

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 24, 2021

Worship News



Upcoming Services

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

Church News

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

Midweek Advent Worship and Potluck

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us on Wednesdays at **11:30am in the Sanctuary on December 1, 8 and 15**. These worship services will be a time of reflection, prayer and song as we reflect on Christmas and its meaning. The first week of Advent we will be moving towards the center as we reflect on our lives, the things we carry and on letting go. The second week, December 8, we will spend time in the center, a still, calm and quiet place where we are able to be in the presence of God. The third week, December 15, we will move back to the outside, reflecting on the blessings of God and the hope we have in Jesus. We hope you will join us for these spiritual services as we reflect and experience God.

Following each service, we will move to the Ministry Center for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and join in the fellowship as we eat together.

Christmas Card Display

December is the time many people send Christmas and greeting cards to family and friends. This year at St. Philip we invite you to share your Christmas card or photo card with the congregation! We will be creating a Christmas Card Wall in the Narthex (area/lobby outside of the sanctuary) with the cards/pictures we receive from the congregation. We invite you to bring in your card/picture and put it on the wall or send it to the church office and we will put it up for you!

Help Decorate for Christmas!

Everyone is invited to help decorate the church along with the youth on **December 1 at 7pm**. We will put up the sanctuary tree, a foyer tree, and all the other Christmas decorations. Come join in the fun!

Advent Readers Needed

We are looking for people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath on **Sunday, December 12 and 19, and Christmas Eve at the 5 and 7 pm services**. 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.

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, 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.

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; 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 125 families. We appreciate your support! Distribution for this week happened yesterday (Nov. 23) because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday. Items we need for next week:

- Dry pinto beans
- Canned pasta & chili
- Jelly

- Dry macaroni & cheese
- Canned chicken
- Canned corn

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.

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.

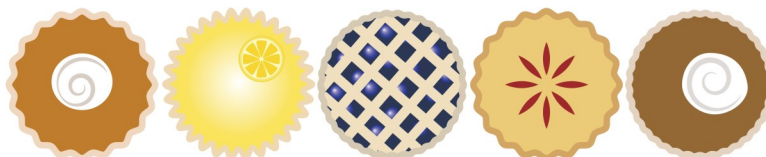
Stewardship Campaign Update

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 85 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 \$327,174 as of November 23, 2021!

It is not too late to submit your Statement of Intent. Extra cards are available in the Narthex; you can also find the on-line form on our website, at www.stphilip-co.org/stewardship, or simply email your intentions to Kirsten at kolshausen@stphilip-co.org.

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 your commitments to Sharing with Sheridan 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.





Preparing for Worship - November 24, 2021 Thanksgiving Eve

First Reading: Joel 2:21-27

Second Reading: I Timothy 2:1-7
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Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33
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Preparing for Worship - November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Our Prayer List

Members

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

Carolyn Gowen (Kemp)
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.



Calendar of Events

(November 24-December 5, 2021)

Wednesday, November 24 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 6:30p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc.) 7:30p – Pie Social (FH, Kitchen)	Tuesday, November 30 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – Columbine Hills Civic Assn. (MC-1) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH)
Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> No activities scheduled	Wednesday, December 1 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) 11:30a – Advent Worship (Sanc.) 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 5:15p – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanc.) 6:00p – Dinner & Christmas Decorating (FH, Sanc., Kitchen)
Friday, November 26 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator	Thursday, December 2 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Girl Scouts (FH-1a/b) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday, November 27 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Serenity's Child Al-Anon (MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)	Friday, December 3 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:00a – Rocky Mountain Flute Ensemble
Sunday, November 28 9:00a – Worship (in-person & online) 10:15a – Adult Education (MC-4/5) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH)	Saturday, December 4 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5) 4:00p – Ken Caryl Concert "Holiday Hits" (Sanc.)
Monday, November 29 No activities scheduled	Sunday, December 5 9:00a – Worship; Children's Christmas Program (Sanc.) 10:15a – Adult Education (MC-4/5) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH)

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

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