

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 1, 2020

Church News

Altar Flowers

The 2020 Flower Chart is up! Check 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.

Family Promise January Rotation

Our next Family Promise families arrive **Sunday, January 5** and we need your help!

There are several ways you can assist:

- Serve as an evening host.
- Serve as an overnight host. (Overnight hosts sleep in the Fireside Room.)
- Help transport the families to and from St Philip and Family Promise downtown via the FP van.
- Help with food or donations
- Sunday morning, January 5, help us set up the guest rooms, or help us take down Sunday morning January 12.

If you have any questions, please call/text Rick Richardson at 720.467.8607 or contact Pastor Brad in the church office.

Living Wet: Transformed by Water Preaching Series

As baptized children of God, we live wet from the waters of baptism. Martin Luther said through our baptism, we rise to new life every day with God. God's love, forgiveness, and grace makes us new every single day, which transforms how we live. Starting **January 12**, Pastor Brad and Pastor Randy will begin a preaching series called *Living Wet: Transformed by Water*. The stories we will hear in worship for seven weeks will be stories that teach using water: Think of Jonah and the Big Fish, Peter walking on water, Israelites crossing the Red Sea, and Jesus calming the storm. Join us in worship, or listen to the podcasts online if you can't make it, as we learn how to Live Wet!

Let's Unwrap the Bible-A Women's Bible Study

On **January 8**, we will finish the *Book of James*, chapters 11 and 12. On **January 22**, we will begin discussing the book *Creed--What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. If you would like to join us, we meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am in the Fireside Room at church. For more information, contact Chris at 303.973.3096 or ctyoungren@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

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, January 4** from 9am - 12pm. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—January Donations

This month we are asking for size 4 and 5 diapers, pasta sauce, canned fruit, and personal care items. Please place these items in the bins by the office.

Events

Theater & Theology

Hello theater-goers! You are in for a treat. We have two plays coming up in February! The first one is *twenty50* on **Tuesday, February 11** at 6:30pm in the Space Theater, with a sign-up deadline of **January 19**. It is a suspenseful thriller that grapples with the future consequences of America's policies today and the cost of the American dream. Then, *You Lost Me* will be a week later on **Tuesday, February 18** at 6:30pm in the Ricketson Theater, with a sign-up deadline of **January 26**. This play is a poetic, wistful, and bright new drama that reminds us that every moment holds the opportunity to change everything.

Tickets are \$35 each; checks can be made out to **Rocky Mountain Synod-ELCA** and either placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. For questions, please email nancyoelz@gmail.com or call 720.231.5189.

Stewardship 101

Steward Your Best Year Ever!

"Stewardship is not only a matter of faithful giving but of faithful living. In response to the Gospel, we submit our lives to the rule of God, to the lordship of Christ, and to the direction of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be the people God wants us to be and have the lives God wants us to have." —**Mark Allan Powell**, author of *Giving to God*.

Yikes! It's January 2, and the bathroom scale shows that, once again, I've gained a few pounds in the five-week blitz-feast of Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year. Clearly, I need to *steward* my health better in 2020.

Though it's not the most common use of the word, *steward* is also a verb, an action word. We *steward* all that God has entrusted to us, making choices that, as Mark Allan Powell says, help us "be the people God wants us to be and have the lives God wants us to have."

We steward our lives through our decisions and choices – the food we eat, the people we call friends, how we spend our money, the entertainment we select, the hobbies we enjoy, the many ways we spend our time, and so on.

To steward faithfully, we have to live in prayerful awareness and make conscious, thoughtful decisions that will advance us in Godly directions.

As 2020 begins, prayerfully consider the most important areas of your life, such as your physical, mental and spiritual health, as well as your relationships and time, and ask God to help you steward them in ways that will help you be the person God wants you to be and have the life God wants you to have.

As for me, it will not only help me lose those extra holiday pounds, but also give me my best year *ever*.

--Rob Blezard

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Important Dates 2020	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
January 1	Church office closed
February 1	Ken Caryl Concert— <i>An Evening of Love Songs</i> 7:30pm
April 12	Easter Sunday Worship 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, & 11am

Preparing for Worship - January 4 & 5
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Worship Servants

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Grace Miller

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Mark Michel

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 5, 2020		
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard	
Lector	JoAnn Breitbach	
Acolytes	TBD	
Communion Deacons	Linda Baker, Susan Shepard	
Prayer Partner	Heather Varnell	
Ushers	Jerry Black, Roy Hager, Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge, Chuck Rogge	
Sacrament Servants	Sue Bryant	
Ambassadors	Lynn Nourse, Vicki Slusser	
A/V	TBD	
Coffee Cart	SPELC/Carolyn Rapp	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (1/4): Monica Auch	Week beg. 1/5: Sue Riecks

Our Prayer List

Members

Kristen O'Hanahan, Pam Kubicek, Dave Blandin, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members

The family of Becky Rue (Carl Doehler's cousin)	ne's great-aunt)
Scott Worman & family (Monica Auch's son)	Jacob Iverson (Mary Person's nephew)
Debbie (Briana Pixley's aunt)	Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Jenny Shepard (Bill Shepard's mother)	Katy Weir (Bill Shepard's sister)
The family of Kay Vice (Kristen O'Hanahan's mother)	Lauren Person (Mary Person's daughter)
Al Votaw (Sandi Stevermer's brother-in-law)	Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's parents)
The family of Mildred Blandin (David Blandin's mother)	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
The family of Agatha Breidenbach (Amy Rah-	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends

The family of Dave Miller (Stevermer)	Derry Hochhalter (Otto)
Margie (Faerber)	Jaelyn (Goodnough)
Brittney Campbell (Graff)	Tami Morling (Roswech)
Don Shemp (Stevermer)	Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)
Doug (Philpy)	Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)
Alex (Reed)	Carson Stevens & family (Shibly)
Darlene (Miller)	Kerry (Mundt)
Judy Reagan (Kime)	

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 St. Philip continues to support his seminary studies at African International University through the Seeds of South Sudan.

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.

Calendar of Events (January 1 - 12, 2020)

<p>Wednesday, January 1-New Year's Day <i>Church office closed</i> <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, January 7 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting 11:00a – Worship Planning Meeting 2:30p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Boy Scouts 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>Thursday, January 2 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Overeater's Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 8 9:00a – Grateful Thread Quilters (FH-2) 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>
<p>Friday, January 3 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>	<p>Thursday, January 9 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p>Saturday, January 4 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>	<p>Friday, January 10 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>
<p>Sunday, January 5 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:15a – Education Hour</p>	<p>Saturday, January 11 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) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p>
<p>Monday, January 6 9:30a – Hooked on Books (FS) 7:00p – Troop 554 Committee Meeting (FH-1)</p>	<p>Sunday, January 12 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:15a – Education Hour</p>

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