

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

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Church News

Worship at Home

If you have access to a computer and the internet, you can worship with St. Philip at home! Go to www.stphilip-co.org/worship-at-home/ and you will find videos of our worship services. If you go to www.stphilip-co.org/worship-archives you will find videos of past worship services.

Sharing with Sheridan Idol Contest Fundraiser

Vote NOW for the 2020 Sheridan Idol and support Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry! These amazing individuals are singing and playing for someone else's supper. This is your unique opportunity to support this dedicated, local talent by voting with your pocketbook. You can listen to their performance videos and donate by going to <https://sheridanidol.causevox.com/>. **Make sure to check out the entry by our very own Quinn Silco!**

Christ in Our Home Devotions Now Available

Christ in Our Home devotions for July, August, and September are now available here at the church. Drop by to pick up yours today! Copies will be available outside the church office door and the main door by the courtyard.

Family Promise

Our next Family Promise week is **July 19-26**. We are asking for grocery gift cards and quarters for laundry. The goal is \$400 in gift cards and \$40-50 in quarters for the week. These can be delivered to the church office Monday-Wednesday.

Vacation Bible School is Going Virtual!

While we can't be together in person, we will be doing a virtual VBS! The St. Philip Virtual Vacation Bible School is completely FREE! All you have to do is register. Check out the RTLK Camp @ Home website at <https://rtlkathome.org/> for videos activities, and resources. Registration your campers by going to the site below. <https://forms.gle/QmWUQmD4VJ3WwucT7>

Calling All Golfers!

Save the date! Our 9th annual golf tournament is on! The Club at Ravenna has invited us to return on **Monday, August 17**, for some fun and fellowship in the sun. They are following all CDC guidelines as stated by the governor for Douglas County. This year we will continue the option of playing either 9 or 18 holes. The cost for playing nine holes is \$90; the cost for 18 holes is \$150. *It would be wonderful to have you, and your golfing friends, join us this year.* More information will follow soon.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Sharing with Sheridan

Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR) is closed for inventory this week, so we are unable to place an order for food. We served **103 families** last week Thursday, and we antici-

pate similar numbers this week. Here is the list of needed items:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Canned pasta
- Meal soups (we have plenty chicken noodle and tomato soups)
- Canned tomatoes
- Medium-sized cardboard boxes
- Egg cartons

Please consider shopping for the pantry at your area grocery store, Costco, and/or Sam's Club. You can place an order online for curbside pickup or delivery. SwS can reimburse costs if you submit receipts to Linda Goodnough in the church office.

For those who wish to drop off donations directly at the food pantry, please take them to the east door of the Sheridan Recreation Center on Thursdays only between 11:30am and 1:00pm. You can also bring items to church anytime. If the church is not open, just leave them beside the church office door at the end of the courtyard; someone is checking on a regular basis. If you are unable to drop off at either location, contact Jan Philpy and she can arrange for someone to pick up your donation at your home.

We need volunteers! High school students and above are encouraged—hours are flexible on Thursdays. Contact Carole Kessler for details.

Sharing with Sheridan is very grateful for the ongoing support received from St. Philip—it's so critical at this time. Thank you SO much!

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!

Soles 4 Souls

Last month Soles 4 Souls collected 24 pairs of gently worn shoes from St. Philip! Here is an excerpt from their thank you letter:

"Together with the help of generous, compassionate folks like you, last year we were able to distribute nearly 6.5 million pairs of shoes and articles of clothing to people all across the globe. And now, kids are in school and adults are at work. Families are rebuilding after natural disasters. Entrepreneurs in developing countries are launching meaningful businesses. Communities are protected from injury and disease. It's amazing to think it all starts with shoes, isn't it? Actually, it all starts with you."

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry. Our shoe collection bin is located right next to the church office.

We the People: Steward our Democracy

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Two sentences from the Declaration of Independence express the true hierarchy that orders our lives. At the top is God, our creator. Human beings are next, and we create government to secure our rights. So, the hierarchy is: God, people, government.

This marks a dramatic innovation in Western thought. For centuries monarchs had been understood to rule “by divine right,” so the accepted hierarchy was: God, monarchy (government), people.

We celebrate the Declaration’s signing day, July 4, 1776, with fireworks, family cookouts and parades. This year’s Fourth of July comes in the wake of Covid-19 and protests over the death George Floyd -- events that have brought to light many deep-seated problems.

Amid economic instability, rising inequality in wealth and healthcare, disparities in criminal justice and other issues, many are asking, “Who does the government *really* serve?” The Declaration reminds us that we’re in charge, and we have the power to make changes to direct the path our government is on.

It would be wise for God’s people to mark the Fourth of July, 2020, with deep reflection and renewed commitment to working to ensure a government that reflects our values and serves all of God’s people.

Why is this a stewardship issue? Christian stewardship is the discipline of taking care of and using wisely all that God has given us – whether it be money, health, relationships, or even governments. God has entrusted us with a vibrant democracy. It’s up to us to take care of it.

--Rob Blezard

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Preparing for Worship - July 4 & 5
First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12
Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Our Prayer List

Members

The family & friends of Arne Truman, Larry Kemp, Sherry Anderson, Dianne Jack, Rob Murphy, Rob Carlson

Family Members

Jan Thomson (Sandi Stevermer's cousin's wife)

Richard & Jeanne Siegfried (Sandi Stevermer's father & mother)

Caroline Carroll (Harriet & Arne Truman's daughter)

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)

Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)

Lauren Person (Mary Person's daughter)

Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's father & mother)

Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)

Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends

Hannah Davidson (Silco)

Linda Nordhem (Mydlach)

Danielle (Anderson)

Emeli Bowers (Ermold)

Kerry (Mundt)

Prayers for all those affected by the coronavirus as well as healthcare workers, researchers, and those in positions of leadership.

Prayers for the potential formation of a diaper ministry at St. Philip in conjunction with Love INC.

Prayers for the unemployed and the underemployed.

Prayers of love, support, and encouragement for Scott, JoHanna, and Lydia Buchholz as JoHanna concludes 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 send an email to Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.