

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 25, 2020

**The church office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## **Worship Information**

### **Indoor Worship Update**

As Jefferson County moves into Level Red-Severe Risk, St. Philip is moving worship and all meetings to Zoom. The risk is too high for us to safely gather together in person. Check out this video for more information and more details: <https://youtu.be/PNJc4KTzzkl>.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm - Thanksgiving Eve** - Worship will be entirely online and include multiple churches in our area. Tune in at 6:45pm to hear prelude music by our very own Bryan Chuan and others.

### **Online Worship**

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/](http://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](http://www.stphilip-co.org/worship-archives)** you will find videos of past worship services.

### **Arise and Shine: A Series of Special Services for Advent**

Join us for our Advent worship series, ***Arise and Shine***, beginning **Sunday, November 29**. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by him throughout our lives. In our worship for the first week in Advent we will celebrate the rising light. Repenting of our sins, we put away the works of darkness and dress in the armor of light.

## **Church News**

### **New Council Members**

Please welcome our newest Congregation Council members: Jon Leonard, Mark Michel, Karen Donaho, and Addison Roswech. Go to <https://www.stphilip-co.org/council-candidates/> to read short biographies on each new member.

### **Deacon Call Committee**

At the Congregational Meeting on November 22, seven people were nominated and accepted to be on the call committee to find a new Deacon for St. Philip. They are:



John Selden, Alyssa Collins, Jay Breidenbach, Jan Philpy, Jim Keller, Rebecca Near, and Pastor Brad. Thank you and God's blessings on the call process!

### **Thank You From Seeds of South Sudan**

Dear St. Philip family,

I am so deeply grateful and moved by the support from St. Philip. Thank you for recognizing the transforming power of providing an education for Mamer Bior Aleer. Mamer is a dedicated student, desiring to help effect change in his home country of South Sudan. He became an orphan and a refugee living in Kakuma Refugee Camp until he was selected for the Seeds of South Sudan program. After excelling in high school, he is beginning his second year of Law School at the University of Nairobi. The Mission Endowment grant helps support his yearly tuition of \$3,000. Thank you. There is ongoing fundraising to complete the gap.

Meanwhile, it is with joy and celebration that I share photos of Garang Manyot Giet, who graduated last week from seminary at African International University. He is one of two of our first college graduates in the SOSS program. We couldn't be prouder! St. Philip helped to support Garang and has uplifted him through prayer during his studies. I share these joyous pictures with you.

Praise God!

*Sue Counterman*

## **Volunteer Opportunities/Donations**

### **Food Bank of the Rockies**

**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 group scheduled to work on **Saturday, December 5 from 9am-noon**. If you would like to help, contact Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

### **Sponsor a Family for the Holidays!**

It's that time of year again, as we move into fall and begin to prepare for the holiday season! We are so excited to wrap up another year of serving wonderful, vibrant families and we cannot wait to show them even more support and love this year through our annual gift drive.

**To sponsor a family or provide a grocery gift card, please fill out the online sponsorship form at:** <https://forms.gle/6JifEmJAPSrC27W4A>

Once we receive a wish list that fits your specifications, that list will be sent to you via email. The wish list is a guide, and it's not required that you buy everything listed. We ask that you purchase **two (\$20-30) gifts for every child and one (\$20-\$30) gift for each adult** in the family. We also ask for a **\$25 grocery gift card** for the family to buy food for their own holiday meal. You will receive additional instructions along with the family wish list after signing up to be a sponsor. If you wish to sponsor more than one family, please indicate that on the sponsorship form! You may also choose to provide a



grocery gift card only.

Please do NOT wrap the gifts. Staff and volunteers will wrap gifts before families pick them up. If you would like to help wrap gifts or provide supplies for the wrapping party, please email Melanie Davis-Campbell at [mdavis@familypromiseofgreaterdenver.org](mailto:mdavis@familypromiseofgreaterdenver.org)!

**If you would like to help support our families through a sponsorship or gift card donation, please complete the online sponsorship form ASAP.** We will get a wish list out to you as soon as possible. We are asking for all gifts to be delivered to the Day Site by **Thursday December 3**. Please email [mdavis@familypromiseofgreaterdenver.org](mailto:mdavis@familypromiseofgreaterdenver.org) to arrange a delivery time.

### **ELCA Good Gifts**

This year has been like no other. The needs can seem overwhelming, but the ELCA Good Gifts catalog makes it easy to have a real impact. By shopping the ELCA Good Gifts catalog this Christmas, you can choose meaningful gifts in honor of loved ones while also sharing the love of Christ with those in need.

This is how it works:

- Choose a life-changing charitable gift such as a goat for a family in need, and give a donation in honor of a friend or loved one.
- Get a card. If you give online, you can print, mail, or download a card to share with your loved one at Christmas.
- Your gift goes on to make a real difference in the lives of people around the world.

Just go to [ELCA.org/goodgifts](https://ELCA.org/goodgifts) to place an order or make a donation. Thank you for your generous, faithful support of the mission and ministry our church shares.

### **Virtual Global Gift Fair**

When we reflect on things that we are grateful for, it can bring us peace. The Faith In Action Team at Atonement Lutheran has hosted The Global Fair for the past 15 years to help out some special non-profits; some local, some in different countries. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are promoting these organizations virtually.

Please consider supporting your favorite cause by ordering online. You'll need to copy and paste the website into your browser in order to place an order. (Note that Global Mamas offers a discount when you enter ATONEMENT as a code. This is because the products are cheaper when you purchase them in person.)

Go to <https://www.stphilip-co.org/virtual-global-gift-fair/> to view the brochure.

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry**

We served **178 families** last week Thursday.

Items we need:

- Granola bars
- Pork and beans
- Chili with meat
- Cereal



- Toothpaste

**We have plenty of egg cartons at this time.**

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.

## **Children, Youth & Family**

### **Virtual Christmas Performances**

Calling all youth musicians! Please help us spread holiday cheer and record yourself playing or singing your favorite Christmas song. The videos will be shared as Prelude and Postlude music during worship on **December 20** and/or background music during the Church Sanctuary Christmas Video Tour.

**Submit videos/recordings by December 11 to Kristen Celusniak at [kristen.celusniak@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.celusniak@gmail.com).**

### **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp**

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is excited to host camp this coming summer! This past summer, they were able to run half of their camp weeks and did so safely with many policies in place. Now is the time to sign up for camp at Rainbow Trail this summer. Children and youth currently in grades 1st-7th are eligible.

The camp theme this year is *Taking it Down the Mountain*. The Bible study centers on John 16:33, "I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you will face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"

We hope that all of our children and youth in grades 1-7 will be able to join us at Rainbow Trail this summer! There are several weeks campers can go to camp, but the dates St. Philip will be going as a group are as follows:

**Current 1st-2nd grade kids** will be going to Intro To Camp and will be going June 20-23.

**Current 3rd-5th grade kids** will be going to Juniors Camp and will be going June 20-26.

**Current 6th-7th grade youth** will go to Confirmation Camp and will be going the week of June 27-July 3.

**Family Camp** is also available for families with children of all ages! Family Camp is August 8-14.

For more information check out [Rainbowtrail.org](http://Rainbowtrail.org) or ask Pastor Brad.

### **Sr. High Mission Trip 2021**

Plans have been made with precautions and policies so our Senior Youth can go on a Summer Mission Trip. We will be going to Pine Ridge, SD and working alongside the Oglala Lakota Sioux tribe members on the reservation. The dates are July 18-24. Please contact Pastor Brad if you are interested.



## Events

### Seeds of South Sudan

**Seeds of South Sudan will be hosting a Conversation with Arok from the Home Base on Saturday November 28 at 10am.**

Arok has returned to Kenya for an extended stay with his family and to provide leadership for Seeds of South Sudan students during the pandemic. During this event you can see Arok and hear from some of the students that are being supported by Seeds of South Sudan donors. This will be a virtual event with Arok, Dau and Garang Zooming in. Garang Manyot Giet is the seminary student that St. Philip has helped support in his seminary studies at Africa International University. Garang has just this month graduated from AIU.

If you are interested in joining the conversation, email [byron@seedsofsouthsudan.org](mailto:byron@seedsofsouthsudan.org) and you will be sent the information to join the event.

### Light of the World Christmas Tree Sale

Light of the World Catholic Church Men's Club is hosting its 34th annual Christmas Tree Sale **November 29-December 13**. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 4:30-7:30pm; Saturday 9am-6pm; Sunday 9am-3:30pm; closed Wednesday and Thursday. All proceeds go to charity, funeral ministry, and scholarships.

Items available include Fraser, Noble, and Nordman trees; and decorated and undecorated wreaths. Special order items include grave blankets, larger wreaths, and wreath crosses. Contact Dan Tennesen at 303.828.7818 for pricing and availability before November 23.

Light of the World is located at 10316 W. Bowles Ave. The Christmas tree lot is located just south of the west church parking lot

### **Preparing for Worship - November 29, 2020**

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 1:68, 74-79**



# Our Prayer List

## Members

The family of Norma Yonker, Avis Booth, Carl & Rita Kuenne, JoAnn Breitbach, Rob Murphy

## Family Members

**Mark Counterman** (Brian Counterman's brother)

**Todd Coleman** (Dawn Collins' brother)

**Patti Nordhem** (Jerry Mydlach's sister)

**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

**Ray W.** (Roswech)

**Mike** (Henning)

**Kevin & Eileen** (Henning)

**Donna & Josh** (Rogge)

**Bob Goodnough**

**Dorothy** (Truman)

**Nancy** (former member Rita Bentley's daughter)

**Emeli Bowers** (Ermold)

**Kerry** (Mundt)

**Prayers for all those affected by and afflicted with COVID-19. Prayers for all healthcare workers and their families as they grapple with this pandemic.**

**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](mailto:aseep@stphilip-co.org) or 303.979.4491. Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*



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intentionally build relationships through Christ to  
grow and serve.”***