

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

July 21, 2021

Church News

Save the date for the St. Philip golf outing at Ravenna—
**Monday, September 20! More information and sign up
coming soon.**

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Jim & Melissa Keller in celebration of their 20th anniversary.

Sign up for altar flowers while you are here for in-person worship, or contact Angela in the church office. There can be two bouquets per Sunday, but it isn't required. The cost is \$25. You may take your flowers after the worship service. Please return the vase to church when you are finished.

Taylor White Senior Recital

Please join Taylor White and her family for her Senior Recital at St. Philip. All from St. Philip are welcome! Join us **Sunday, August 1 from 2-4pm** Reception following in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Ern White at erinwhite16@hotmail.com.

Coffee Cart Sign Up

We are in need of people to bring treats for the coffee cart. Remember, you don't have to host coffee hour if you don't want to; you can simply bring the treats! Contact Carolyn Rapp or sign up at the church next time you are here.

Women's Bible Study

Group I will begin meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in September at 9:30am at church. This group is currently at capacity. Group facilitators are Chris Youngren and Sandra Fishko.

Group II has room available for more participants. The day and time of meeting is to be decided.

If you are interested, please contact Chris Youngren at ctyoungren@gmail.com or 303.973.3096 or Juli Cooley at jhcool519@gmail.com or 303.903.9651.

Hooked on Books

Hooked on Books, a women's book group, meets at church on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. Our first book selection is *The Heirloom Garden* by V. Shipman, with discussion of the book on **Monday, September 13**. This group is currently at capacity. If you are interested in participating in another book group, please contact Sue Miller at 303.619.0661 or sue.miller50@comcast.net; or Beth Faerber at efaerber@hotmail.com or 570.574.5243.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you like to crochet or knit, would you like to participate in our Prayer Shawl Ministry? The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are

continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it on to someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person to person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of our loving God! We would meet at church with the time and day decided by the group. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact Chris Youngren at ctyoungren@gmail.com or 303.973.3096.

50th Anniversary Committee Meeting

The 50th anniversary of St. Philip is May 22, 2022 (5-22-22). We need lots of help to celebrate this great accomplishment. Our next meeting is **July 29 at 10:00am** at the church. Please gather with us to begin planning a year from now. We need ideas and thoughts about how you would like this day to look. Contact Laurie Selander at 303.518.1457 or p73101@msn.com.

We are also looking for email addresses and/or home addresses for former staff and members who might be interested in attending the 50th anniversary celebration. We would like to send them a Save the Date reminder. Contact Laurie Selander at the phone or email above with anyone from St. Philip's past you think might want to attend.

Ready, Set, School!

Ready, Set, School! is an annual Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) program that supplies eligible low-income Kindergarten-8th graders a new backpack, school supplies, and gift card for shoes. This year we had a 137% increase in the number of kids who need your help. Due to the ongoing uncertainty that the Covid-19 crisis is causing, IFCS will once again provide a Virtual Shopping experience for sponsors and donors. Roonga partners with non-profits like ours to streamline in-kind giving. Please follow the link to visit our Ready, Set, School! drive: <https://www.roonga.com/ifcsrss>.

We are also asking that donations with a suggested amount of \$25 per child be made to IFCS for providing basic food boxes filled with nutritious, shelf-stable food items for each student. <https://donorbox.org/ready-set-school-3>

Yard Workers Needed

The Property Team is in need of people willing to mow and trim at the church on Fridays starting around 8:30-9am. All are welcome and there is no need to sign up. Contact Jerry Mydlach with questions.

Grateful Threads Quilters

Grateful Threads Quilters is a group that makes quilts, following the Quilts of Valor Foundation guidelines, to honor and heal our service members and veterans touched by war. We are currently meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30am to 1:30pm at St. Philip. We are looking for people that are interested in contributing their time and talents. For more information, contact Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383 or Barb Donaho at 303.794.1796.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry

What a fantastic week we had at VBS!
75 kids

32 volunteers

And 4 amazing counselors from Rainbow Trail!

Special shout-out to the dads who prepared food for our Thursday meal!

The food was delicious and the program was heartwarming!

The kids had so much fun taking ordinary life events – music, stories, meals, showers, and putting on shoes – and connecting them to faith practices – prayer, THE story, community, forgiveness, and going out to share the message!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this week so AMAZING!

Summer Fun Events

Hey kids! Join us for some more summer fun events!

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Games, Crafts, and Fun!

Open to all kiddos age Pre-K – 4th grade

Register at the links below

Thursday July 29 – Ocean Exploration Summer Fun Day

<https://stphilip-co.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/899326>

Thursday August 5th – Outdoor Adventures Summer Fun Day!

<https://stphilip-co.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/899331>

St. Philip Early Learning Center

Enrolling for Fall

Ages 1 and walking through Prekindergarten

Please email bstrickland@stphilip-co.org or call

303-972-9774 to learn more and schedule a tour.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last week we served 113 families. We appreciate your support! Items we need:

- Jam/jelly
- Canned vegetables (no green beans)
- Canned meal soups

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.

Summer Volunteering at Sharing With Sheridan

Looking for a summer opportunity? Sharing with Sheridan needs volunteers on Thursdays to help with distribution. You can come any time after 11am and it doesn't have to be every week. For more information, contact Chris Hancock at 303.358.9238 or

c.hancock@comcast.net; or Carole Kessler at 303.238.6873 or ckess911@aol.com.

Attention Spanish Speakers

Sharing with Sheridan is looking for people with some Spanish capability to help with check-in on an occasional Thursday. High school Spanish students are welcome—it's a great way to practice! Contact Carole Kessler (ckess911@aol.com or 720.341.7333).

Volunteer at Food Bank of the Rockies

Interested in helping out Sharing with Sheridan on a Saturday? We need volunteers (adults and teens) at the Food Bank of the Rockies on **August 7 from 9am-12pm**. Sign up online at <http://sharingwithsheridan.foodbankrockies.volunteerhub.com> if you would like to help.

Events

Courtyard Concert Series at Augustana Lutheran Church

Augustana Arts is pleased to present a series of outdoor concerts in July, and we invite your members to join us outside in the courtyard under the big tent at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave. Denver, CO). The concerts will take place **July 23** featuring Boulder Brassaholics Sextet, and **July 30** featuring Gossamer Winds. All concerts begin at 7:00pm. A special treat is the option to sign up for a 10 minute massage for \$1 per minute by Enbody Works starting at 6:15pm and throughout the evening. Also, we are pleased to bring a yoga session on **July 30** starting at 6:15pm in the same courtyard. Tickets are reserved and the cost is FLEX PAY, meaning that our guests pay a ticket price that fits their budget at any price point, including free! Visit www.AugustanaArts.org to reserve a spot and we hope to see you this summer!

Help Support Seeds of South Sudan

Join us for a summer celebration at Lake Grandby, the heart of Rocky Mountain National Park, to help support Seeds of South Sudan. This is a fun-filled day for the entire family. The date is **Saturday, August 14 from 1-5pm**. To register or for more information, go to seedsofsouthsudan.org.

Paint Recycling Roundup

Denver Area Cottey Club is having a paint recycling event **Saturday, August 14 from 9am-1pm** here at St. Philip. There is no cost, although cash contributions are appreciated and will fund scholarships for women. Items accepted: latex paint (acrylic), oil paint (alkyd), stains, shellacs, lacquers, sealers, varnishes, and urethanes. Items NOT accepted: aerosol (spray) paint, paint thinner, solvents, cleaning agents, adhesives, drywall mud, roof patch, etc.



*From the
Pastor*



What a year it has been already in 2021! At St. Philip Lutheran Church, we continue to be excited for what God has in store for us this year. Because of your generosity and the generosity of our congregation, we are able to work towards accomplishing our goals and work towards our Strategic Plan. Thank you for the tithes and offerings you have given to God through St. Philip Lutheran Church, in the first half of this year! We are grateful for your generosity!

We have accomplished many things already this year! It is so good to be back in person in worship at one worship service where we are truly come together. We are grateful for the option for people to worship with us online if they are not able to come to worship. This summer, we have sent eight kids and youth to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, are currently running Vacation Bible School with 70 kids, and are sending off ten youth to Oklahoma City for a mission trip.

Our staff looks so different already as we have hired Kirsten Olshausen as our new Business Administrator, Karen Donaho as our new Bookkeeper, and Melinda Svenkerud as our new Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. We are currently making plans for a Fall Outreach Event and starting up our small group ministry, where leaders are being trained by our Excellence in Leadership team. We continue to work towards our mission statement: *At St. Philip Lutheran Church, we intentionally build relationship through Christ to grow and serve.*

Let us come together, in-person and virtually, to GATHER, SERVE and CELEBRATE!

Again, thank you for your generosity as you tithe and give your first fruits to God by supporting St. Philip Lutheran Church!

In Gratitude,
Bradley Doty, Senior Pastor

Preparing for Worship - July 25, 2021 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: II Kings 4:42-44
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

Notes from the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly April 29-May 1

written by Suzanne Peterson

Assembly Title - "The Stories We Tell"

The assembly was done via a Zoom meeting. Voting was done via Ballotclick.

The assembly offering will be divided between Betela Regional Seminary for training leaders for work in the Malagasy Church, and Four Winds American Indian Council in Denver.

The opening litany was an acknowledgment of all we had lost this past year. The ending prayer was to comfort all who mourn and help us engage in the work of breaking down barriers that divide and alienate.

All three keynote addresses were given by Dr. Edward Antonio, who stressed the need for people to work together for justice and equality. The community must seek justice, resist evil, and deconstruct dividing walls. People need the courage to teach our children to honor each person as made in God's image to help us build more equitable systems and structures for all.

The following resolutions were passed:

- The budget for 2021 and 2022 was adopted.
- The 1993 social statement Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice. The churchwide assembly will undertake a renewed social statement on creation. This is to include the role of humans as residents of an earthly home that God pronounced good.

The Fall Theological Conference will take place at Little America, Cheyenne, WY, September 20-24, 2021 in person.



Calendar of Events

(July 21-August 1, 2021)

Wednesday, July 21 Sr. Youth Mission Trip 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study 12:30p – Women’s Al-Anon Meeting (MC-4/5) 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR)	Tuesday, July 27 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 6:30p – Small Group Training (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Boy Scouts
Thursday, July 22 Sr. Youth Mission Trip 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP) 5:00p – Columbine Townhomes III (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside)	Wednesday, July 28 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study 12:30p – Women’s Al-Anon Meeting (MC-4/5)
Friday, July 23 Sr. Youth Mission Trip <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside)	Thursday, July 29 Sr. Youth Mission Trip 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP) 9:00a – Summer Fun Event (FH) 10:00a – 50th Ann. Planning Comm. (FH-1a/b) 2:00p – Clark Wedding Rehearsal (Sanc, FH) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside)
Saturday, July 24 Sr. Youth Mission Trip 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)	Friday, July 30 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 2:00p – Clark Wedding (Sanc.) 3:00p – Clark Reception (FH) 7:00p – Taylor White Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Sunday, July 25 9:00a – Worship (Sanc. & online) 10:15a – Congregation Council Mtg. (FH)	Saturday, July 31 9:00a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)
Monday, July 26 4:00p – Rocky Mountain Flute Choir (Sanc.)	Sunday, August 1 9:00a – Worship (Sanc. & online) 12:30p – Taylor White Sr. Recital (Sanc. FH)

Our Prayer List

Members

**Robert Kidder, Sandra Fishko, The Celusniak Family,
Rebecca Cooley-Wuest & Family,**

Family Members

Family of Bettie (Robert Kidder's sister)

Matt Denker (Carolyn & Gaylen Rapp's nephew)

Leah Baisley (Michael & Sandi Stevermer's great-niece)

Kailee Clough (Parker Clough's wife)

Caroline Carroll (Harriet Truman's daughter)

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp'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

Ross Nietert (Silco)

Emeli Bowers (Ermold)

Prayers for all those affected by COVID-19. Prayers for all healthcare workers and their families, and prayers for those administering the vaccine.

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.