

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 22, 2021

***The church office will be closed Dec. 27, 30, and 31.
The office will have limited hours of operation on Dec. 28 & 29.***

Worship News

Celebrating Christmas Through the Centuries on the Organ

Our organist Bryan Chuan has chosen an array of music celebrating Christmas that highlights the versatility and evolution of the organ through the centuries.

Christmas Eve: Music for the young and giving thanks

The **1 and 3 pm** services will feature music for the youth and young at heart. Norberto Guinaldo is currently the organist at Garden Grove United Methodist Church in California, and he wrote settings of Spanish villancicos (carols) for organ. Here is a recording of an early villancico: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JthZskazxKo>.

The **5 and 7 pm** services will feature music by the two titans of early 20th century German organ music, Siegfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933) and Max Reger (1873-1916). These composers are known for their extremely complex writing, but they were also capable of writing shorter and lighter works suitable for services. Adestes Fideles from Cathedral Windows by Karg-Elert ingeniously hides the tune of "O Come All Ye Faithful" amid shepherds pipes, and Dankpsalm by Max Reger sets two hymns that recognize the omnipotence of God.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

This year on **Christmas Eve** we will have four worship services here at St. Philip. Services at **1pm and 3pm** will be more family-oriented and involve the children in attendance. Services at **5pm and 7pm** will be more traditional, with choir, bells, and instrumentalists providing the music. We will livestream the 3pm and 5pm services. A Zoom link will be posted closer to Christmas Eve. Come worship with us as we celebrate our Savior's birth!

Church News

2021 Contributions

If you are planning to mail a contribution to SPLC that you want to have counted toward your 2021 giving record, please take note of the following requirements: Per IRS rules it needs to either be postmarked no later than 12/31/21, or be received in our office by **Wednesday, December 29**. We will have limited office hours in the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Should you chose to make an online contribution, it is recommended that you enter it by **December 29** to allow for sufficient processing time before the new year.

Thank you for your generosity!



From the Personnel Committee --Church Staff Christmas Gift Collection

We are continuing the tradition of celebrating and thanking our staff as we rejoice in the coming Christmas and the end of another year. If you would like to contribute to the staff Christmas gift, you may do so online at <http://www.stphilip-co.org> under the 'Giving' tab (Staff Christmas Gift). You may also send checks to the church (7531 S Kendall Blvd Littleton, CO 80128) or include them in the Sunday offering plate (note Staff Christmas Gift on the check). The gifts will be distributed to the staff in January. Thank you!

Christmas Blessings,

Heather Varnell

Personnel Committee Chairperson

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!

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.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last week we served 112 families. We appreciate your support!

Items we need for next week:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned chicken
- Mac & cheese

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 from 2-5pm to help with distribution. For more information, contact Chris Hancock at 303.358.9238 or c.hancock@comcast.net.

For one week only, there is a volunteer opportunity for individuals or families to sort donated food on **Wednesday, December 29** in the afternoon. If you are interested, contact Jan Philpy for details (gjphilpy@gmail.com or 317.709.5045).

Bible Studies and Book Groups

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.

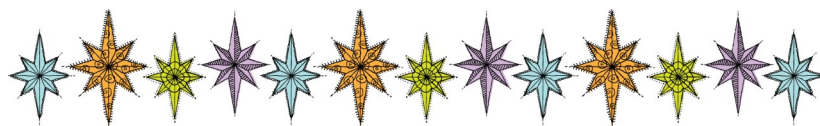
Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets at church from 9:30 to 11:00am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in MC-1. For more info, contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 or ctyoungren@gmail.com; or Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383.

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.

Events

A Night in Vienna - New Year's Eve Concert

Our very own Kristen Celusniak will be performing on New Year's Eve with the Littleton Symphony for a Night in Vienna followed by a reception. The concert takes place **Friday, December 31 at 6:30pm** at Littleton United Methodist Church (5894 S. Datura St.). Tickets can be purchased on the Littleton Symphony website, littletonsymphony.org.



Financial Statistics

As of the end of November 2021:

SPLC combined with SPELC	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	925,241	986,762	(61,521)
Expenses	913,121	997,610	84,489
	12,120	(10,848)	22,968

SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	301,779	290,911	10,868
Expenses	316,224	292,467	-23,757
	(14,445)	(1,556)	(12,889)

SPLC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	623,462	695,851	(72,389)
Expenses	596,897	705,143	108,246
	26,565	(9,292)	35,857

Contributions

(General Fund)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
YTD Actual	528,703	566,025
YTD Budgeted	641,663	
	(112,960)	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
YTD Actual	\$3,007	\$3,518

Preparing for Worship - December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Worship Servants for Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2021		
	1:00pm	3:00pm
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer	Anne Krause
Ushers	Bill Colbenson, Gaylen Rapp	Chris White
Sacrament Servant	Sandi Stevermer	
A-V Sound & Slides	Beth Mielke	

	5:00pm	7:00pm
Assisting Minister	Anne Casson	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Beth Clough	
Ushers	Andy Osborne, Mark Morse	Tim Young
Sacrament Servant	Sandi Stevermer	
A-V Sound & Slides	John Wall	

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 26, 2021	
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen
Lector	Jan Philpy
Communion Deacons	Gary & Jan Philpy
Sacrament Servants	Carole Kessler, Nancy Schell
Ushers	Brian Lamb, Andy Osborne
A-V Sound & Slides	TBD
Coffee Cart	Carolyn Rapp, Dori Hammer, Butch Stuart
Key Keeper	Week beginning 12/26: Gaylen Rapp



Preparing for Worship - December 26, 2021 First Sunday of Christmas
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

Calendar of Events

(December 22, 2021 - January 2, 2022)

Wednesday, December 22 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Watercolor Group (MC-3) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-4/5)	Tuesday, December 28 <i>Church office open limited hours</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 5:30p – Camp Gladiator
Thursday, December 23 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:00p – Columbine Townhouses III (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator	Wednesday, December 29 <i>Church office open limited hours</i>
Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 1:00p – Christmas Eve Worship 3:00p – Christmas Eve Worship 5:00p – Christmas Eve Worship 7:00p – Christmas Eve Worship	Thursday, December 30 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator
Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)	Friday, December 31 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:00a – Rocky Mountain Flute Ensemble
Sunday, December 26 9:00a – Worship	Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-4/5)
Monday, December 27 <i>Church office closed</i>	Sunday, January 2 9:00a – Worship



Our Prayer List

Members

Lora Stevens & family, Ed Belford, Paul Stortz, Jack Dice, Dianne Mydlach

Family Members

MaryAnn (Marc Roswech's cousin)

The family of Marilyn Kramer (Lora Stevens' mother)

Sofie Cann (Sandi & Michael Stevermer's great-niece)

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

Meg Propes (Casson)

Marilyn & Pete Peterson (Hattestad)

Mike Lutkin (Stevermer)

Randy (Otto)

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 all medical workers.

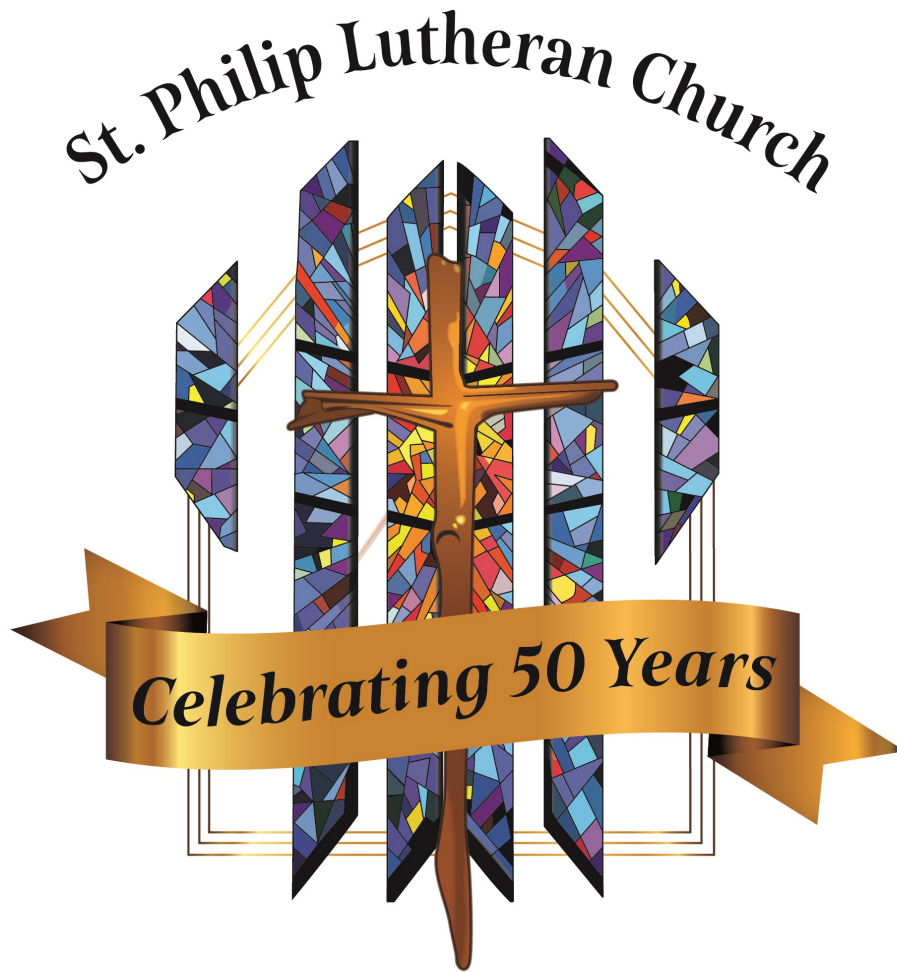
Prayers for the students supported through the Seeds of South Sudan.

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.





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

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