

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 12, 2020

Church News

Upcoming Services

Sunday, February 23 — Receive New Members; *Congregational Meeting after the service at 10:30am*

Wednesday, February 26 — Ash Wednesday services; 12pm in the Sanctuary with luncheon following in MC-4/5; 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with dinner preceding at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

"Home Grown" Lenten Devotionals

We are about halfway there! All we need is a devotion from YOU! Please submit to aseep@stphilip-co.org, or write it down and bring it into the church office. **The deadline has been extended to Monday, February 17.** The completed booklets will be available at the Ash Wednesday service, February 26, so don't delay! We don't want to read 20 Pastor Randy devotions (at least I don't think we do).

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.

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!

Creative, Caring Quilters will meet on **Saturday, February 22 from 9am-12pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Here's the agenda:

1. We will make a community quilt for a little one. Bring a 10 1/2 inch scrap of fabric. We will appliqué a heart onto that. You can bring a piece for that, or use some from our stash.
2. Barb Donaho will show us needle turn to appliqué, or we can use machines. We are blessed to have her expertise.
3. Work on your own project.
4. ALL are welcome! Knitters, Crocheters, Quilt Tyers, just come to chat and share devotions and our faith!

Any questions or concerns, call LeRae Schnickel at 303.579.6853, or Rita Kuenne at 720.320.6602. Hope to see YOU on the 29th!

Grateful Threads Quilters

Grateful Threads Quilters meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month in Fellowship Hall room 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our mission is to create quilts, following Quilts of Valor Foundation guidelines, to honor, comfort and heal our service members and veterans touched by war. We are looking for people that are interested in contributing their time and talents. For more info contact Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383 or Barb Donaho at 303.794.1796.

Hooked on Books

Hooked on Books book group will meet **Monday, March 2 at 9:30am** in the fireside room to discuss the book *The Book Shop on the Corner* by Jenny Colgan. Our April selection will be *My Italian Bulldozer* by Alexander McCall Smith, which will be discussed on **Monday, April 6**.

We always meet on the 1st Monday of the month. If you enjoy reading a variety of books, join us! Contact Lynn Nourse at 303.502.4753 or carl_lynn@msn.com.

Thank You

St Philip Family:

What a surprise to find something extra in my check. It is a blessing. But the best blessing is just being a part of this great congregation.

In Christ's love,
Coreen Wells

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.

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 kingsoop-

ers.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!

The Action Center

The Launch Pad is Opening!

The Action Center is pleased to announce that in just a few short weeks we will be welcoming 11 Red Rocks Community College students to our innovative pilot shelter program, the Launch Pad. This is our latest effort to serve those experiencing homelessness here in Jefferson County. After many months of research, and pressing out the details, we are excited to announce this collaboration with Red Rocks Community College that will support students who are experiencing homelessness.

According to a Hope for College Foundation national survey, nearly one in ten students enrolled in colleges across the country is struggling with homelessness; these statistics resonate at Red Rocks Community College.

Red Rocks Community College's data shows that as many as 11% of their students are at high risk for becoming, or are currently experiencing homelessness. From temporary housing to wrap-around support services provided by The Action Center and Red Rocks Community College, the Launch Pad will provide students the resources they need to remain in college and finish their degree and/or certificate program.

As we get ready to open the Launch Pad's doors for these students, there are still a few NEW items we need. Please check out our Amazon Smile Wishlist for more details!

Don't forget! You can double your good when you shop from our Amazon Smile Wishlist and select us (Jeffco Action Center, Inc.) as your Amazon Smile Charity of Choice. For each purchase you make on Amazon Smile, we'll receive 0.5% of your purchase as a donation!

Mark Your Calendars - Beautiful Junk Returns!

Be sure to join us **Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21** for Colorado's Largest Rummage Sale for a Cause at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds! With 10,500 square feet of treasures, trinkets, and goods, you'll find everything you never knew you needed! General Admission opens at 8:30 a.m. each day and is \$5 Buy One Get One FREE - bring your friend and they'll get in for FREE. Children 16 and under are always free.

For those looking for the best deals and finds, join us for the Early Bird Sale, Friday ONLY starting at 7 a.m.; admission is \$30 for Early Birders.

Events

Columbine Interfaith Concert

Come and listen to this wonderful concert, featuring vocal and bell choirs from Columbine United Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, **and your very own St. Philip!** The concert will be at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church (6673 W. Chatfield Ave.) on **Friday, February 21 at 7pm**. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served following the concert.

Augustana Arts

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, 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!

Grief Recovery and Education

We're all in this together. Join us for a grief support group interest meeting. Open to all! The meeting will be held **Monday, February 24 from 11:30am-12:30pm**, at the Littleton YMCA in the Conference Room. If you have any questions, contact Anne Henning at ahenning@denverymca.org or 303.797.9622.

Stewardship 101

Steward Your Life: Cultivate a Heart of Love

Jesus taught, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." –Matthew 5:43-45a

Red hearts, flowers and chocolates remind us that February is the uncontested month of love. It's excellent (and easy) to love those close to us, but Jesus tells us to go wider, deeper, riskier – to love even our enemies. In so doing, Jesus says, we become children of God.

This challenges us to embrace love as the key discipline and develop a heart so full of love that it flows to even our enemies. Isn't that how we're supposed to live as disciples? It's just good stewardship of our lives.

For this “month of love,” practice loving your enemies. The effort is especially timely in our season of discord, when our loudest voices encourage us – through name-calling, denigrating, lying, smearing – to hate those with whom we disagree. Even calling them “enemies” is too much (they’re really neighbors!).

Loving our “enemies” doesn’t mean we agree with them or tolerate bad behavior. It means respecting, listening, discussing, refraining from anger and revenge. Here are some ideas for loving our enemies:

- Jesus gives us the first step: Pray! For them and for you!
- Stop seeing them as enemies. They’re our neighbors whom God loves.
- Resist hate, the very thing our culture encourages.
- Treat everyone as you would want to be treated.
- Lastly, keep praying.

By embracing love as a spiritual discipline, we cultivate a heart of love that opens our lives to the transformation Jesus dearly desires for us -- to be children of God. Now that’s good stewardship.

--Rob Blezard

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Calendar of Events (February 12 - 23, 2020)

Wednesday, February 12 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, February 18 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)
Thursday, February 13 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, February 19 6:00p – Confirmation Movie Night 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group
Friday, February 14-Valentine's Day <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 9:00a – Quilts of Valor (FH-2)	Thursday, February 20 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Saturday, February 15 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:00a – Chuck Krieger Memorial Cribbage Tournament (FH, Kitchen) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 3:00p – Kay Mosier 80th Birthday Open House (FH, kitchen) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, February 21 <i>Interfaith Concert at St. Frances Cabrini</i> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30p – LGMC General Meeting (FH, kitchen)
Sunday, February 16 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – New Member Class (FS)	Saturday, February 22 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 9:00a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH-2) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship
Monday, February 17-President's Day 10:00a – Property Team Meeting (FH-1a/b)	Sunday, February 23 <i>Receive New Members</i> 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:30a – Education Hour 10:30a – Congregation Meeting (Sanc) 11:30a – SPLC Congregation Council (MC-4/5)

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Preparing for Worship - February 15 & 16
First Reading: Hebrews 13:20-21
Second Reading: Jonah 1:1-4, 11-12, 15-17, 2:10-3:5

Worship Servants

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Quinn Silco

Usher – Joanne Ermold

A/V – Steve Rower

Worship Servants for Sunday, February 16, 2020		
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith	
Lector	Chris Youngren	
Acolytes	TBD	
Communion Deacons	Karen Otto, Diane Bracken	
Prayer Partner	Becky Near	
Ushers	Dave Oelz, Peter Mielke, Jay Breidenbach, Jerry Mydlach, Rob Simons	
Sacrament Servants	Sue Bryant, Lynn Mossbrucker	
Ambassadors	Jill & Greg Luer	
A/V	Beth Mielke	
Coffee Cart	Tom Flatley, Mary Person, and the Lee family	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (2/15): Karen Otto	Week beg. 2/16: Chris White

Our Prayer List

Members

**Rebecca Near, Ray Peterson, Linda Daubers, Rob Murphy, Jeri Phillips,
Brian Counterman, Pam Kubicek, Joanne Ermold, Art & Elvira Barber**

Family Members

Ray & Bonita (LeRae Schnickel's cousins)
The family of Gary Flack (Rebecca Near's father)
Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)

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

Bill & Susan (Faerber)
Elwood Gilliland (Truman)
Talitha (Anderson)
The Rueschhoff family (Anderson)
Barb Pugesek (Hammer)
Scott Elias (Truman)
Karen (Anderson)
Megan (Anderson)
The Appleby family (Henning)

The Lebsock family (Henning)
The Pendleton family (Henning)
Amy (Peterson)
Sam (Roswech)
Richard Hoehler (Hoehler)
Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)
Carson Stevens & family (Shibly)
Kerry (Mundt)

Prayers for our prayer partner congregations, Abiding Hope and Christ Lutheran.

Prayers for the unemployed and the underemployed.

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.