# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

**January 8, 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.

## **Upcoming Baptisms**

Please join us this **Sunday**, **January 12** at 9am as we baptize Penelope Julia Osborne and Benjamin William Osborne into God's family. Penelope and Benjamin are the daughter and son of Paula and Andy Osborne.

#### **Ministry Site Profile Available**

From Pastor Randy:

A copy of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) - the document the Transition Committee has been working on for the past five months - is available to be signed out and read in the Church Office. This is the document that the Synod will be giving to prospective candidates for the senior pastor position at St. Philip.

Please ask Angela in person for this one available copy. Thank you and please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as they engage in this holy work.

## **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. Join us, starting on **January 12**, as we begin this sermon series on *Living Wet*.

Stories include: Jesus' Baptism, Peter Walking on Water, Israelites Crossing the Red Sea, Jesus Calms the Storm, The Woman at the Well, Jonah and the Big Fish, Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet. Join us in worship, or listen to the podcasts online, as we learn how to Live Wet!

## Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – What Faith Looks Like Today!

Pastor Brad is leading an adult education class that will look at faith today and how we understand faith from parenting and from our kids. Stories will come from those attending the class, Pastor Brad, and from Justin Lind-Ayres' book *Is That Poop on My Arm? Parenting While Christian*. We will be diving into topics that relate to our lives and our faith today with stories and examples from today. Faith can be a struggle and it can be beautiful. When we are deep into life and parenting, faith can seem irrelevant or not important, but faith is very much a part of our lives as people and parents; sometimes just hard to see. Come explore the topic of faith today and how God speaks to us as parents. Join Pastor Brad in the Fireside Room starting on **Sunday January 12 from 10:15-11:15am**. Children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time as well.

#### "Home Grown" Lenten Devotionals

Lent begins this year on **February 26**, which will be Ash Wednesday. Instead of buying already prepared devotionals from a publisher, <u>we are asking our members and friends to write a short devotional on what Lent means to them.</u>

In many ways, Lent is about the essence of the Christian message of love and hope. We hope you can share your thoughts through this devotional with others in our faith community. This is a great way for us to share what God has or is doing in our lives.

Please send them to the church office by **no later than February 15** so we can print them and have them available for the Lenten Season. Any questions, contact Pastor Randy or the church office.

## Forks & Fellowship

Six of us gather once a month for a meal—brunch, lunch, or dinner. Our goal is to have an enjoyable time and make lasting friendships with members from St. Philip. Whether you're married, single with a significant other, or single, you are invited to participate in Forks & Fellowship.

Hosts and guests are scheduled on a rotating basis for the months of January through May. The hosts call and arrange a date agreeable with the four people on the schedule and provide the main dish, with guests providing side dishes and dessert. No gourmet cooking is required—keep it simple!

Contact Susan Bryant at 314.495.4608 or bryants92050@gmail.com to participate. Please provide your name, phone number, email, and home address. Babysitting is not provided.

#### **Creative Caring Quilters**

The Creative, Caring Quilters will meet **Saturday, January 25 from 9am-12pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Barb Donaho will demonstrate a couple applique techniques, including the "Turn Needle" method.

Our focus this year is making blankets for Project Linus and The Gathering Place. Both places accept quilts, crocheted and knitted blankets. Come and stitch your stress away by machine, crochet hooks, or knitting needles! Coffee and good company will be available.

## Chuck Krieger Memorial Cribbage Tournament

## Saturday, February 15 10 AM – 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Entry Fee is \$20 and will be split between Sharing with Sheridan and Family Promise. All skill levels are welcome for fellowship, food, and cribbage. Lunch/drinks will be provided, as well as prizes. If you need a refresher or want to learn to play prior to the tournament, please contact Michael or Sandi Stevermer.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex, and we hope to have a great turnout in Chuck's memory; for as you may know, Cribbage was one of Chuck's favorite past-times. If you have any questions, please contact Michael or Sandi Stevermer at 303.379.9253.

## News From The Action Center

#### **Sock Drive**

On Wednesday, December 4, we attempted to break the world record for the Largest Sock Drive! We collected 37,556 pairs of new socks. Our goal was to collect 10,587 pairs of socks to raise awareness around homelessness issues in Colorado - the number represents those Colorado residents who were experiencing homelessness last

year. What a monumental feat! We're so appreciative of the community that not only continues to support the Action Center, but believes in helping those in need!

On December 23, we received notice from Guinness World Records that The Action Center now holds the world record for most socks collected in under 8 hours! We couldn't have done it without the support of the Faith Community. Thank You!

#### **Thanksgiving Distribution**

On Sunday, November 24, we held our annual Thanksgiving Meal Kit Distribution. We were able to provide 1,981 Meal Kits, which will make nearly 5,570 meals for families in need this past Thanksgiving Season. Each kit was filled with all the fixins for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Our unique drive-thru style of distribution means that the families we served got to stay warm and toasty in their car while over 400 volunteers loaded the vehicles.

#### **Holiday Gift Shop**

Through the support of The Rock Christian Church in Littleton, who provided not only space for our Holiday Gift shop but was also present each day handing out cookies and refreshments to our participants, the Holiday Gift Shop served over 3,000 children in need with toys, books, and stuffed animals. What a great witness of love for our neighbors! Thank you to all who did toy drives for The Action Center.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all who helped make our worship services over the Christmas season special—musicians, ushers, sacrament servants, assisting ministers, lectors, decorators, acolytes, deacons, staff, greeters, ambassadors, sound board people, and anyone else not mentioned here. We appreciate everyone's efforts to make our Christmas services special and meaningful. Thank you!

Dear Members of St. Philip,

As a staff, we would like to thank you for your contribution to the end-of-the-year staff gifts. We appreciate your generosity. It is a joy to serve you and to work with you as we reach out together in the name of Christ. We look forward to the work we will accomplish together in 2020.

With Appreciation,

The Staff of St. Philip Lutheran Church

## **Volunteer Opportunities/Donations**

## 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 a 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

# Mundt's Musing

"Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet."
- Bob Marley.

Important Dates 2020			
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies			
February 1	Ken Caryl Concert—An Evening of Love Songs 7:30pm		
February 15	Chuck Krieger Memorial Cribbage Tournament 10am		
February 26	Ash Wednesday Services, 12pm and 7pm		
March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1	Lenten Worship 12pm		
April 12	Easter Sunday Worship 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, & 11am		
June 14	Ken Caryl Concert—Littleton City Limits 2:30pm		

# **Preparing for Worship - January 11 & 12**

First Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17



# **Worship Servants**

## Saturday, January 11, 2020

Pianist – Michael Clough Cantor – Beth Clough Usher – Monica Auch A/V – Mark Michel

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 12, 2020			
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith		
Lector	Sandra Fishko		
Acolytes	Cameron Seep, Cora Eliasson		
Communion Deacons	Jan Philpy, Gary Philpy		
Ushers	Jerry Black, Colin Black, Roy Hager, Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge, Chuck Rogge		
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, Lynn Mossbrucker		
Ambassadors	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard		
A/V	John Wall		
Coffee Cart	Andy & Paula Osborne		
KeyKeepers	<b>Sat. (1/11):</b> Dick Rock	Week beg. 1/12: Chris White	

# Calendar of Events (January 8 - 19, 2020)

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	Tuesday, January 14 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting 11:00a – Worship Planning Meeting 2:30p – Prayer Team 6:30p – Book Club (FS) 6:30p – Boy Scouts 6:30p – SPELC Board Meeting (MC-3) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, January 9 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, January 15 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group
Friday, January 10 Church office open 8am-noon 9:00a – Quilts of Valor (FH-2) 11:00a – ECCDA Luncheon (MC-4/5)	Thursday, January 16 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
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	Friday, January 17 Church office open 8am-noon 6:30p – LGMC General Meeting (FH/Kitchen)
Sunday, January 12 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:15a – Education Hour	Saturday, January 18 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, January 13 4:00p – A.S.K Leaders Council (FS) 5:00p – A.S.K. Bible Study 7:00p – Council, Transition Team, Call Committee, and RMS Meeting (MC-4/5)	Sunday, January 19 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:15a – Education Hour

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# Our Prayer List

## Members

Dee Heyn, Kristen O'Hanahan, Pam Kubicek, Art & Elvira Barber

## Family Members

Bonita (LeRae Schnickel's cousin)

**Tina** (Chris Youngren's daughter)

The family of Becky Rue (Carl Doehler's cousin) Katy Weir (Bill Shepard's sister) Scott Worman & family (Monica Auch's son)

**Debbie** (Briana Pixley's aunt)

Jenny Shepard (Bill Shepard's mother)

The family of Kay Vice (Kristen O'Hanahan's

The family of Agatha Breidenbach (Amy Rah-

ne's great-aunt)

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)

**Jacob Iverson** (Mary Person's nephew) **Lauren Person** (Mary Person's daughter)

Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's par-

ents)

Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)

Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

## **Friends**

Doug (Philpy) Margie (Faerber)

Nathan White (White) **Bonnie Mueller** (Fronk)

The family of Josie Nemer (Low)

Don Urben & Erik Leo Song (Kemp) Ann (Anderson)

The family of Dave Miller (Stevermer)

**Brittney Campbell (Graff)** 

**Derry** (Otto)

Tami Morling (Roswech) Richard Hoehler (Hoehler) **Kacey Donamaria** (Anderson)

Carson Stevens & family (Shibly)

**Kerry** (Mundt)

Prayers for the Uigher people of Northwest China who are being persecuted.

Prayers for Australia, as the continent suffers from devastating wildfires.

Prayers for all those searching for new jobs in 2020.

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.

