

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 7, 2022



Worship News

Upcoming Services

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 Poinsettias

Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Cost is \$15 each. Go to <https://www.stphilip-co.org/christmas-poinsettias/> and fill out the form; or contact Angela in the church office.

Midweek Advent Service: Be Born in Us Today

This Wednesday, we continue with our midweek Advent service, starting at 11:00am 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 second Wednesday service on December 7 as we focus on the theme **Be Born in Us Today Bringing Renewal**. In this service, we remember that the prophet Isaiah declared that a Holy One from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and weary. That Holy One was Jesus. And he is born in us today. Next week, the theme is **Be Born in Us Today Bringing Guidance**.

Following the service, we will have a potluck lunch. Bring an item to share and join us in the Ministry Center 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.

Christmas Tree Blessing

Decorating and enjoying the beauty of your Christmas Tree is a great opportunity to find God's presence in the moment and talk about faith at home. Use the Christmas Tree Blessing Milestone Moment insert as a way to do so in your home. Consider taking a photo of your tree with people in your home and share it on the St. Philip Facebook page. Share your questions or comments about your Christmas Tree Blessing discussion with Deacon Korra.

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 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.

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.

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 the Christmas card or photo card you send out 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!

Communion Bread Bakers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to make communion bread for our Sunday worship service and special services throughout the year, please mosey over to the Welcome Center located in the Narthex where you will find the Communion Bread Sign-Up sheet along with the recipe for making the bread. You only need to bake two loaves of bread for Sunday worship, so you'll halve the recipe. We do not want to freeze the bread, so we ask that you bring it to the church on Friday or Saturday and put it in the small refrigerator in the sacristy. Or if easier, bring it on Sunday by 8:45am. We would love to have you become one of our bread bakers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sandi Stevermer (303.928.9010).

Winter Solstice Yoga

Monday December 19 from 5:30-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Bring a yoga mat and RSVP to Deacon Korra.

Here in the stillness of the solstice we pause and become aware of Christ's presence in our lives. Enjoy this Winter Solstice practice as you pause and create a quiet space to welcome the sun back into your life.

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.

Silver Sages Guest Speaker

Friday, January 6 at 9:30am in MC-4/5

Dr. Katherine Peterson, daughter of Suzanne Peterson, will be speaking to us about aging gracefully, better health, lifestyle changes and other ways to support our mind, body and spirit as we age. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend. Contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 for more information.



St. Philip Early Learning Center

Unfortunately SPELC has had to cancel their Christmas Craft Expo for this weekend, 12/10. We gave it a good effort but did not feel we had enough vendors for it to be beneficial for the school, shoppers, and vendors themselves. We hope to be up and running for the 2024 Christmas season! Thank you from SPELC for your ongoing support and we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

The children and youth of St. Philip invite you to:

The Little Drummer Boy

Sunday December 11 at the 9am worship service

Join us for a sweet message of Christmas that will include puppets, dance, drums and a wonderful chorus of children's voices. Cookie reception to follow!

Journey to Bethlehem

On Sunday December 18 from 10:15 – 11:30am, the children will have the opportunity to travel on an interactive journey to Bethlehem. This will be set up in the Fellowship hall, and **all are invited** to take the journey.

We are looking for a couple more volunteers to complete our wonderful cast of characters. If you would like to participate please sign up through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAE28A5FCCE9-journey>

If you have any questions please contact Melinda.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

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.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Sharing with Sheridan is in need of large gift bags (gently used or new). If you have one or more, please put them in the SwS donation bins by the office.

Last week we served 116 families. For next week we can use:

- Jelly/jam
- Pancake syrup
- Meal soups
- Chili
- Egg cartons

- 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.





OUR FINEST GIFTS WE BRING

Preparing for Worship - December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Program

First Reading: Matthew 2:1-2

Second Reading: Luke 2:8-12

Third Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:14

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 11, 2022

Children's Christmas Program

Assisting Minister	Anne Krause
Communion Servant	Lynn Mossbrucker
Sacrament Servants	Mary Hatlestad, Beth Clough
Greeters	Tim & Linda Young
Ushers	Will Rogge, Mike Burgess
A-V Sound & Slides	Steve Rower
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 11: Gaylen Rapp

Calendar of Events

(December 7-18, 2022)

<p>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)</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 13 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meetings (MC-1) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – SPELC Board Meeting (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Men’s Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>Thursday, December 8 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 14 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 11:30a – Advent Worship Service (Sanc.) 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>
<p>Friday, December 9 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 11:00a – Hooper Memorial Service (Sanc., FH) 6:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Thursday, December 15 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Saturday, December 10 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3)</p>	<p>Friday, December 16 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral Club Christmas Party (FH)</p>
<p>Sunday, December 11 Children’s Christmas Program 9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.) 10:30a – Adult Ed. w/ Pastor Brad (MC-3) 10:30a – Adult Forum-Severe Weather Shelter (MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Saturday, December 17 9:00a – Christmas Cantata Rehearsal (Sanc.) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-3, MC-4/5, YR, FS) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 1:00p – Set up Journey to Bethlehem (FH, FH-1, FH-2)</p>
<p>Monday, December 12 9:30a – Book Club (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (Offsite)</p>	<p>Sunday, December 18 9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.) 10:15a – Journey to Bethlehem (FH) 10:30a – Adult Forum-Mosaic (MC-4/5)</p>

Our Prayer List

Members

**Mary Jane Rhodes, Family & friends of Janet Wagner, Erin White,
Larry Edwards, Tom Schnickel, Quinn Silco, Phyllis Kemp,
Jerry & Dianne Mydlach**

Family Members

Gene (Anne Henning's uncle)
Bob Schlagel (Sue Counterterman's brother)
Brenda Belford (Marilyn & Ed Belford's daughter-in-law)
Renee McCauley (Dick & Margaret Rusch's daughter)
Debbie Watson (Paula Osborne's niece)
Janine Childs (Linda Thomas's sister-in-law)

Monica Younger (Lyle Gillett's daughter)
Tina (Chris Youngren's daughter)
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

Family of George McVey (Silco)
John Carlton (Leonard)
Ken Horn (Rhodes)
Diana (Clough)
David Wisner (Stevermer)
Leydon (Otto)
Gary Nowakowski (Sharing with Sheridan)
Pat Jackson (Gillett, Youngren)
Family & friends of Tom Cree (Phillips)

Family & friends of Marvin Rone (Stevermer)
Calvin Downs (Wall)
Linda Kapke (Wall)
Kirsten Olshausen (SPLC Staff)
Kelli Williams (SPELC)
Cherie (Morin)
Erin Mulcahey (Krause)
Emeli Bowers (Ermold)

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Oakleigh Katherine, granddaughter of Michael and Sandi Stevermer.

Prayers for all those who cannot be home with family this holiday.

Prayers for all healthcare workers.

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

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.