

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 17, 2021



## Worship News

### Upcoming Services

#### **Sunday, November 21—Christ the King Sunday**

We will also have our All Congregation Meeting after the service.

#### **Wednesday, November 24—Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30pm**

Please join us after the service for our pie social in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Sunday, November 28—First Sunday of Advent**

### Altar Flowers

*Flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Amy Rahne in gratitude for the St. Philip community, and by Diane Bracken in thanks to God for his many blessings.*

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.

## Church News

***The church office will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.***

### All Congregational Meeting

You are invited to attend St. Philip's November Congregational Meeting - either live-streamed or in person - on **Sunday, November 21 at 10am**. If you attend worship at 9am, either in person or on Zoom, you may stay after the service ends for the meeting. We will be voting on the 2022 Budget, new council members, Endowment Committee nominees, and Synod Assembly Nominees. We will also be voting on calling Korra Looschen as Deacon for St. Philip.

### Advent Readers Needed

We are looking for people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath on Sunday mornings during December and at each service on Christmas Eve (1, 3, 5, and 7 pm). We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, groups of singles, college kids on break. Contact Jan Philpy at 317.709.5045 or gjphilpy@gmail.com.

### Christmas Poinsettias

Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Pick up a white card at one of the services, fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate; or contact Angela in the church office.

### Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

It's back! After our Thanksgiving Eve worship service (**Nov. 24@ 6:30pm**), where we give thanks to God for his many blessings to us, we move to our fellowship hall for a

pie social. It is a great fellowship event for our congregation.

Bake a pie or buy a pie and bring it, cut and ready to share. Even if you do not bring a pie, you are welcome to join us for this wonderful time of sharing. "Let us give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!"

### **Sidewalk Shoveling Ministry**

While we have been enjoying many beautiful Fall days, we do know that Winter is coming soon. That means SNOW, of course. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to be at church on snowy mornings to help shovel sidewalks. (To be here Sundays at 7:00 am, weekdays at 7:30 am when school is in session.) The office is currently putting together a rotating schedule of folks who'd be "on standby" for the months of November through April, a week at a time.

We contract with a company for clearing the parking lot, but need willing hands to provide safe access for churchgoers on Sunday, and for ELC parents, teachers and kids on weekdays.

Contact Business Administrator Kirsten Olshausen ([kolshausen@stphilip-co.org](mailto:kolshausen@stphilip-co.org), or 303-979-4491, ext. 102) if you can help. Please indicate if there are particular days or time spans you are NOT available. Thank you!

### **Creative Caring Quilters**

The Creative, Caring Quilters will meet **Saturday, November 27 from 9am to 12pm**. We will have a short devotion followed by a mini lesson on how to apply real photos to your quilts by Monica Auch. We have quilts in need of tying, binding and sewing together. All are welcome to enjoy some coffee, a scone and each other's company.

Our quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief and The Linus Project for traumatized and ill children. If you have 100% cotton and flannel sitting around unused, please consider dropping it off in the tote by the storage closet in room FH-2. Stitching is good for the soul and so are warm blankets!

### **50th Anniversary Committee News**

If you would like to purchase a St. Philip 5th Anniversary Christmas ornament, you may do so at the church office. The cost is \$10 and all proceeds will go to the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.

The committee is still looking for addresses of people who you think would like to attend our 50th celebration. We will be sending out postcards, emails, texts, and messages on Facebook. Please help us reach out to people who helped us get to our 50th celebration on 5-22-22. You can send the information to the church office at [office@stphilip-co.org](mailto:office@stphilip-co.org).

### **Bags of Leaves**

The Property Team has raked up the leaves on our property and now there are bags and bags of leaves out by the shed. You are welcome to come take a bag or two (or three!) for mulch.

### **Key Keeper Needed**

The church office is looking for one or two people willing to be key keepers starting in 2022. We have a dedicated team, but we would like to add to it. Duties include stopping by the church every night of your assigned week to make sure everything is

locked up, the lights are out, windows are closed, there is no running water, etc. If you are interested, contact Angela in the church office.

### **A Christmas Weekend at St. Philip**

Join us on **Saturday, December 4 at 7pm** for "Holiday Hits," featuring music by Bryan Chuan, Eric French, Coreen Wells, Kristen Celusniak, Sara Wise, Brian Counterman, and The Altaira Flute Ensemble. The concert is free, with all goodwill offerings going to the 50th Anniversary committee. After the concert there will be cookies with Santa! Bring everyone you know!

Then, on **Sunday, December 5, join us at 9am for worship** as our children and youth present their Christmas pageant "Do You Hear What I Hear."

### **Ken Caryl Concert Christmas Cookies**

Please bake your favorite Christmas cookie(s) and wrap in individual packages (4-6 per baggie) to be distributed by Santa and his elves at our "Holiday Hits" concert on **December 4**. Cookies may be dropped off in the church kitchen the week leading up to the concert. Contact Laurie Selander with any questions - 303.518.1457.

## **Church Groups - Ongoing**

### **Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

The Men's Wednesday morning Bible study meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month**. 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](mailto:jhcool519@gmail.com); or Jan Philpy at 317.709.5044 or [gjphilpy@gmail.com](mailto:gjphilpy@gmail.com).

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

**St Philip Women's Book Group**, "Hooked on Books," meets at church the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 108 families. We appreciate your support! Items we need:

- Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Dry beans
- Mac & cheese
- Diced tomatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Cornbread or turkey stuffing
- Egg cartons

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.

### **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](mailto:c.hancock@comcast.net).

### **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 **December 4 from 9am-12pm**. Sign up online at <http://sharingwithsheridan.foodbankrockies.volunteerhub.com> if you would like to help.

## **Events**

### **Scottish Fiddle Club of Colorado's Fall Concert**

The pleasure of your company is requested at the Scottish Fiddle Club of Colorado's Fall Concert! We are back; now in our 12<sup>th</sup> year!

**WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2021**

**WHERE: St. Philip Lutheran Church**

**TIME: 2:00pm**

**COST: FREE**

Come enjoy the fiddle, dance and vocal music of Scotland, Ireland and America performed by some of the best professional, amateur and student fiddlers in Colorado.

Please direct any questions to Ken McIntosh at [kenmcintosh@idcomm.com](mailto:kenmcintosh@idcomm.com) or 303.234.0469.

## **Stewardship Campaign Update**

In early October all active SPLC households were mailed a packet containing a stewardship letter from Pastor Brad and a Statement of Intent card for 2022. As of this writing, we have received 81 responses. Thank you to all who took the time to fill out their paper statement or the online form. We are very grateful for the commitments totaling \$313,874 as of November 16, 2021!

If you haven't had a chance yet, it is not too late to submit your Statement of Intent. Extra cards are available in the Narthex; you can also find the online form on our website, at [www.stphilip-co.org/stewardship](http://www.stphilip-co.org/stewardship), or simply email your intentions to Kirsten.

Letting us know what you intend to contribute to the General Fund in 2022 will be extremely helpful for the Church Council and Finance Committee as they plan for the coming year. (While commitments to the foodbank and other designations are appreciated, the payment of basic operational costs such as utilities, salaries and insurance are the foundation of everything else.)

Again, thank you! Your financial support makes the many ministries of SPLC possible.

<b>Preparing for Worship - November 21, 2021</b> <b>Christ the King Sunday</b>
<b>First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</b>
<b>Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8</b>
<b>Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37</b>

## **Financial Statistics**

### **As of the end of October 2021:**

SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	836,132	897,720	(61,588)
Expenses	829,973	908,836	78,863
	6,159	(11,116)	17,275

SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	266,148	264,464	1,684
Expenses	283,293	266,291	-17,002
	(17,145)	(1,827)	(15,318)

SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	569,984	633,256	(63,272)
Expenses	546,680	642,545	95,865
	23,304	(9,289)	32,593

### **Contributions**

(General Fund)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
YTD Actual	479,102	522,895
YTD Budgeted	583,330	
	(104,228)	

### **ELCA World Hunger**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
YTD Actual	\$3,007	\$3,218

# Calendar of Events

## (November 17-28, 2021)

<b>Wednesday, November 17</b> 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – Sr. Youth Group (YR)	<b>Tuesday, November 23</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH)
<b>Thursday, November 18</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 1:30p – Picture Party (FH-1a/b) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Wednesday, November 24</b> 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) <b>6:30p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc.)</b> 7:30p – Pie Social (FH, Kitchen)
<b>Friday, November 19</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside) 9:00a – Rocky Mountain Flute Ensemble 6:00p – Scottish Fiddle Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Littleton Gem and Mineral (FH)	<b>Thursday, November 25</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> No activities scheduled
<b>Saturday, November 20</b> 10:00a – 50th Anniversary Committee (FS) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5) 2:00p – Scottish Fiddle Club Concert (Sanc.)	<b>Friday, November 26</b> <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator (outside)
<b>Sunday, November 21</b> <b>9:00a – Worship (in-person &amp; online);</b> 10:15a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH)	<b>Saturday, November 27</b> 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Serenity's Child Al-Anon (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)
<b>Monday, November 22</b> No activities scheduled	<b>Sunday, November 28</b> <b>9:00a – Worship (in-person &amp; online);</b> 10:15a – Adult Education (MC-4/5) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 11:15a – Council Meeting (FH)

# Our Prayer List

## Members

Joel Sigdestad, The family & friends of John Collins, Paul Stortz,  
Jack Dice, Dianne Mydlach

## Family Members

Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)  
Dr. Thomas Flatley (Tom Flatley's father)  
Caroline Carroll (Harriet Truman's daughter)  
Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)  
Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)

## Friends

Joline Sliger (Stevermer)  
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.

