

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 4, 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.

Memory Tree Service

The holidays can be a difficult time as we remember those who are not with us. It is not helpful to ignore the fact that our loved ones have died. This is why we have our memory tree at St. Philip - to honor them and hang an ornament in memory of them. Each year we have a short (less than 5 minute) service where we remember our loved ones and put the ornament(s) on the memory tree. We hope you are able to join us for this service on **Sunday, December 8 at 9:15am.**

Let Us Wrap Your Christmas Gifts!

The youth going to Rainbow Trail and the mission trip this summer would love to wrap your Christmas gifts! They will be wrapping on **Sunday, December 8, 15, and 22** during and in between both services. Bring them your gifts before service or Sunday School and they will have them wrapped and ready to pick up after. Goodwill offerings will be accepted, and all donations will go to the campers going to Rainbow Trail and the youth going on the mission trip this summer. We will be set up in FH-2.

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.

Angel Tree

What a blessing St. Philip is! Refugee gifts were due Sunday, but if you still need to bring some in, bring in by this **Friday, December 6**, and we will get them to Lutheran Family Services. We are joining several other churches to meet needs of 500 Refugees. Hopefully, there will be 2 gifts per person, all of our churches combined. Your hearts are so open and willing to serve! Thank you so much. Thank you Muriel Johnson and Carmen Fulenwider for all of your extra time and help!

Carl and Rita Kuenne

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.

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.

Family Promise

Can you believe it is December? I would like to thank everyone who supported St Philip's Family Promise focus during 2019. We sheltered 21 families during four rotations this year. Volunteer activities included personal donations, dinner and evening hosts, overnight hosts, meal preparation, driving the Family Promise van, and family enrichment activities. Thank you! As we look forward to 2020, our first rotation is **January 5 - 12**. Again, from your St Philip Family Promise Team, thank you so much for sharing your time and talent.

Blessings, Rick Richardson

Thank You

Our sincere thanks to all who helped with Dave Husted's funeral on November 23 at St. Philip. For your gifts of hospitality - arranging and serving the reception, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, shoveling snow, printing bulletins, ushering, providing music, and many other tasks done behind the scenes - we are grateful.

We are blessed to have a caring, loving church family.

The Husted and Isernhagen families

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Family Promise Needs

Family Promise is in need of travel size toiletries for the upcoming rotation, **January 5-12**. Toiletries can be left in the ministry center.

Bakers—Now's Your Chance!

We have openings for Coffee Cart through **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! (Psst! Don't tell anyone, but you can buy treats too!) 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.

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, repack bulk food, various tasks as needed (could be on other days).

For information on food pickup please contact Stephanie Otto at ste-photto61@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.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—December Donations

This month we are asking for canned tuna and chicken, and toilet paper. **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, December 11**. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad.

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.

Preparing for Worship - December 7 & 8
First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Worship Servants

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Pianist – Michael Clough

Cantor – Beth Clough

Usher – Monica Auch

A/V – Dave Kime

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 8, 2019		
	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Bill Shepard	Anne Klingman
Lector	Chris Youngren	Jan Philpy
Acolytes	TBD	Emilie Varnell, Lilly Varnell
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto, Lynn Mossbrucker	Amy Rahne
Ushers	Tom Henning, Dave Kime, Tom Flatley	Marc Roswech, Bryant Barchet, Chris White
Sacrament Servants	Sue Bryant	Anne Klingman
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	Dick Rusch
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower	John Wall
Coffee Cart	TBD	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (12/07): Monica Auch	Week beg. 12/08: Sue Riecks

Calendar of Events This Week (December 4 - 15, 2019)

Wednesday, December 4 12:00p – Midweek Advent Service (CR, MC-4/5) 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group	Tuesday, December 10 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 6:30p – Book Club (FS) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Men's Evening Bible Study (offsite)
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)	Wednesday, December 11 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Let's Unwrap the Bible (FS) 12:00p – Midweek Advent Service (CR, MC-4/5) 6:00p – Faith Quest 6:00p – Confirmation 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group
Friday, December 6 Church office open 8am-noon No activities scheduled	Thursday, December 12 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (Offsite) 9:00a – Grateful Thread Quilters (FH-2) 12:00p – SPELC Christmas Program 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Saturday, December 7 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 1:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc., MC-4/5) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, December 13 Church office open 8am-noon 12:00p – SPELC Christmas Program
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)	Saturday, December 14 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 6:30p – Redlinger Reception (FH, kitchen)
Monday, December 9 No activities scheduled	Sunday, December 15 Christmas Cantata 8:00a – Worship 9:00a – Coffee Fellowship 9:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Worship

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Our Prayer List

Members

Bob Connor, Karen Morin, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members

Jacob Iverson (Mary Person's nephew)
Kay Vice (Kristen O'Hanahan's mother)
Tony Cordova (Sarah Winters' father)
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

Robert (Mundt)
Joanne (Otto)
Bert (Nelson)
Mike, Aaron, Gayle (Pazalos)

Mary Werner (Peterson)
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 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.

Right, we've picked up the gold and
the myrrh...what on earth is THAT?!

