

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 29, 2020

**The church office will be closed Friday, January 31.**

## **Church News**

### **Lent 2020: Seeing God in New Places**

Glasses. Contacts. Laser eye surgery. We go to a lot of trouble in order to see things clearly. We do this because one of our primary senses – likely the primary sense – is being able to see.

In fact, many use the saying, “Seeing is believing”. We count on our ability to see things to determine what is real and important, and what is not. Seeing is empowering: now I can just look at my cell phone to unlock it.

**During Lent 2020, we are going to focus on how and where we see God.** So often, we see God only in some of the stories of the Bible, but not so much in real life and elsewhere. But God is often doing new things right before us, in ways and places we may have overlooked. And that is a good thing, because we may need a new perspective as we seek to live out our calling to be God’s holy people.

**Join us Saturdays at 5:30pm, and Sundays at 9:00am, beginning the weekend of Feb. 29/ March 1.**

### **New Member Class**

The next New Member Class will be held over three Sundays in February: **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.** Children are invited to attend Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall during this time as well.

*Please RSVP to the church office at 303.979.4491 if you plan to attend the New Member Class.* If after attending the New Member Class, you would like to become a member of St. Philip, we will welcome you into the congregation in worship on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **St. Philip Prayer Chain Update**

We are extremely grateful for you all and your prayers. We know prayer works and those who have been on the prayer chain have been so grateful for you to pray for them in their time of need, in their thanksgivings, and in their concerns. This prayer chain started on the phone by people calling others. It then moved to email and now we are adding it to a prayer app. Tom will continue to send the emails, but we thought we would try out a prayer app. All prayer requests will be added to St. Philip’s Feed on the Echo Prayer App.

How to get the app: Go to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for “Echo Prayer”. Download the free app and create an account. You will then want to find the St. Philip feed. Go to the menu and tap on “Feeds”. Search for “St. Philip Lutheran Church” by clicking on “Find a New Feed”. We are the only St. Philip and the image is of our logo. Click the follow button and you will now be following our prayer chain.

With the number of people who are on this prayer chain, the app does not allow anyone to add a prayer request, so you will still have to send in your prayer request to Tom Silco and/or Angela Seep, church secretary.

Every time a new prayer is added, you will be notified. You will receive multiple notifications on Mondays when the prayers are added from the weekend, so if the notifications are too much for you, you can turn off notifications, but you will have to go into the app to see when new prayer requests are added.

Only the administrators know who is following the feed. Since the feed is a list of people and their prayer requests, we will keep people on the prayer chain for two weeks; therefore if you would like them on longer, please let us know or submit another prayer request with an update.

If you have any questions or would like help with the app, feel free to reach out to Pastor Brad at [bdoty@stphilip-co.org](mailto:bdoty@stphilip-co.org) or 303-979-4491.

### **ELCA Prayer Ventures**

ELCA Prayer Ventures is a resource that provides a prayer for every day of the year. These petitions are offered as a guide for your own prayer life, as we pray for the needs of the world and give thanks for the ministries of the ELCA. Download the full month of daily prayers at [elca.org/resources/prayer-ventures](http://elca.org/resources/prayer-ventures).

### **“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.

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.

### **Hooked on Books**

Join us on **Monday, February 2**, to discuss the book *The Shop on the Corner* by Jenny Colgan. This group meets the 1st Monday of each month at 9:30am in the Fireside Room at church. If you enjoy reading and would like to participate, just come as you are! Our selection for **March 2** will be *My Italian Bulldozer* by Alexander McCall Smith. For more information, contact Lynn Nourse at 303.502.4753.

### **Grateful Threads Quilters**

Grateful Threads Quilters meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month in FH-2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our mission is to create patriotic-themed quilts to be given to service members and veterans under the guidelines of the Quilts for Valor Foundation. If you love to quilt and are interested in this program, please contact Kathy Verreyen at [v3\\_jkb@q.com](mailto:v3_jkb@q.com).

### **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.

### **Kay Mosier's 80th Birthday**

**On Saturday, February 15 from 3-5pm**, join in the celebration as longtime member, Kay Mosier, turns 80 years old! The family will host an open house in the Fellowship Hall with light refreshments served. Stop by and wish Kay a happy 80th!

### **Save the Date: Men's Retreat**

Save the Date: Men's Retreat 2020 **Friday April 24 – Sunday April 26** Easter Seals Camp, Empire CO

### **FREE**

4-drawer vertical metal filing cabinet. You pick up! Sheri Eddy 303.978.9199

## **Volunteer Opportunities/Donations**

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—February Donations**

This month we are asking for pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, size 5 & 6 diapers, tuna, canned meat, and canned fruit. Please place these items in the bins by the office.

### **Denver Rescue Mission**

When a car is more than just a car, it is changing lives! Donating a vehicle to the Denver Rescue Mission provides transportation to men, women, and children who find hope and a place to call home in one of their programs. The Denver Rescue Mission's vehicle program has provided vehicles to people in need for 25 years. This has been made possible by the generosity of donors. The process of donating a vehicle is fast, easy, and tax-deductible. Please visit [denverrescuemission.org/vehicle](http://denverrescuemission.org/vehicle) or call 303.331.2938 for more information.

## **Thank You**

### **Family Promise Volunteers = THANK YOU!**

On January 11, we wrapped up the first of four rotations for 2020. I want to thank ALL who donated their time, talent, cooking skills, and donations to our St Philip effort! I am also including some updates and success stories from families we've served in the past few months. Thank you for the role that you have played in these families' journeys out of homelessness!

#### **St Philip Success Stories:**

- Rachel, Patrick, and their daughter, Elizabeth, have moved into an apartment. They were very happy to be reunited with their cat, Gus Gus, who we boarded in our Pets with a Promise program. The family keeps in touch through our Home program, which supports families with long term case management after they leave shelter.
- Tamaera and her kids are enjoying their new apartment and keeping in touch via the Home program.
- Kendra and her son, Thy, are now enrolled in the Family Promise TBRA program, which supports families with rental assistance in Arapahoe County. Thy is working toward obtaining his GED.
- Whitney and her daughters have also moved into their new apartment.
- Sheena and her three kids were more than ready to move out of shelter by the time their Section 8 unit was ready for move-in. She has been focused on settling in and getting her children used to new routines.

- Joaquin, Aracelis, Yani, and Edward have settled into their new apartment, and keeping in touch via our Home Aftercare program. Joaquin continues to work at the job he obtained through our partnership with The Reciprocity Collective, a nonprofit that provides employment support.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers and support!

*-Rick Richardson*

### **To our friends at St. Philip Lutheran Church,**

Thank you for supporting Family Promise of Greater Denver! Now that the new year has arrived, we look back on the families we served in 2019. Last year we expanded programming, allowing us to provide a spectrum of services to more families facing a housing crisis. With your help, we served a total of 724 families in 2019.

Our expanded programming has allowed us to form deep relationships and partnerships with families, ensuring they never experience homelessness again. This was only made possible because of the dedication and support we received from donors like you!

A guest describes the work we do best: "You have to give the program a chance. At first it was a hard adjustment, but once the relationships began to be built it paid off. We've been blessed beyond measure." - Anjelica

Your gifts have changed the lives of families like Anjelica's. We aim to impact the lives of even more families in 2020, and thank you for allowing us to do so. I know that together we can end homelessness forever, one family at a time.

*-Allie Card, Executive Director*

## **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/](http://www.stphilip-co.org/concerts/) for more information.

### **Love INC**

Please join us for a delicious meal that benefits Love INC! Romano's Italian Restaurant (5666 S. Windermere St., Littleton) will benefit Love INC by donating **20% of your order!** This includes both dine-in and take-out orders, for the entire day, **Tuesday, February 4**, including lunch and dinner! Simply tell your server you want to your order to benefit Love INC. (And invite your friends to join you on Feb 4!)  
**[www.romanospizzeria.com](http://www.romanospizzeria.com)**

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 expresses 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](http://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](mailto:lynn@augustanaarts.org) if you have a donation. Invitations are forthcoming. Mark your calendars today!

## Calendar of Events (January 29 - February 9, 2020)

<p><b>Wednesday, January 29</b>          6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event          6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, February 4</b>          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><b>Thursday, January 30</b>          7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite)          7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR)          7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, February 5</b>          6:00p – Faith Quest          6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event          6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>
<p><b>Friday, January 31</b>  <i>Church office closed</i>          No activities scheduled</p>	<p><b>Thursday, February 6</b>          7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite)          9:00a – Girl Scout Training (MC-3)          7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR)          7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, February 1</b>          9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3)          10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)  <b>5:30p – Worship</b>          6:30p – Italian Dinner (FH, kitchen)          7:30p – Ken Caryl Concert: <i>An Evening of Love Songs</i> (Sanc)</p>	<p><b>Friday, February 7</b>  <i>Church office closed</i>          No activities scheduled</p>
<p><b>Sunday, February 2</b>  <b>9:00a – Worship</b>          10:00a – Coffee Fellowship          10:15a – Education Hour          10:15a – New Member Class (FS)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, February 8</b>          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 Mtg. (MC-3)  <b>5:30p – Worship</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, February 3</b>          9:30a – Hooked on Books (FS)          4:00p – A.S.K. Leaders Council (FS)          5:00p – A.S.K. Bible Study          7:00p – Troop 554 Committee Mtg (FH-1a/b)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, February 9</b>  <b>9:00a – Worship</b>          10:00a – Coffee Fellowship          10:15a – Education Hour          10:15a – New Member Class (FS)          12:30p – CMTA Recitals (Sanc.)</p>

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<b>Preparing for Worship - February 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>First Reading: Proverbs 3:4-6</b>
<b>Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41</b>

### **Worship Servants**

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

**Pianist** – Becky Miller

**Cantor** – Taylor White

**Usher** – Monica Auch

**A/V** – Mark Michel

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, February 2, 2020</b>		
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Anne Krause	
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Smith	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Levi DeBoer	
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	Sandi Stevermer, Lynn Mossbrucker	
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Heather Varnell	
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach, Nick Schell, Nancy Schell, Rob Simons	
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	TBD	
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Lynn Nourse, Vicki Slusser	
<b>A/V</b>	John Wall	
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	Carolyn Rapp	
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	<b>Sat. (2/1):</b> Monica Auch	<b>Week beg. 2/2:</b> Peter Mielke

# *Our Prayer List*

## **Members**

**Pam Kubicek, Bob Connor, Joanne Ermold**

## **Family Members**

<b>Family of Ray Kalis</b> (Michael Stevermer's uncle)	<b>Tina</b> (Chris Youngren's daughter)
<b>Jim Olson</b> (Lynn Nourse's brother)	<b>Katy Weir</b> (Bill Shepard's sister)
<b>Jenny Ganiere</b> (Jeanne Rasmussen's sister-in-law)	<b>Lauren Person</b> (Mary Person's daughter)
<b>Lincoln Endecott</b> (Carolyn Endecott's son)	<b>Dr. Thomas &amp; Neva Flatley</b> (Tom Flatley's parents)
<b>Debbie</b> (Paula Osborne's niece)	<b>Ryan Ermold</b> (Joanne Ermold's son)
<b>Fawn Kemp</b> (Larry Kemp's daughter)	<b>Erika Kuenne</b> (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

## **Friends**

<b>Doris</b> (Faerber)	<b>Doug</b> (Philpy)
<b>Butler family</b> (Borstad)	<b>Ann</b> (Anderson)
<b>Antoinette</b> (Anderson)	<b>Richard Hoehler</b> (Hoehler)
<b>Don Hochhalter</b> (Otto)	<b>Kacey Donamaria</b> (Anderson)
<b>Nathan Hale</b> (Cimino)	<b>Carson Stevens &amp; family</b> (Shibly)
<b>Faith</b> (Philpy)	<b>Kerry</b> (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.**

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