

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 15, 2020

Church News

Giving Statements

Watch your mail and email! Your church giving statements have been sent by mail and electronically. If you don't think you have received yours by email, make sure you check your junk, spam, promotions, and/or social folders to see if the message went into one of those instead. Contact the church office with questions.



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.

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.

Faith in the 21st 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 **Sundays 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, we are asking our members and friends to write a short devotional on what Lent means to them.

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 done or is doing in our lives.

Please send your devotion 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.

Save the Date: Men's Retreat

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Friday April 24 – Sunday April 26

Easter Seals Camp, Empire CO

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.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Help with the Ken Caryl Concert February 1

Please consider contributing to our refreshment table and/or helping as a greeter or with setup/cleanup. Contact Beth Faerber with questions - efaerber@hotmail.com, 570.574.5243. You can also sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ADAE2DA57-anevening.

King Soopers Community Rewards

Looking for a different way to donate to St. Philip? King Soopers Community Rewards program makes it easy! All you have to do is sign in to your account at kingsoopers.com, go to Community Rewards, and make St. Philip Lutheran Church your organization of choice. Then, every time you shop swipe your SooperCard, and a percentage of your purchase will go to the church. It's that simple!

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.

Children, Youth, & Family

Faith Quest

Faith Quest is back for 2020! It will be held on the first Wednesday of the month February through May. **(February 5, March 4, April 1, and May 6).**

At 6:00pm we will join the confirmation students and the senior high youth for dinner. At 6:30pm, we will then all split into age-appropriate groups to learn about faith, God, and the Bible. At 7:15pm we will come back together for closing worship, where we will sing fun camp and kids songs until 7:30pm.

Faith Quest is for children age PreK through 6th grade. Parents are invited to stay and get to know each other. We hope you will join us for one or all of the Wednesday Faith Quests! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad.

Events

Ken Caryl Concerts Presents *An Evening of Love Songs*

Saturday, February 1 at 7:30pm

Join us for a mix of classical, musical theater, pop, and rock songs to get your heart singing just in time for Valentine's Day. Performers include Bryan Chuan, piano; Kristen Celusniak and Angy Lyslo, sopranos; Jim Keller, baritone; Chappell Kingsland, piano/guitar/vocals; and members of the Wild Beautiful Orchestra from the University of Denver, Lamont School. This is a free and family-friendly event. Donations will be collected to benefit the Action Center in Lakewood.

If you attend worship at 5:30pm that night or would like to come early, we are offering an Italian dinner before the show. Stop by the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm for a delicious meal. All donations will go to the Rainbow Trail Junior and Confirmation campers and the Senior High Youth Mission Trip.

Please visit www.stphilip-co.org/concerts/ for more information.

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 Rick- etson 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

Augustana Arts

Stratus Chamber Orchestra brings LOVE to the stage with *Serenade: Of Love & Enchantment*

The serenade is the "music of the evening." A lover sings below his/her lover's open window; a violinist spins a tune to intertwine the hearts of the couple in the restaurant. However you picture it, the serenade uses the language of love. Join us on **Friday, February 7 at 7:30pm** for the signature immersive seating format at 1st Plymouth Congregational Church (3501 S. Colorado Blvd); or **Saturday, February 8 at 7:30pm** for the traditional seating format at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave.). Rocky Mountain ELCA members receive a 25% discount. Simply use the code RMS25 at checkout. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org, or call 303.388.4962 for tickets.

Augustana Arts brings Colcannon for one of their final Denver appearances!

Join with your friends for this Leap Year concert on **Saturday, February 29 at 7:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver), featuring Denver's beloved ensemble, Colcannon, before members of the group move to Ireland. Colcannon's concerts are renowned for their energy, for singer/frontman Mick Bolger's irrepressible sense of humor and sly wit, and, of course, for the music; music that express-

es flights of joy, deep sorrows, and an unquenchable zest for life. Colcannon's appeal crosses lines of age, gender, and ethnic background. For while the musical focus is on the beautiful wealth of traditional Irish music - all acoustic instrumentation, traditional as well as original tunes and songs, with some of the songs in Mick's native Irish language - Colcannon's true message is the story of the resilient and joyous human spirit. Rocky Mountain ELCA members receive a 25% discount. Simply use the code RMS25 at checkout. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org, or call 303.388.4962 for tickets.

Join us for A Musical Night in Vienna

The Annual *Heart for the Arts Gala* returns to Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver) with a *Musical Night in Vienna* on **Saturday, March 28 at 6pm**. Live performances by Stratus Chamber Orchestra, City Strings, and the Colorado Women's/Men's Chorales will be the highlight of this special fundraising event. We are currently seeking donations for the Silent/Live Auctions, and your support of the arts is appreciated. We especially seek gift cards to restaurants, tickets to performances or sporting events, artwork, or other creative offering to support the arts! Email lynn@augustanaarts.org if you have a donation. Invitations are forthcoming. Mark your calendars today!

Job Opportunity

Jobs with the 2020 Census

Earn extra income while helping your community! The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

Most 2020 Census positions will likely last several weeks. These temporary positions can include census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff.

They feature:

- Competitive wages (Census taker positions in Denver & Jefferson Counties = \$20.50/hour plus mileage reimbursement)
- Weekly paychecks
- Flexible hours
- Paid training

You can get additional information and apply online at: 2020Census.Gov/Jobs.

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

Calendar of Events (January 15 - 26, 2020)

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| <p>Wednesday, January 15 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p> | <p>Tuesday, January 21 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 16 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p> | <p>Wednesday, January 22 9:30a – SPELC Tours 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 17 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30p – LGMC General Meeting (FH/Kitchen)</p> | <p>Thursday, January 23 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 9:30a – SPELC Tours 6:30p – Columbine Townhomes (FH-1a/b) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p> |
| <p>Saturday, January 18 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p> | <p>Friday, January 24 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 9:00a – Quilts of Valor (FH-2)</p> |
| <p>Sunday, January 19 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:15a – Education Hour</p> | <p>Saturday, January 25 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH, kitchen) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship</p> |
| <p>Monday, January 20 No activities scheduled</p> | <p>Sunday, January 26 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:15a – Education Hour</p> |

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| Preparing for Worship - January 18 & 19 |
| First Reading: Ephesians 3:7-13 |
| Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 |

Worship Servants

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Tom Schnickel

Usher – Paul Stortz

A/V – Dave Kime

| Worship Servants for Sunday, January 19, 2020 | | |
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| Assisting Minister | George Rasmussen | |
| Lector | Karen Donaho | |
| Acolytes | Abby Carlson, Cora Eliasson | |
| Communion Deacons | Kyle Pitts, Lynn Mossbrucker | |
| Prayer Partner | Dawn Collins | |
| Ushers | Jerry Black, Colin Black, Roy Hager, Dick Rusch, Greg Luer, Will Rogge, Chuck Rogge | |
| Sacrament Servants | Sue Bryant | |
| Ambassadors | Jill & Greg Luer | |
| A/V | John Wall | |
| Coffee Cart | Phyllis & Larry Kemp | |
| KeyKeepers | Sat. (1/18): Karen Otto | Week beg. 1/19: Gaylen Rapp |

Our Prayer List

Members

Cliff Mosier, Dee Heyn, Art & Elvira Barber

Family Members

Sandy (Janet Shibly's cousin)
Ellie Grace Mijares (Flo Figge's great-granddaughter)
Bonita (LeRae Schnickel's cousin)
Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)
Jenny Shepard (Bill Shepard's mother)
Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)

Katy Weir (Bill Shepard's sister)
Jacob Iverson (Mary Person's nephew)
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

Faith (Philpy)
Art Griffith & family (Stevermer)
Doug (Philpy)
Nathan White (White)
Bonnie Mueller (Fronk)
The family of Josie Nemer (Low)

Leo Song (Kemp)
Ann (Anderson)
Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)
Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)
Carson Stevens & family (Shibly)
Kerry (Mundt)

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Ella Celestia Philpy. She is the granddaughter of Jan & Gary Philpy.

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

Prayers for all those searching for new jobs in 2020.

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.