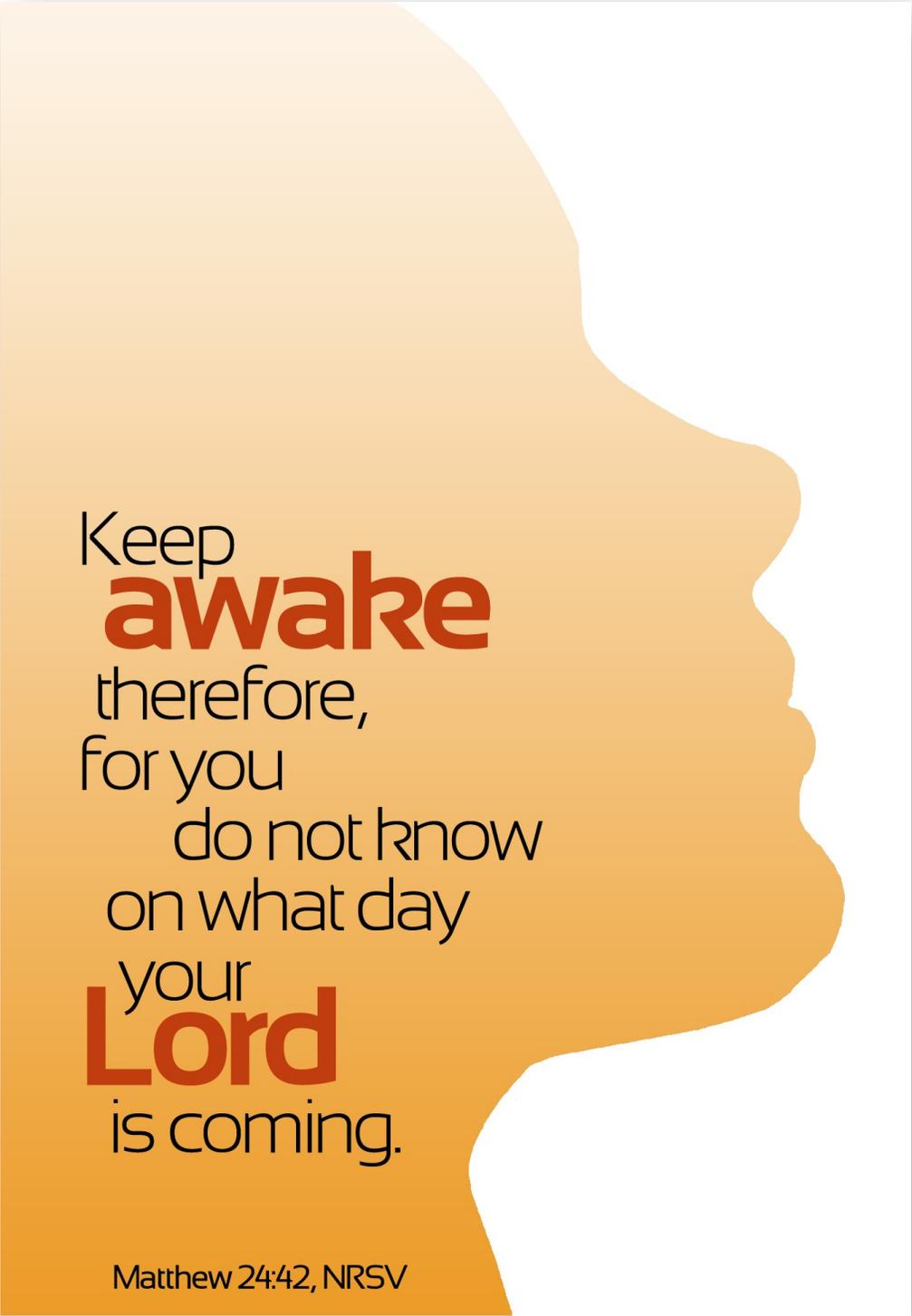
Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

“ _____ will _____
 _____ ’ _____ name in _____
 and _____ with
 _____ ”

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV



Keep
awake
therefore,
for you
do not know
on what day
your
Lord
is coming.

Matthew 24:42, NRSV

Our Prayer List

Members

Bob Connor, Karen Morin, Cody Celusniak, Family & Friends of Dave Husted, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members

Jacob Iverson (Mary Person's nephew)

Kay Vice (Kristen O'Hanahan's mother)

Tony Cordova (Sarah Winters' father)

Debbie Schweikl (Briana Pixley's aunt)

Becky Castlebury (Bill Shepard's sister)

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

Mike, Aaron, Gayle (Pazalos)

Mary Werner (Peterson)

Family & friends of Chip Box

Kedra Shattinger (White)

Jason Dobyns (White)

Rich Huggins (Petersen)

Caryn Mitchell (Pixley)

Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)

Carson Stevens & family (Shibly)

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.

