

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 30, 2022



Worship News

Upcoming Services

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

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Services at 3pm, 5pm, and 7pm

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day Service at 9am

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

This year on **Christmas Eve** we will have three worship services here at St. Philip. The service at **3pm** will be more family-oriented and involve the children dressing up as we tell the Christmas story. Services at **5pm and 7pm** will be more traditional, with choir, bells, and instrumentalists providing the music. We will livestream the 5pm service. Come worship with us as we celebrate our Savior's birth!

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)

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Go to <https://www.stphilip-co.org/flowers/> and fill out the form; or contact Angela in the church office.

Midweek Advent Service: Be Born in Us Today

Advent has officially begun. As we wait and prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent, we invite you to join us on Wednesdays for 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.

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.

Memory Tree

On **Sunday, December 11** we will have our Memory Tree service following the 9am worship service. Meet in the lobby by the church office. You are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a loved one who has passed away; we also have ornaments available to use. The service is outside at the memory tree and will last about five minutes, so make sure to dress accordingly.

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Directory Photos

We're working on keeping our online directory up to date, and we would like for you to submit photos—especially if you've never had a photo in the directory before or if you have had a change in your family (birth, death, grown up kids, etc.). We will also offer an opportunity for you to have your picture taken here at church on **Sunday, December 11 & 18**. We won't ask you to sit for a formal portrait—candid photos are great!

The point of the online directory and any printed directories we create in the future is to be able to put a name to a face, or even a face to a name. It is extremely helpful for our newer staff members as well as our newest church members.

If you would like to update your photo yourself, you may do so by logging into the online directory, click on Change Photo and choose Upload New Photo from the drop down menu. Then you can crop the photo and Save. Click on each individual family member below your family's information to upload new photos of them too.

If you prefer to send in a photo, you can email it to Angela at aseep@stphilip-co.org. Email Angela with any questions as well.

Sidewalk Shoveling

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to be at church around 8am on snowy mornings to help shovel sidewalks. Each week we would have a different team ready to go if needed, so your commitment would be one week a month (Saturday-Friday) to be ready to come shovel. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

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 rmselca.org/advent.

50th Anniversary Ornament for Sale

The 50th anniversary committee will be selling our commemorative Christmas ornaments on Sunday in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 (check or cash). The proceeds from the sale of these ornaments will go directly into the general fund for St. Philip.

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. We will reconvene on **December 11** with the "Severe Weather Shelter". On **December 18** we will hear from Mosaic.

Angel Tree for ELCA Good Gifts

Take an ornament from the tree in the narthex to support those in need with a gift of honeybees, a goat, a chicken, or maybe even an entire farm! Each ornament gives an idea on how to support God's global barnyard and the website to contribute. If you would rather not use the website but choose to give through the church, please write a check and designate it to "ELCA Good Gifts". St. Philip will transfer the money.

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!

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.

Thank You

Dear friends,

Heartfelt thanks for your prayers, calls, cards and meals during my recent illness. I'm well now, and soon will be back in church. The caring concern of this warm-hearted congregation has meant the world to me.

Bless you all,

Harriet Truman

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

Thank you for your support!

Thanks to all who supported Family Promise the past several weeks with your gifts and monetary donations. Pictures and stories will follow of how the families were blessed from your generosity. *Deacon Korra*

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

What a busy Thanksgiving distribution we had on Tuesday, November 22. We served 173 families; this is the largest number of families we have seen in one week for more than two years. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who stayed more than one hour past our usual closing time to see that every waiting family received food. For next week we can use:

- Egg cartons
- Jelly/jam
- Canned chicken
- 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.

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. The concert at St. Philip will include music by our Ringing Brass. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with favorite carols and anthems that are sure to delight!



**Preparing for Worship - December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 4, 2022

Deacon Korra Looschen, preaching; Pastor Brad Doty, presiding

Assisting Minister

Anne Casson

Lector

Juley Allee

Communion Servant

Jim Smith

Sacrament Servants

Sandi Stevermer, Gwyn Neal, Carolyn Endecott

Greeters

Chris & Erin White

Ushers

Marc Roswech, Tim Young

A-V Sound & Slides

John Wall

Key Keeper

Week beginning Dec. 4: Chris White

Calendar of Events

(November 30-December 11, 2022)

Wednesday, November 30 11:30a – Advent Worship Service (Sanc.) 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 12:00p – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (FH) 6:00p – Dinner & Christmas Decorating 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Tuesday, December 6 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1&2) 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, 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.)	Wednesday, December 7 11:30a – Advent Worship Service (Sanc.) 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (FH) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Friday, December 2 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 6:00p – Adventure Club Glow Party (FH)	Thursday, December 8 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday, December 3 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 12:00p – Concert Set Up 2:00p – Golden Eagle Concert Band Holiday Concert (Sanc.)	Friday, December 9 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 6:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)
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.)	Saturday, December 10 7:30a – SPELC Holiday Bazaar (FH, Narthex, MC-4/5) 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3)
Monday, December 5 10:00a – Fall Women’s Bible Study (FS) 5:30p – Worship Styles & Formats (MC-3) 6:35p – Pub Theology (Offsite)	Sunday, December 11 9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.) 10:15a – Children’s Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Youth Sunday School (YR) 10:30a – Adult Ed. w/ Pastor Brad (MC-3) 10:30a – Adult Forum-Severe Weather Shelter (MC-4/5)

Our Prayer List

Members

**Janet Wagner, Dick & Margaret Rusch, Gisela Fritsch, Quinn Silco,
Tom Schnickel, Phyllis Kemp, Jerry & Dianne Mydlach**

Family Members

Renee McCauley (Dick & Margaret Rusch's daughter)
Debbie Watson (Paula Osborne's niece)
Kevin Gilliland (Harriet Truman's son-in-law)
Janine Childs (Linda Thomas's sister-in-law)
Monica Younger (Lyle Gillett's daughter)
Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)

Nathan Smith (Jim & Carolyn Smith's son)
Marty (Janet Shibly's cousin)
Lauren Person (Mary 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

Gary Nowakowski (Sharing with Sheridan)
Pat Jackson (Gillett, Youngren)
Family & friends of Tom Cree (Phillips)
Family & friends of Marvin Rone (Stevermer)
Dan Fisher (Leonard)
Family & friends of Tina (Stevermer)
Calvin Downs (Wall)

Linda Kapke (Wall)
Kirsten Olshausen (SPLC Staff)
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.