

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 14, 2022



## Worship News

### Upcoming Services

**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 11:30am 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 third Wednesday service on December 14 as we focus on the theme **Be Born in Us Today Bringing Guidance**. In this service, we remember that we have a clear path to the promised land of heaven through him who is the Way. Jesus is the Way. And he is born in us today. Next week, the theme is **Be Born in Us Today Bringing Power**. We will have a Christmas Carol singalong during this, our last mid-week Advent service of the year.

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

## Church News

### 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 18 and on Christmas Eve at the 3pm service**.



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](mailto: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 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](http://rmselca.org/advent).

### **Adult Forums with Deacon Korra - "Partnering with a Purpose"**

Join us this Sunday from 10:30-11:30am in MC-4/5 to hear about *Mosaic*. Mosaic's services are designed for people with disabilities, mental and behavioral health needs and autism, as well as aging adults. Mosaic serves nearly 4,900 people in more than 700 communities. Come hear more about the many ways they make a difference in the world and how we can partner.

### **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 5:30-6:20pm in room MC-4/5**

**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.

### **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.

## **Children, Youth, and Family Ministries**

### **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**

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

Because of your giving this year, we were able to send \$621 to Love INC and \$1,600 to Family Promise.

Did you know that Love INC offers a variety of resources in addition to the Diaper Ministry? They have a "Connection Call Center", a quality resale shop called "Renewed Treasures", and life skills classes and coaching called "IMPACT". Thank you for all the ways you serve in the world.

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.

### **Dipes and Wipes**

This Saturday we will distribute diapers and baby wipes to 25 families. Thanks to all who continue to participate in this meaningful ministry that is appreciated by many. Sign up on the link below to see how to participate.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9A62FA7F5C25-havens>



### **Angel Tree for ELCA Good Gifts**

Take an ornament from the tree to support those in need with a gift of honey bees, 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 "ECLA Good Gifts". St. Philip will transfer the money.

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry**

Last week we served **130** families. We were blessed to have a huge donation of sausage from the Polidori Sausage Company! For next week we can use:

- Canned chicken
- Pancake syrup
- Meal soups
- 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](mailto:jhcool519@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Women's Bible Study** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in MC-1. 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](mailto:ctyoungren@gmail.com).

**Preparing for Worship - December 18, 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Christmas Cantata**

**Cantata is based on the following readings:**  
**Isaiah 40:5, Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:46-47,**  
**Luke 2:1-18**

### **Worship Servants for Sunday, December 18, 2022**

<b>Christmas Cantata</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	George Rasmussen
<b>Advent Readers</b>	The Hassman Family
<b>Communion Servant</b>	Jan Philpy
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Monica Auch, Lynn Mossbrucker
<b>Greeters</b>	Diane Bracken, John & Penny Selden
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Burgess, Mark Morse
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	John Wall
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Dec. 18:</b> Mark Pixley



# 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

<b>Patrik Bagwell</b> (Monica Auch's grandson)	ter-in-law)
<b>Family &amp; friends of Sandy Robertson</b> (Janet Shibly's cousin)	<b>Janine Childs</b> (Linda Thomas's sister-in-law)
<b>Oliver Rogers</b> (Kay Mosier's great-grandson)	<b>Tina</b> (Chris Youngren's daughter)
<b>Family &amp; friends of Monica Younger</b> (Lyle Gillett's daughter)	<b>Marty</b> (Janet Shibly's cousin)
<b>Jeff Perkins</b> (Debra Perkins-Smith's brother)	<b>Lauren Person</b> (Mary Flatley's daughter)
<b>Gene</b> (Anne Henning's uncle)	<b>Bruce Johnson</b> (Anne Krause's uncle)
<b>Bob Schlagel</b> (Sue Counterman's brother)	<b>Betty Wicklund</b> (Janet Shibly's aunt)
<b>Brenda Belford</b> (Marilyn & Ed Belford's daughter)	<b>Ryan Ermold</b> (Joanne Ermold's son)
	<b>Dr. Thomas Flatley</b> (Tom Flatley's father)

## Friends

<b>Family &amp; friends of Dave Lebsack</b> (Shibly)	<b>Leydon</b> (Otto)
<b>Ken Viens</b> (Perkins-Smith)	<b>Kirsten Olshausen</b> (SPLC Staff)
<b>Family of George McVey</b> (Silco)	<b>Kelli Williams</b> (SPELC)
<b>John Carlton</b> (Leonard)	<b>Cherie</b> (Morin)
<b>Ken Horn</b> (Rhodes)	<b>Erin Mulcahey</b> (Krause)
<b>Diana</b> (Clough)	<b>Emeli Bowers</b> (Ermold)
<b>David Wisner</b> (Stevermer)	

**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.**



# Calendar of Events

## (December 14-25, 2022)

<b>Wednesday, December 14</b> 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) <b>11:30a – Advent Worship Service (Sanc.)</b> 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Confirmation/Youth/Young Adult Christmas Party (FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> 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)
<b>Thursday, December 15</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> <b>11:30a – Advent Worship Service (Sanc.)</b> 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Confirmation/Youth Lock In 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Friday, December 16</b> <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral Club Christmas Party (FH)	<b>Thursday, December 22</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Saturday, December 17</b> 9:00a – Cantata Rehearsal (Sanc.) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-3, MC-4/5, YR, FS) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 1:00p – Wagner Memorial Service (Sanc., FH) 4:00p – Set up Journey to Bethlehem (FH)	<b>Friday, December 23</b> <i>Church office closed</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR)
<b>Sunday, December 18</b> <b>9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.)</b> 10:15a – Journey to Bethlehem (FH) 10:30a – Adult Forum-Mosaic (MC-4/5)	<b>Saturday, December 24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) <b>3:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.)</b> <b>5:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.)</b> <b>7:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.)</b>
<b>Monday, December 19</b> 10:00a – Women's Bible Study (FS) 5:30p – Winter Solstice Yoga (FH) 6:35p – Pub Theology (Offsite)	<b>Sunday, December 25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.)</b>



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

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