

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 2, 2020

***The church office and Early Learning Center will be closed
Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.***

Important Worship Updates

Saturday Night Worship Service Going on Hiatus

After two months of in-person worship on Saturday evenings, it has been decided to put the Saturday evening service on a hiatus. When we began outdoor in-person worship in the middle of July, we weren't sure how many people would come. The Saturday evening service has been small for many years, and COVID-19 has certainly impacted the worship attendance at our outdoor service. We have an average of ten people in the courtyard for Saturday worship and three on Zoom. Therefore, we have decided to put the Saturday evening service on hiatus until further notice.

Adding a Second Service on Sunday Mornings

Starting on Sunday, September 13 (Rally Day), we are adding a second Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 10:30am. The Sunday morning services at 9:00am have been going well, with an average of 55 people in the courtyard and over 20 families/individuals on Zoom. We have been worshipping outside in the courtyard, which has been pleasant. It is our priority to hold worship outside for as long as we can. If we are not able to worship outside due to weather, we will move inside to the sanctuary. Worship in the sanctuary will be dependent upon the number of COVID-19 cases in our area. If cases are too high or state regulations prohibit us from worshipping in the sanctuary and we cannot worship outside, worship will be livestreamed only. **There will be no Saturday service on September 5 and only one service at 9am on September 6.**

Sunday School

The Children's Ministry Team has decided to hold Sunday School in person and will **begin on Sunday October 4.** With in-person school starting after Labor Day for Jefferson County, we want to evaluate the COVID-19 levels as a result of in-person school before we expose our children to another group; therefore, limiting the spread of COVID-19. Sunday School will be held outside as long as we are able; if we are unable to be outside, we will have Sunday school inside in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary. The location of Sunday school will follow the location of worship; if worship is inside, Sunday school will more than likely be inside.

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Women's Bible Study II - Acts of the Apostles

This new Bible study will meet on the **second Wednesday of the month from 9:30-11:00am beginning October 14 in the Sanctuary.** Due to the current conditions we will require masks to be worn and we will be distanced appropriately. There is a limit of 10 women per group. We will be using *Kerygma-Into the World: The Acts of the Apos-*

the Bible study guide. Please contact Juli Cooley for information: 303.903.9651 or jhcool519@gmail.com.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Men's Fellowship Tuesday Night Bible Study will begin its new study on **September 8** with the book of Jeremiah. This is a fascinating book of prophecy. Are the prophecies still unfolding today? Join our Bible study and explore these ancient words with us.

Our study will start at 7:00pm on Zoom as follows:

Meeting Number: **5232 1825 89**

Password: **700709**

*If you have any questions feel free to contact Paul Selander at **303.241.0321**.*

*Don't forget! **September 8 - 7pm** - See you there on Zoom!*

Pastor Randy's Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, September 13 at 11:30am

In-person (sanctuary) and on Zoom

Topic: *Books that did not make it into the Bible*

We will start by looking at some of the books that were left out of the New Testament Canon. Specifically, we will look at the Didache, and what issues the early Christians were facing as Christianity became distinct from Judaism. We will also spend some time discussing the Shepherd of Hermas, First Clement and the Gospel of Thomas. Our goal for the first few weeks will be to understand the context in which the books for the New Testament were written, and what issues they (and other writings) were addressing. Handouts will be available for those in person, and electronic files will be available on our website at <https://www.stphilip-co.org/bible-study/> for those connecting with us on Zoom.

New Procedures For Entering the Building

St. Philip has returned to regular office hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm and Friday 8am-noon. As a part of our commitment to safety, we have implemented new procedures for entering the church building. Please enter through the North doors at the end of the courtyard **ONLY**. Please sign in and take your temperature. Ring the bell for assistance. **Masks are required.**

If you are stopping by to drop something off, you can do so just inside the North doors. Bins for Sharing with Sheridan, Soles for Souls, eyeglasses, etc. are located right at the entrance. We also have a basket for envelopes of any kind. You do not need to sign in if you are just dropping something off.

And remember, if you or any of your family members have any symptoms at all - fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, diminished sense of taste and smell - please stay home. If you have traveled internationally, been on a plane, cruise, train, or bus in the last 14 days, or have had any close contact in the last 14 days with someone who was diagnosed or is presumed positive with COVID-19 please stay home.

The staff thanks you for your understanding.

Outdoor In-Person Worship

Outdoor worship continues, **with one service at 9am on Sunday, September 6!** You may choose to sit in your lawn chairs in the courtyard, or you may stay in your cars. **All people worshiping outside of their car are asked to wear a mask at all times.** The service will be live-streamed and recorded. See below for details.

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

Holy Communion will be part of these worship services. We have individually packaged communion wafers and grape juice cups, which will be distributed as you arrive and consumed during the Holy Communion portion of the service. If you need gluten-free wafers, we invite you to bring gluten-free crackers or bread.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

We served **168 families** last week Thursday, setting a new record. The need is great, but you can help!

Items we need:

- Spaghetti noodles (no whole wheat)
- Meal soups (chili, ravioli, beef stew)
- Mac and cheese
- Plastic newspaper bags
- Plastic grocery bags
- Medium-sized cardboard boxes

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.

Sheridan Celebrates Drive-In Concert

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 26** and plan to attend the Sheridan Celebrates Drive-In Concert from 7-9:30pm. Hear much more from the 2020 Sheridan Idols. They will be joined by Soul Sacrifice Santana Tribute Band. Park in your vehicle and hear the exciting sounds through your car radio while staying safely socially distant. \$10 per vehicle ticket is required and can be purchased online at <https://SheridanCelebrates.TicketSpice.com/drive-in-concert>.

Preparing for Worship - September 6
First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Our Prayer List

Members

Rita Kuenne, Pam Kubicek, Anne Henning, Rob Murphy, Rob Carlson

Family Members

Steve Hammer (Dori Hammer's cousin)

Tom Mallette (Lisa Edington's father)

Vonnie Rouse and Scott Worman (Monica Auch's children)

The family and friends of Eli (Janet Shibly's cousin's son)

The family of Jim Gualco (Anne Henning's father)

Michael Carroll (Harriet Truman's son-in-law)

Caroline Carroll (Harriet 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

Soren Roggow (Lyslo)

Nancy (former member Rita Bentley's daughter)

Tom (Wells)

Michael Zoughbi (Mundt)

Emeli Bowers (Ermold)

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 awaits 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 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.