

St. Philip Lutheran Church

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Dear Members and Friends of St. Philip,

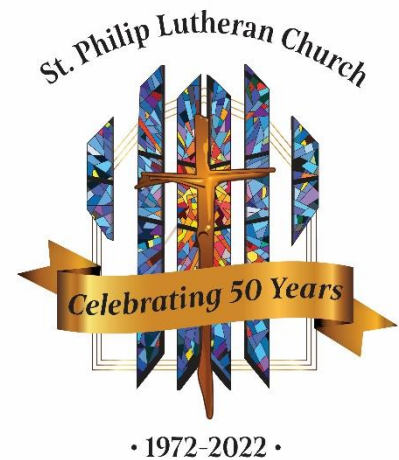
This next year is going to be exciting and special at St. Philip Lutheran Church as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary! St. Philip officially became a church of the Lutheran Church of America, now Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, on May 21, 1972 . Fifty years later, on May 22, 2022, we will be celebrating the ministry of St. Philip, the mission God has done through St. Philip, praise God for God's blessings these past 50 years and ask God's blessings as we continue to do God's work here in Littleton.

At this celebration, we will be celebrating YOU! For you are the church, you are St. Philip, and God has been working in and through you, here at St. Philip Lutheran Church. You have been a blessing and you have blessed so many by being part of this congregation – thank you!

As we look forward to the future and what God is calling us to this next year and for the next 50 years, we pray for God's wisdom and guidance. We are now in the second year of our Strategic Plan with our mission statement, "At St. Philip Lutheran Church, we intentionally build relationships through Christ to grow and serve." One of the focus areas this last year was staffing our church, to fulfill our strategic plan. We started the year with five hiring committees to fill open positions from those who retired or moved on. We have filled three of those positions and hope to fill the other two by the end of the 2021. These staff members will help to lead our congregation in the work God has called us to.

In 2022, we are excited to resume even more ministries, hoping to leave COVID-19 behind us. We are excited to begin hosting a diaper ministry at our church, working with Love INC to provide diapers for those who are unable to afford them. Evangelism and outreach to our community is an important goal we have for this next year, as we spread God's word to grow faith and foster a caring and supporting community. We will support and encourage our youth as they attend the ELCA Youth Gathering, in Minneapolis, MN, to grow in their faith, serve God and create community. Furthermore, we seek to provide more opportunity for our congregation to grow in their faith, deepen and strengthen their relationships with God and others, which leads us to serving God and others.

We pray that you will commit yourself to joining us during this exciting time, and join us on this journey! We ask that you continue and consider expanding your financial support of St. Philip Lutheran Church and consider making a statement of intent for 2022. Your giving (tithe) is a spiritual practice and we encourage you to pray about it and talk to God about your giving to St. Philip Lutheran Church.



As you consider your financial contribution for 2022, we invite you to read the 2022 Stewardship Appeal brochure to learn more about the exciting things coming up at St. Philip this next year. When you give an offering to St. Philip Lutheran Church, you are helping your church to fulfill its mission! Think of the impact you are making on all of the people who are touched by St. Philip Lutheran Church: our children, youth, adults, our neighbors, the community of Sheridan, our country and people around the world!

Your generosity makes an enormous difference. Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. Philip Lutheran Church.

We are asking everyone at St. Philip Lutheran Church to fill out a paper or electronic statement of intent card. Commitment Sunday is October 24th where we are inviting you to bring your statement of intent card to worship, to offer it to God. If you are unable to be here on the 24th, feel free to mail it or bring it to the church office. You are also able to submit a statement of intent on our website at www.stphilip-co.org/stewardship.

Finally, have you heard you can give to St. Philip through electronic giving? The easiest way to give is by setting up your giving to be done automatically on a monthly or weekly schedule. Some like the spiritual practice of physically giving in the offering plate. Others, like me, enjoy the simplicity of setting up the automatic giving and knowing you are supporting your church regularly without having to remember cash or a check.

If you would like to set up automatic giving, go to <https://www.stphilip-co.org/giving/>. If you have any questions regarding stewardship or your giving, please contact me or Kirsten, our Business Administrator, in the church office at 303-979-4491.

Again, thank you for your generosity, for supporting St. Philip Lutheran Church and the ministry God has called us to.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reverend Bradley Doty". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pastor Brad Doty
Senior Pastor