

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

October 7, 2020

Church News

Getting Excited: 2021 Stewardship Appeal

In the next couple of days, you will be receiving a stewardship packet in the mail. We hope you will take some time to look at the materials in this packet and get excited with us about what is to come in 2021, at St. Philip Lutheran Church. Stewardship Sunday is **October 18**, and we invite you to bring your Statement of Intent card. Or you can mail it to St. Philip. This year you can also fill out an online Statement of Intent form on our website: www.stphilip-co.org/stewardship. If you have never made in a Statement of Intent or financial commitment before and want more information about it, Pastor Brad (bdoty@stphilip-co.org) is happy to talk to you about it. Thank you for your generosity!

Cares Act Provisions

Many of us have been financially blessed through this pandemic and have been fortunate enough to be able to save some money or reduce our expenses. If you would like to donate a portion of those blessings to St. Philip Lutheran Church, there are a couple of tax benefits that could be gained through the CARES Act Provisions for charitable contributions. Please see the article below.

CARES Act Provisions

We would like to make you aware of two provisions included in the CARES Act that impact charitable giving:

1. For 2020, individuals can deduct up to \$300 of charitable donations, even if they do not itemize their deductions. Normally, an individual has to itemize deductions in order to deduct charitable donations.
2. For 2020, individuals can deduct up to 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI). Normally, the limit is 60%.

The second point would be of particular interest to people who have a large amount of assets/money, but not much annual income. Like retired people, for example. Assume a retired individual has \$30,000 of AGI, because they are no longer working full time. But assume this individual has a large sum of money in the bank that accumulated while they were working. Prior to 2020, they would only be able to deduct \$18,000 per year (AGI times 60%). But in 2020, they could deduct up to \$30,000 (AGI times 100%).

We are not recommending any tax advice. However, we do want to make you generally aware of new provisions from the CARES Act and recommend that you seek guidance from your tax advisor.

In-Person Prayer Group

Our in-person prayer group will resume on Tuesdays at 2pm. All safety protocols will be followed, meaning that you must sign in, you must take your temp, and you must wear your mask. We will meet in a room that accommodates our numbers. Our first prayer time is next **Tuesday, October 13**. All are welcome!

Mission Endowment Fund Grant Applications

Grant applications will be accepted **October 1-31**. Application forms are available in the office or online through the St. Philip website. 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 the St. Philip Lutheran Church budget. All applications will be reviewed in November and applicants will be contacted following the review process.

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat

Get your costumes ready and join us on **Friday, October 30 from 5:30-7pm** for the 10th Annual St. Philip Lutheran Church Family Halloween Party, Trunk-or-Treat style! The free activities will include outdoor trick-or-treating and fun! Kids are invited to come in costume & bring a trick-or-treat bag. Candy donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the donation bin inside the front door near the church office. Also, we will be accepting monetary donations for the Foothills Crop Hunger Walk. Watch the SPIN for more information to come. We hope you will join us for a spooktacular good time!

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is **November 1**. This is the day where we remember all the saints who have passed away in the last year (since last year's All Saint's Day). Names of saints who were members or who had services at St. Philip or performed by a St. Philip minister will be read out loud, a candle will be lit and a bell will toll. All other names will be listed in the worship bulletin/slide show and a candle will be lit and we will toll a bell.

If you would like to submit the name of someone who died in the last year, go to <https://www.stphilip-co.org/all-saints-names/> and submit the form. You can also call Angela in the office at 303.979.4491 or email at aseep@stphilip-co.org. Deadline for submission is **October 25**.

Events

Foothills 2020 CROP-athon: Walk to End Hunger

October 16—November 1, 2020

Register individually or as a team at www.crophungerwalk.org/foothillsco. You pick the location, time, and people you want to walk with. Share your page link with friends and family via email, text, or social media and ask for their support physically, virtually, and/or financially. **AND remember, the more money St. Philip raises the safer Pastor Brad is—from a pie in the face!** He is in a competition with the pastor from St. James Presbyterian Church. Whichever pastor's church raises the most money, that pastor gets to give the other one a pie in the face!

Harvest at Home

Please join Love INC on **Saturday, October 10 at 7pm** for this entertaining and inspiring virtual fundraiser. It's free to watch and super easy to register by going to <https://app.mobilecause.com/f/2yv1/n?vid=c38po>. You can watch a preview of the event here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=yhrL_y7YzJs.

Ken Caryl Concerts

Baroque Masterpieces - November 7 at 7:30pm

Ken Caryl Concerts is thrilled to present this concert LIVE from our beautiful sanctuary. There will be a limited number of seats available for those who wish to enjoy in person (social distancing rules apply) as well as a live-stream of the performance and a recorded link to enjoy as many times as you wish. Go to www.stphilip-co.org/concerts/ to sign up for the live performance.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

We served **154 families** last week Thursday. The need continues, but **you** can help!

Items we need:

- Pancake mix
- Stew
- Chili
- Canned pasta
- Granola bars
- Meal Soups (Progresso soup is on sale at King Soopers and Safeway this week.)

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 bring items to church anytime. Just leave them in the bin by the door at the end of the courtyard; someone is checking on a regular basis.

Family Promise

As of Monday, September 21, Family Promise has officially opened the doors to their newly leased space they are calling **FP House!** Three families currently reside in the space, and volunteers are needed to cover some of the hosting and meal duties. Sign up here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094faaae29a3f58-volunteer1>) to help make FP House a success! Go to <https://www.classy.org/give/184343/#!/donation/checkout> to make a donation.

Worship

Outdoor In-Person Worship

Outdoor worship continues, **with two Sunday services at 9am and 10:30am!** You may choose to sit in your lawn chairs in the courtyard, or you may stay in your cars. **All people worshipping outside of their car are asked to wear a mask at all times.** The 9am service will be live-streamed and recorded.

Please go to <https://www.stphilip-co.org/worship-bulletins/> to download the worship bulletin.

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 information about livestreaming our services as well as videos of our worship services. If you go to **www.stphilip-co.org/worship-archives** you will find videos of past worship services.

Preparing for Worship - October 11, 2020
First Reading: Ruth 2:8-13
Gospel Reading: Mark 9:33-37

Our Prayer List

Members

Steve Nedved, Cliff Mosier, Bree Amsberry, JoAnn Breitbach, Rob Murphy, Rob Carlson

Family Members

Mel & Karen Pooley (Kim Nedved's parents)	Auch's children)
The families of Clara and Ruby (Steve Nedved's mother and aunt)	Michael Carroll (Harriet Truman's son-in-law)
Ronald Dugall (Karen Donaho's father)	Caroline Carroll (Harriet Truman's daughter)
The family of Birgitta DeLong (Bree Amsberry's mother)	Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Jim & Sharon Faerber (Bill Faerber's brother & sister-in-law)	Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)
The family of Steve Hammer (Dori Hammer's cousin)	Lauren Person (Mary Person's daughter)
Vonnie Rouse and Scott Worman (Monica	Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's father & mother)
	Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
	Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends

Larry (Philpy)	Nancy (former member Rita Bentley's daughter)
Soren Roggow (Lyslo)	Michael Zoughbi (Mundt)
Pam (Henning)	Emeli Bowers (Ermold)
Bryan Kelly (Stevermer)	Kerry (Mundt)

Prayers for all those affected by the wildfires raging here in Colorado and across the western states. Prayers for the firefighters working to contain the fires and protect people and property. We also offer prayers for Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp as they are in the direct path of the fires.

Prayers for all those affected by COVID-19 as well as healthcare workers, researchers, and those in positions of leadership.

Prayers for the unemployed and the underemployed.

Prayers of support and encouragement for Aaron and Anna Silco as they begin their internships. Prayers of love and support for JoHanna Buchholz as she prepares for her first call.

Prayers for the students supported through the Seeds of South Sudan.

Prayers of support and love for our companion synods and friends in Madagascar.

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 contact Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org or 303.979.4491. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.