

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 22, 2021

Church News

Deacon Call Committee Update

The Deacon call committee has met one candidate online so far and has plans to meet another in the coming days. We are pleased that we have some people interested in serving at our church. More news to come and please keep us in your prayers.

Electronic Giving From Your Phone—Important Change Coming!

Cash-free contributions are an important part of SPLC's financial support. If you like to contribute to SPLC via the MobilePlus app, **please note an important change effective September 30:** it is being replaced by **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** (downloadable from the App Store). Your credentials from the old app will work with this new tool; it should only take a few minutes to designate SPLC as the recipient organization.

VANCO, the banking service administering all our electronic contributions, explained that Mobile Plus is an older and somewhat cumbersome program that needed to be retired. This change does NOT affect anybody who has current electronic giving set up online – only folks who use their phones to send offerings to SLPC.

If you have any questions, please contact Business Administrator Kirsten Olshausen (303-979-4491, or kolshausen@stphilip-co.org). Thank you all for your support of our ministries, in whatever ways you choose to give!

Creative Caring Quilters

Autumn is upon us and it is time to begin meeting again to sew for others! **Our group meets the fourth Saturday of each month from 9am -12pm. Our first meeting will be September 25.**

Our first project will be for each of us to sew a placemat for the Meals on Wheels organization. They want to give each client their own personal placemat starting in November. I have some placemat patterns and directions and hopefully you can accomplish most of it if not all of it during our morning time.

We have a quilt top to tie and squares to cut for Lutheran World Relief and/or for the Linus Project that provides quilts for sick and traumatized children. Our mini tip for sewing will be how to select fabrics using the color wheel based on the book, Color Mastery.

Please feel free to bring a sewing/quilting "Show N Tell" for the rest of us to admire. Coffee and treats will be available. All women and teenagers are welcome to participate. Stitching soothes the soul and so does social contact!

If you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask for everyone's protection. Thank you.

50th Anniversary Committee News

The 50th Anniversary Committee is looking for St. Philip photos and memories from across the years. Baptisms, Halloween parties, pancake dinners - any events you attended or threw at St. Philip, or even any stories you would like to tell. We want to hear and see them all! You can email photos and stories to **office@stphilip-co.org**. If you need help scanning pictures, contact Angela in the office.

If you didn't turn in your question card, please put it in the basket this Sunday. You will get a new question card on Sunday, so please turn that one in by putting it in the basket at the back of the church. If you are responding online, please answer our question from last week; If you were in charge of the 50th celebration, what would you like to see there? And this week's question is: What brought you to St. Philip in the very beginning of your journey here? We are looking for ideas to celebrate on May 2, 2022. Please send responses to office@stphilip-co.org.

Remember that our first bake sale will be **October 3** in the Narthex. Please bring cash or check as it saves us money not to accept credit cards. Thank you for participating in our fundraiser for 5/22/22. Every dollar we raise is matched by Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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.

Church Groups - Ongoing

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Men's Wednesday morning Bible study will meet **Wednesday, September 29 at 9:30am** at church. After September, we go back to the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays (October 13 and 27)** We will use "An Introduction to Luther's Small Catechism" taught by Dr. James Nestingen, professor emeritus of Church History at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. All men are welcome to come and join us. Bring your Luther's Small Catechism if you have one.

Tuesday Night Bible Study Returns!

The 2021/2022 session of Tuesday Night Bible Study will be studying the book *The Jewish Gospel of John: Discovering Jesus, King of all Israel*. The book is part of Jewish Studies for Christians by Dr. Eli Lizorkin-Eysenberg. This is a tremendous opportunity to examine the fourth Gospel, a verse-by-verse interpretation as if it was written for the first century people of Israel. Please join us for this fascinating study of our Gospel. We will meet at the Selander home Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm. (6338 S. Harlan Way Littleton) The text is available from Amazon. Contact Paul Selander for details and any questions at 303.241.0321.

Monday Women's Bible Study meets at church from 10:00 to 11:30am on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Juli Cooley at 303.903.9651 or jhcool519@gmail.com; or Jan Philpy at 317.709.5044 or gjphilpy@gmail.com.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets at church from 9:30 to 11:00am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in MC-1. For more info, contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 or ctyoungren@gmail.com; or Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383.

St Philip Women's Book Group, "Hooked on Books," meets at church the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30am. For more information, contact Sue Miller at 303.619.0661 or Beth Faerber at 303.953.9745.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last week we served 102 families. We appreciate your support! Items we need:

- Jam/jelly
- Pasta sauce
- Dry beans

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.

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 October 2 from 9am-12pm. Sign up online at <http://sharingwithsheridan.foodbankrockies.volunteerhub.com> if you would like to help.

Volunteering at Sharing with Sheridan

Looking for a volunteer 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).

Events

Security Central Shredathon & Electronics Recycling

As part of their Customer Care Day, our security company, Security Central, is hosting a Shredathon and electronics recycling event **Saturday, September 25 from 9am-noon**. (67 Inverness Dr. East, Unit B Englewood) Funds raised will go to Denver Rescue Mission.

XpresShred will have shredder trucks on site to destroy personal documents, and 3R Technology Solutions will be collecting personal electronics for safe, secure, environmentally-friendly recycling.

Please limit your paper and electronic items to what can fit in a personal passenger vehicle, SUV, or pickup truck.

This annual event is also a fundraiser for the Denver Rescue Mission to impact homelessness and addiction in our community. Financial donations to DRM will be collected via cash, check, or credit card.

Due to the cost of mandated environmental processing of TV's, a minimum donation of \$15 to Denver Rescue Mission is required for recycling of computer monitors and TV's up to 31" and \$25 for each T.V. 32" or larger.

Please note there are certain materials we cannot accept for recycling:

Acceptable Items:

Most Consumer Electronics Computers, Printers, etc.

TV's/Monitors (up to 31") - \$15 Donation Req'd

TV's/Monitors (32"+) - \$25 Donation Req'd

Non-Acceptable Items:

Liquids (Paint, Thinners, etc.)

Radioactive or BioHazard Materials

Large Appliances (Refrigerators, Washers/Dryers)

Furniture or Mattresses

Stratus Chamber Orchestra Concert

Join Stratus Chamber Orchestra for a unique and enlightening performance on **October 1 & 2** "A Spectrum of Rising Artists" Enjoy \$10 off all ticket levels at check-out with code: ELCA10.

Imagine how dull and colorless our world would be without the wonder of music. In each and every era, composers have stretched their imaginations to try something new. Join Stratus Chamber Orchestra to experience a spectrum of works from rising artists spanning over the last two centuries, featuring a colorful light projection that will illuminate the concert space. In addition to the music and light projection, enjoy performances and compositions from up-and-coming artists, most of whom are local! Both concerts will feature trumpeter Aaron Olson, conductor Sheila Melendez Ayala, and harpsichordist Wesley Leffingwell. Also, enjoy a meet-and-greet on **October 2** with composer Max Wolpert, whose music you will hear during the concert. You won't want to miss this complete spectrum experience that appeals to all the senses!

This concert will take place on **October 1** at First Plymouth Congregational Church, and on **October 2** at Augustana Lutheran Church, both begin at 7:30pm. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org for tickets and use promo code **ELCA10** for \$10 OFF all ticket levels!

Rainbow Trail's Grace Race

Do you enjoy walking or running? Join the St. Philip team participating in Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp's Grace Race around Sloan's Lake. This 5K is on **Saturday, October 2 at 4:00pm**. All proceeds and donations go to support ELCA World Hunger.

The entry fee is \$30 until 4:30 pm on September 24 and \$35 after that date. You can register for the race after that date and even on the day of the race; however they can't guarantee you'll get one of the cool long sleeve tech shirts from the race after September 24th.

You don't have to be a runner to make a difference. We had parents with baby strollers, grandparents with grandkids, and runners and walkers of all types last year. Come join us for a great afternoon in the park for a great cause.

Go to <http://www.rainbowtrail.org/special-events/the-grace-race-5k/> for more information and to register.

2021 Foothills CROP Hunger Walk

The 33rd Foothills CROP Hunger Walk is planned for **September 26** at Clement Park Johnson Reservoir in Littleton. 100% of all funds raised go directly to fighting hunger and food insecurity both locally and globally. A quarter of the funds raised support the local work of The Action Center, Community Table, Love INC of Littleton, and Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry. The remainder of the funds support the global work of CWS, which works in more than 30 countries worldwide to empower local communities.

Register and donate at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/foothillsco>.

Like and follow Foothills CROP Hunger Walk on Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram.

Financial Statistics

As of the end of August 2021:

SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	655,819	719,138	(63,319)
Expenses	656,881	729,738	72,857
	(1,062)	(10,600)	9,538

SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	184,972	211,572	(26,600)
Expenses	214,371	213,939	-432
	(29,399)	(2,367)	(27,032)

SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	470,847	507,566	(36,719)
Expenses	442,510	515,799	73,289
	28,337	(8,233)	36,570

Contributions

(General Fund)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
YTD Actual	389,004	431,775
YTD Budgeted	466,664	
	(77,660)	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
YTD Actual	\$2,369	\$2,538

Our Prayer List

Members

Jack Dice

Family Members

Jim & Marilyn Kramer (Lora Stevens' parents) nephew)
Dick Wander (Lyle & Kathy Gillett's brother-in-law) **Caroline Carroll** (Harriet Truman's daughter)
Lisa Otto (Karen Otto's niece) **Fawn Kemp** (Larry Kemp's daughter)
Matt Denker (Carolyn & Gaylen Rapp's) **Erika Kuenne** (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

Friends

Family & friends of Kari Kelly (Otto)
Scott (Reed)
Eric Scott & family (Seep)
Emeli Bowers (Ermold)

Prayers for everyone affected by Covid; for those who lost loved ones, struggle with recovery, and live with the after effects.

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.

Preparing for Worship - September 26, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Second Reading: James 5:13-20
Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Calendar of Events

(September 22-October 3, 2021)

Wednesday, September 22 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th grade) 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group (YR)	Tuesday, September 28 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH)
Thursday, September 23 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 2:30p – Johnson Memorial Service (Sanc. & FH) 5:00p – Columbine Townhouses (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Wednesday, September 29 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 6:00p – Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th grade) 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group (YR)
Friday, September 24 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 9:00a – Rocky Mountain Flute Choir	Thursday, September 30 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday, September 25 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Serenity’s Child AA (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)	Friday, October 1 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 9:00a – Rocky Mountain Flute Choir 9:30a – ELC Teacher In-service (no school)
Sunday, September 26 9:00a – Worship (in-person & online) 10:15a – Adult Education (MC-4/5) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Council Meeting (FH) 6:00p – New Member Class (FH)	Saturday, October 2 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)
Monday, September 27 No activities scheduled	Sunday, October 3 9:00a – Worship (in-person & online) 10:15a – Adult Education (MC-4/5) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 6:00p – New Member Class (FH)



***“At St. Philip Lutheran Church we
intentionally build relationships through Christ to
grow and serve.”***

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