

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 23, 2022



Worship News

Upcoming Services

Wednesday, November 23—Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:00pm

Join us for our traditional pie social in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Bring a pie to share!

Sunday, November 27—First Sunday of Advent

Blessing of College Care Packages

Wednesday, November 30—First Midweek Advent Service at 11:30am in Sanctuary Potluck lunch following service in MC-4/5

Sunday, December 4—*Please make plans to attend the Congregational Meeting after worship.*

Sunday, December 11—Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18—Christmas Cantata

Midweek Advent Service: Be Born in Us Today

Advent is upon us! This Sunday begins our season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ. Each Wednesday we will have a midweek Advent service starting at **11:30am in the Sanctuary**. Our theme for these services is "Be Born in Us Today". In this Advent series we are reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. Christ enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us. We are changed by his presence within us as we become more and more like him in the living of our lives.

Join us for our first Wednesday service on **November 30** as we focus on the theme **Be Born in Us Today: Bringing Blessing**. In this service we will recall that God promised Abraham an offspring from his line who would bring blessing to all. That offspring was Jesus, and he is born in us today.

Following the service we will have a potluck lunch. Bring an item to share and join us in the Ministry Center (MC) 4/5 for lunch and fellowship.

Christmas Eve Readers Wanted

We are looking for people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath at services on **Christmas Eve (3pm, 5pm, 7pm)**. We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, groups of singles, whomever! Contact Jan Philpy to volunteer or ask questions. (gjphilpy@gmail.com)

Altar Flowers

Sign up for altar flowers for **December** while you are here for in-person worship. There can be two bouquets per Sunday, but it isn't required. The cost is \$25 and you can take your flowers home after the worship service. Please return the vase to church when you are finished.



Church News

Video Advent Calendar

We all are familiar with the Advent Calendar where you get to open the window or the box and receive whatever is in it. This year pastors and leaders from the Rocky Mountain Synod, including Pastor Brad, created an Advent Calendar Video Devotion. During each day of Advent, beginning with "DAY 1" on **November 27**, you are invited to reflect on a word of the day for Advent and watch a video reflection from spiritual leaders across the Rocky Mountain Synod. Visit the calendar each day of Advent by going to **rmselfca.org/advent**.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 4 @ 10:15am

Our next Congregational Meeting is on **Sunday, December 4 at 10:15am**. We invite you to join us to hear a financial report, discuss and vote on the 2023 budget, elect Synod Assembly representatives, elect Endowment Committee members and hear what is going on at St. Philip. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and livestreamed on Zoom at the Worship at Home zoom link. Pick up copies of the agenda, summary budget and full budget in the Narthex.

Adult Forums with Deacon Korra - Partnering with a Purpose

Each week we will have a representative from a different non-profit agency share about how they are making a positive difference to help others in our community. Based on the agency's needs to serve others, we can discern and discuss how we might be able to partner with them. **This Sunday, hear from Habitat for Humanity and the Holy Hammers ministry.** Holy Hammers is a program that includes 10 Lutheran congregations that partner with Habitat for affordable housing. See the schedule below to learn who will be coming in the future.

- **Dec. 11**-Severe Weather Shelter
- **Dec. 18**-Mosaic

College Outreach Looking for Team Members

The College Outreach Ministry is looking for a few additional people to join our team. It is a small but very worthwhile commitment. We meet twice a year for one hour to pack the boxes. We could also use help with inventory that we store at church (twice a year), sending birthday and graduation cards to the students, and reaching out to students and families each fall to collect updated student addresses. If you have a calling to bring the love of Jesus to our young adults, please contact Anne Henning at adhenning14@gmail.com or 303.514.6849.

Creative Caring Quilters

The Creative, Caring Quilters will meet **Saturday, November 26 from 9am-12pm**. Our goal is to make quilts to send overseas for Lutheran World Wide Relief. Ana Tolentino will present a mini-lesson called Silhouette. It is about an appliqué technique that involves paint. Join us for coffee, good conversation, and sewing techniques. Stitching is good for your soul!

A Cup of Cheer

Come enjoy *A Cup of Cheer* with the other women of St. Philip at our Christmas gathering! Enjoy some time of fellowship and celebration as we head into the Christmas

season.

When: Sunday, December 11 from 3-5pm

Where: Pastor Brad and Roseanna's house

We are encouraging ladies to bring an appetizer to share. All women are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Roseanna Doty at Roseanna.Doty@yahoo.com.

St. Philip Early Learning Center

SPELC 1st Annual Christmas Craft Expo

Save the Date! St. Philip Early Learning Center is hosting their 1st Annual Christmas Craft Expo on **Saturday December 10 from 9:00am to 4:00pm**. This will be an excellent way to get your last minute Christmas shopping done as well as get in the holiday spirit with a fun filled day of shopping and all things Christmas for the whole family! We will have a bake sale sponsored by the St. Philip Lutheran Church Puppet Ministry team, lunch options available for purchase, and a fun Shoppers Bingo Game to be entered to win door prizes. There will be several unique vendors with fun gift items as well as décor for your own home. All proceeds will go to support our Early Learning Center here at St. Philip. We may even have a surprise visit from Santa himself! Please contact SPELC Assistant Director Hannah Svenkerud for more information (hsvenkerud@stphilip-co.org).

We are still accepting craft vendors! Please follow this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/pBAQhLNqH2hTXjwF8>

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Help Support Family Promise Holiday Gift Drive

This year's holiday event is going to be a shopping experience where families will be able to pick out and "shop" for the gifts that will suit their family best! This opportunity will allow the families more choice over their holiday gifts.

Prayerfully consider buying a gift card for a child, adult or even an entire family's holiday meal. There are multiple options to donate - you are able to choose whatever fits your donation goals best!

Each family receives all of the following from our wonderful donors (hopefully you!):

1. **One** gift card per adult (within the \$20-\$30 range)
2. **Two** gifts per child (each within the \$25-\$30 range)
3. A \$25 grocery store gift card so they can shop for and prepare a nice holiday meal

Once you've signed up, you will receive a follow-up email with further instructions.

Family Promise is asking that all gifts are delivered unwrapped to the Day Site (located at 1600 N Downing St. Suite 500) **no later than Wednesday, November 30** so that staff can prepare the gifts for the event. For questions, contact Deacon Korra

To sign up, go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5012917> or take a card from the tree in the narthex.



Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last Thursday we served **89 families** in the snow and bitter cold. Distribution this week was moved to Tuesday, Nov. 22 (yesterday) due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Items we can use:

- Egg cartons
- Jelly
- Canned beans (pinto, black, kidney, etc.)
- Meal soups
- Canned pasta & chili
- Clean plastic grocery bags
- Low sugar, no sugar, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free donations are welcome

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.

If you receive any 2023 calendars that you cannot use, please drop them in one of the SwS donation boxes. We want to pass them out to our guests!

Bible Studies

Adult Faith Formation Class: Lutheranism and the Church

Join Pastor Brad on **Sundays from 10:30-11:15am** in MC-3 for a class on Martin Luther, the church and what we believe as Lutherans. This class is for people of all levels of faith and understanding of Lutheranism as we will start with the basics and go deeper into the meaning, understanding, and our perspective today.

Pub Theology

Pub Theology is not your traditional Bible study, it is a gathering of people who drink beer and talk about life and faith. It is a place to get to know others and have good conversation. There are different brews and there are different views, so come join the conversation and hang out with us. We will be meeting at Locavore Beer Works (5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton), on the left side of the brewery, **every Monday at 6:35pm**. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Brad.

Men's Bible Study

Every Tuesday night 7pm until 9pm

Meeting at the Selander Home (6338 S Harlan Way in the Leawood subdivision)

Our study continues with the history, culture, and language of the Old and New Testaments. This year we will discuss the references in Paul's writings to the second coming. We will also complete our discussion of the books of the Apocrypha (the books that didn't make it). Each week Rudy Swenson leads the discussion of these fascinating areas of study. Please come and join us whenever you can. Any questions call Paul at 303.241.0321.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

We will meet at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at church. All men are welcome to attend. Led by Glenn Isernhagen.

Women's Bible Studies

Monday Women's Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 10am in the Fireside Room. We will be studying the Book of Ecclesiastes. If you would like to join us or for more information, contact Juli Cooley at jhcool519@gmail.com.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. We will be studying the Book of Romans by John MacArthur which is available at Mardel's or online. If you would like to join us or for more information, contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 or ctyoungren@gmail.com.

Events

Golden Eagle Concert Band

Golden Eagle Concert Band presents Deck the Halls, a program featuring a multitude of Christmas music and the ultimate Christmas sing-along! The concert will be held **Saturday, December 3 at 2pm** at St. Philip. For more information visit www.goldeneagleconcertband.org.

Lutheran Chorale

Welcome Joyous Season! **Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 2:30pm** at Mount Olive Lutheran Church (11453 E Wesley Ave. Aurora) and **Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 6:30pm** at St. Philip. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with favorite carols and anthems that are sure to delight!



This Thanksgiving Day consider using the “Taking Faith Home” insert for caring conversations. Gathering around a table of food is the perfect opportunity to engage in faith-filled conversation.

Preparing for Worship - Wed., November 23 Thanksgiving Eve
First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel Reading: John 6:25-35
Preparing for Worship - November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44



Worship Servants for Wednesday, November 23, 2022	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Jan Philpy
Communion Servant	Amy Rahne
A-V Sound & Slides	John Wall

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 27, 2022	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Jim Smith
Communion Servant	Jim Smith
Sacrament Servants	Mary Hatlestad, Carolyn Endecott
Greeters	Charlie & Erin Petersen
Ushers	Charlie Petersen
A-V Sound & Slides	Tom Booth
Key Keeper	Week beginning Nov. 27: Sue Riecks

Calendar of Events

(November 23-December 4, 2022)

Wednesday, November 23 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc.) 7:00p – Pie Social (FH, Kitchen) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Tuesday, November 29 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meetings (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Men’s Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church office closed</i> <i>No activities scheduled</i>	Wednesday, November 30 11:30a – Advent Worship Service (Sanc.) 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (FH) 6:00p – Dinner & Christmas Decorating 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Friday, November 25 <i>Church office closed</i> 8:30a – Flute Ensemble Rehearsal (YR)	Thursday, December 1 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 11:30a – Pastors’ Text Study (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 6:15p – Pack 47 (MC-4/5, YR) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday, November 26 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:00a – Serenity’s Child (FH-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, December 2 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Flute Ensemble Rehearsal (YR) 6:00p – Adventure Club Glow Party (FH)
Sunday, November 27 9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.) 10:15a – Children’s Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Youth Sunday School (YR) 10:15a – Adult Education (MC-4/5)	Saturday, December 3 9:00a – Grateful Threads Present. (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 12:00p – Concert Set Up 2:00p – Golden eagle Concert Band Holiday Concert (Sanc.)
Monday, November 28 2:00p – College Care Packages (MC-4/5) 6:30p – Lutheran Chorale Practice (Sanc.) 6:35p – Pub Theology (Offsite)	Sunday, December 4 9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.) 10:15a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) 10:15a – Children’s Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Youth Sunday School (YR) 6:30p – Lutheran Chorale Concert (Sanc.)

Our Prayer List

Members

**Gisela Fritsch, Quinn Silco, Tom Schnickel, Phyllis Kemp,
Jerry & Dianne Mydlach**

Family Members

Brenda Belford (Ed & Marilyn Belford's daughter-in-law)
Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)
Kevin Gilliland (Harriet Truman's son-in-law)
Janine Childs (Linda Thomas's sister-in-law)
Monica Younger (Lyle Gillett's daughter)
Nathan Smith (Jim & Carolyn Smith's son)

Marty (Janet Shibly's cousin)
Lauren Person (Mary Person-Flatley's daughter)
Bruce Johnson (Anne Krause's uncle)
Betty Wicklund (Janet Shibly's aunt)
Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)
Dr. Thomas Flatley (Tom Flatley's father)

Friends

Family & friends of Tina (Stevermer)
Kirsten Olshausen (SPLC Staff)
John Olson (Leonard)
Dan Fisher (Leonard)
Eddie Perdue (Gillett)
Calvin Downs (Wall)

Linda Kapke (Wall)
Kelli Williams (SPELC)
Cherie (Morin)
Erin Mulcahey (Krause)
Emeli Bowers (Ermold)

Prayers for all healthcare 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 of strength, hope, and tranquility for caregivers.

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.