

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

March 4, 2020

Church News

Spring Forward!

Just a friendly reminder that this **Sunday, March 8** is Daylight Saving Time. Make sure to set your clocks forward one hour so you won't miss worship!

Lenten Devotions and Services

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Home Grown" Lenten devotional!

Our midweek Lenten services begin **Wednesday, March 4** and occur each Wednesday through **Wednesday, April 1**. Each one begins at **noon** and is held in the choir room. A potluck luncheon will follow in MC-4/5. Our theme this year is Psalm 23.

Education Hour Time Change

Sunday Education Hour is now at **10:30am** to allow more time for fellowship after worship! Education classes and Sunday School will now be from 10:30am-11:30am.

Altar Flowers

We have a lot of empty spaces on our flower chart! The cost is \$25, and you can take the arrangement home after the Sunday service. Please bring the vase back to the church office when finished.

Coffee Cart Sign Up

Show some team or state pride, or even some fighting spirit (ex. Fighting Cancer) and sign up to host the coffee cart as a group! The sign-up sheet is hanging by the coffee cart. SignUp Genius link coming soon.

Bible Study for Families and Young Adults

During the season of Lent, we are doing a Bible study for adults, those with families and young adults! The Bible study is called *Defined: Who God Says You Are* and is based on the movie *Overcomer*.

The Bible study will start **Sunday, March 15**. We will meet after Sunday School, at 11:30am for an hour and then have lunch together! We will plan to eat at 12:30pm. We do have some of our youth who will be here to play with the kids and watch them while we have Bible study. If you have kids and want to take advantage of child care, we ask you help pitch in by bringing \$5. The lunch will be a potluck. We know many of you will be at church most of the morning, so salads, fruit, crock pot, soup, sandwiches are just fine.

The Bible study will take place in the Ministry Center, room 4/5 (with the kitchenette). Hope to see you there! Join us, even if you can't make it every week! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Brad.

More information on the movie *Overcomer* can be found here at this link: <https://www.overcomermovie.com/about>. If you want to watch the movie, you can find it at Redbox.

St. Philip Mission Endowment Fund

Remember, 2020 grant applications are being accepted until April 30. Application forms are available in the office, on the St. Philip website, or from any Endowment Committee member.

Members of St. Philip may make a mission grant request for projects or activities that have a specific purpose and intended measurable result or impact. The grant requests cannot be used for church operating expenses or programs that are normally funded by St. Philip's budget.

2020 Men's Retreat

Mark your calendar for the 2020 Men's Retreat. This year's retreat will be **Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26**. We will spend two nights at the Easter Seals camp (2644 Alvarado Rd., Empire).

Have you ever wanted to learn more about photography or wondered what went into brewing beer? This year will include bible study and fellowship along with some new activities. Workshops/discussions will be held on photography and beer brewing along with opportunities for hiking and enjoying nature. It will be a chance to learn some new tips as well as sharing some of your own tips and experiences. Sign up for an enjoyable weekend. It's your chance to participate in some great discussions, prayer, fellowship and enjoy some great food.

The cost will be \$135 for the full weekend, which includes two nights lodging and five meals; or \$35 for Saturday only, which includes Saturday lunch.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. You can also register online at www.stphilip-co.org/mens-retreat/. Contact Bill Shepard at 720.550.1695 or swshep5@msn.com, or Pastor Brad at 303.979.4491 or bdoty@stphilip-co.org with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? For everyone who volunteers at the Food Bank of the Rockies, Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry gets credit to use for food purchase. It's a win-win! We have a work day scheduled on **Saturday, March 7** from 9am - 12pm. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Sharing with Sheridan-Shopper Chain

Here's a new way to help Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry! We would like to create a "shopper chain" to take advantage of good deals and promotions at local grocery stores. Here's what we envision: a list of shoppers who on their personal trip to a grocery store would purchase and donate a special deal item. If you're interested in participating or have questions, contact Jan Philpy (gjphilpy@gmail.com).

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—March Donations

This month we are asking for canned tuna, pasta sauce, and canned fruit. **We have plenty of egg cartons at this time.** 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 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!

The Action Center

Hygiene Kits

The mission of the Action Center is to provide an immediate and compassionate response to those facing a hardship. That response is oftentimes in the form of the most basic of necessities, like hygiene products. A number of churches do help The Action Center with building hygiene kits, but the need far exceeds the current resources.

The Action Center is proposing a joint project with local churches to create a system where there are enough hygiene kits available to all those who enter our facility as well as those of our partners within the community.

We will be hosting an informational/planning meeting on Saturday, March 7 from 9 -10am. (Yes there will be coffee and pastries.) We would love to have a representative from St. Philip join us as we seek to organize an efficient system for meeting this immediate need.

Betty Proctor Fund

This fund supports individuals with unexpected expenses that they are unable to manage financially. We need Silent Auction items like gift baskets from the churches. The fundraising event is open to the general public and will be held at Red Rocks Community College in the Community Room on **June 4 from 5:30-7:00pm**. Price of admission is \$50.

Beautiful Junk Sale

It is just around the corner. The dates are **March 20-21** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 8am and close promptly at 4pm. Admission is BOGO \$5.

Launch Pad

The Action Center is excited to announce its partnership with Red Rocks Community College to reopen its shelter under the new name of The Launch Pad. The Launch Pad will support students at Red Rocks who are currently enrolled in 6 or more units and are experiencing homelessness.

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact John Covert at 720.407.6704 or johnc@theactioncenter.org.

Events

Resource Fair for Seniors and Caregivers

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit (6400 S. University Blvd. Centennial) is hosting a Resource Fair for Seniors and Caregivers **Sunday, March 15 from 2:30-4pm**. Participating agencies will be present to provide resources and answer questions, *not sell anything*. Participating agencies include: CarePatrol-Parkinson's Pointe, AARP-Visiting

Angels, Dispatch Health, Colorado Respite Coalition, Lutheran Family Services, Arapahoe County Senior, Check-in - Alzheimer Association, Nursing Home Ombudsman, Medical Equipment Loan Closet, and TLC Meals on Wheels. Mary Jo Heins will answer questions about Medicare, and Dave Perry will answer legal questions.

You are not alone! If you or a loved one are looking for resources, this event is for you!

The Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale invites you to their concert on **Sunday, March 22 at 3pm or 7:30pm**. *Our God Our Help Our Shelter* will be performed on Sunday March 22 at 3pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (2100 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood) This concert will be repeated at 7:30pm at Our Father Lutheran Church (6335 S. Holly Street, Centennial.)

Each concert is free, with a freewill donation accepted at the door.

This concert will include many familiar tunes of God's love, *Beautiful Savior*, *The Flight Song*, *My Lord What a Morning*, and many of our favorites and hopefully yours.

For more information visit our website at www.thelutheranchorale.org, or call David Peterson at 303.210.9428.

Augustana Arts

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!

Stewardship 101

Steward your Soul for a Fuller Life

Jesus teaches, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" –Mark 8:36, 37 (NIV)

Instead of the superficial "How's it going?" a wise colleague asks friends, "How is your soul?"

The question requires effort. To answer it I must plunge deep inside – below the constantly churning waters of everyday joys, hopes, ambitions, desires, anxieties and disappointments. These are so strong, especially our desires and ambitions, that if we are not careful they can absorb all our time and energy.

Jesus repeatedly warns us not to let our desires and our worries overwhelm us, keeping us from paying attention to the soul. Our soul is where we connect with God, the source of our greatest strength and truest identity. Without attention, our soul can wither like a plant without water. As with all the treasures God has given us, we must be stewards of our souls.

The mystics of old and modern prophets (such as Richard Rohr, Marjorie Thompson, and How-

ard Thurman) teach us to employ prayer, holy silence, and other spiritual disciplines to tend our souls and keep worldly worries and desires from drowning us.

This month, begin a daily practice of caring for your soul. You might begin with five minutes of spoken prayer followed by five minutes of silence. Or reflect deeply on a Scripture passage. Or try prayerful yoga. (Your pastor might be able to give you some resources or ideas.)

With a little practice and attention, you can become stronger, more centered, and more spiritually resilient. How is your soul?

--Rob Blezard

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Important Dates 2020	
1 st Saturday of each month – work at Food Bank of the Rockies	
March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1	Lenten Worship 12pm in Choir Room
April 5	Palm/Passion Sunday Worship 9am
April 9	Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm
April 10	Good Friday Service 6:30pm
April 11	Vigil of Easter Service 5:30pm
April 12	Easter Sunday Services 8am, 9:30am, 11am
May 31	Ken Caryl Concert— <i>Littleton City Limits</i> 2:30pm
July 6-10	Vacation Bible School 9am-12pm
July 6-9	Arts Academy 1pm-4pm

Calendar of Events (March 4 - 15, 2020)

Wednesday, March 4 12:00p – Lenten Worship (CR) 6:00p – Faith Quest 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group	Tuesday, March 10 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 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, March 5 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 9:00a – Girl Scout Training (MC-3) 1:45p – SPELC Staff Meeting 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)	Wednesday, March 11 9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-3) 12:00p – Lenten Worship (CR) 6:00p – Confirmation Learning Event 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group
Friday, March 6 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	Thursday, March 12 7:00a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)
Saturday, March 7 9:00a – ACA/Serenity's Child (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3) 5:30p – Worship	Friday, March 13 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 9:00a – Quilts of Valor (FH-2)
Sunday, March 8 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:30a – Education Hour	Saturday, March 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
Monday, March 9 4:00p – A.S.K. Leaders Council (FS, Nursery) 5:00p – A.S.K. Bible Study	Sunday, March 15 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Coffee Fellowship 10:30a – Education Hour 11:30a – YA & Family Bible Study (MC-4/5)

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Preparing for Worship - March 7 & 8
First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Worship Servants

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Pianist – Becky Miller

Cantor – Ericka McDaniel

Usher – Monica Auch

A/V – Mark Michel

Worship Servants for Sunday, March 8, 2020		
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen	
Lector	Sandra Fishko	
Acolytes	TBD	
Communion Deacons	Sandi Stevermer, Lynn Mossbrucker	
Ushers	John Schutt, Dave Daubers, Denton West, Gaylen Rapp, Tyler Henson, Ron Ramey, Rod Mauler, Andy Osborne	
Sacrament Servants	Carolyn Endecott, Chris Youngren, JoAnn Breitbach, Nancy Schell	
Greeters	Michael & Sandi Stevermer	
Ambassadors	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard	
A/V	John Wall	
Coffee Cart	Bill & Dottie Colbenson	
KeyKeepers	Sat. (3/7): Monica Auch	Week beg. 3/8: Peter Mielke

Our Prayer List

Members

**Renate Muthart, Sherry Anderson, Andy & Paula Osborne, Carolyn Rapp,
Ray Peterson, Dianne Jack, Rob Murphy, Art & Elvira Barber**

Family Members

Mike Smith (Jim Smith's cousin)
Robert Porter (Jackie Seres' brother)
Angie Crowner (Linda & Roger Crowner's
daughter-in-law)
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

Emily (Stevermer)
Gerry Engert (Seep)
Amy & Karen (Booth)
John Oss
Sally & Jeff Brant & family (Anderson)
Mia (Anderson)
Al Paul (Hammer)

Toni Autenrieth (Radtke)
Friends of Dr. B (DeBoer)
Derry Hochhalter (Otto)
Clark Christensen (Fronk)
Kacey Donamaria (Anderson)
Carson Stevens & family (Shibly)
Kerry (Mundt)

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Jonah Hugh Philpy, newest grandson for Gary & Jan Philpy.

Prayers for the unemployed and the underemployed.

Prayers of love, support, and encouragement for JoHanna Buchholz as she continues her internship in Dawson, MN.

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.