

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 21, 2022



## Worship News

### 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!

### 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 fourth Wednesday service on **December 21** as we focus on the theme **Be Born in Us Today Bringing Power**. In this service, we think of John the Baptist, who pointed to the power of God present in Christ Jesus. That power is still at work in Christ. We will also sing some Christmas carols at this service so it will be a bit longer than the others.

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.

### Saturday Evening Worship Beginning in January

Worship is an important part of our faith practice and an important part of the church. As we continue to determine the best way to come together as community to worship together, we are going to do another trial by having a **Saturday evening worship service twice a month at 5:00pm. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month in January (14 & 28), February (11 & 25) and March (11 & 25).** The service will be Holden Evening Prayer and we will have the opportunity to get to know each other and grow in our relationship with God and each other. Worship will be held in different places each month as we have a different focus of worship and community; in January we will worship in the Sanctuary.

## Church News

**The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.**

### 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 **Christmas Eve after 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. Email Angela with any questions as well.

### **Christmas Gifts for St. Philip**

In this season of celebrating, we remember the greatest gift God has given to us, God's son, Jesus Christ. In our culture we remember the gift of Jesus by giving gifts to each other. If you would like to give a gift to St. Philip, there are ministries that can use a few items and you can bless them by purchasing a gift.

You can bless our property team and show them your gratitude for shoveling all of the sidewalks at church by purchasing a new snow shovel. The next time you are at Costco, Sam's Club, a hardware store or anywhere shovels are sold, purchase one and bring it to the church.

You can bless our puppet ministry, children's ministry, and youth ministry by purchasing an item on their Amazon wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1YLNA1E23F95B/guest-view>. Thank you for your love and generosity.

### **Grateful Threads Quilters – A Member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation**

**Quilt Presentation: January 7, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. at St. Philip Lutheran Church**

**We invite you to join us in honoring our Veterans.**

**Refreshments will be served.**

Our mission is to "cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." Our group has met at St. Philip to make quilts for the past two years. For more information, contact Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383 or Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

### **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.

## **Events**

### **You are Invited to a Silent Film and Organ Concert for New Year's Eve**

Ring in the New Year 2023 with a special event with organ improvisation to the 1923 Harold Lloyd silent film, *Bumping into Broadway* by Organist Andrew Peters. Plus, Andrew will perform sensational works for organ including Chapman's *Fanfare and Procession*, Vivaldi's *Concerto No. 2 in A minor*, Pamela Decker's *Tangos for Organ*, and

the all-time favorite, Handel's *Fireworks Music*. Join us **Saturday, December 31 at 7pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver). Ticketing is "Flex Pay" (i.e., pay what you choose from free to any amount). Visit [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org) for more information and reservations!

## **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.

### **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 "ELCA Good Gifts". St. Philip will transfer the money.

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

Last week our volunteers served **135** families. **This Thursday, December 22, due to extreme temperatures, distribution is canceled to protect our volunteers' health.**

Items we can use:

- Canned vegetables
- Jelly
- Dry pasta
- Pasta sauce
- 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.

## **St. Philip Early Learning Center**

St. Philip Early Learning Center Registration is open for Fall 2023! We have options for children who are 12 months and walking through Pre-K (5yrs) and we offer flexible schedules for families. Our toddler classrooms have 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5-day options and our preschool classrooms have 2, 3, 4, or 5-day options. Our classrooms run M-F from 9:30am-1:30pm and follow the JeffCo Public Schools Calendar. We are happy to offer a play-based learning environment with Christian values that includes daily music and chapel, arts and crafts, gross motor playtime, and more! If you have any questions please feel free to email Hannah Svenkerud – Preschool Assistant Director [Hsven-](mailto:Hsven-)

[kerud@stphilip-co.org](mailto:kerud@stphilip-co.org) or Amy Wagner – Preschool Director [AWagner@stphilip-co.org](mailto:AWagner@stphilip-co.org)  
or call us at 303-972-9774.

## **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).

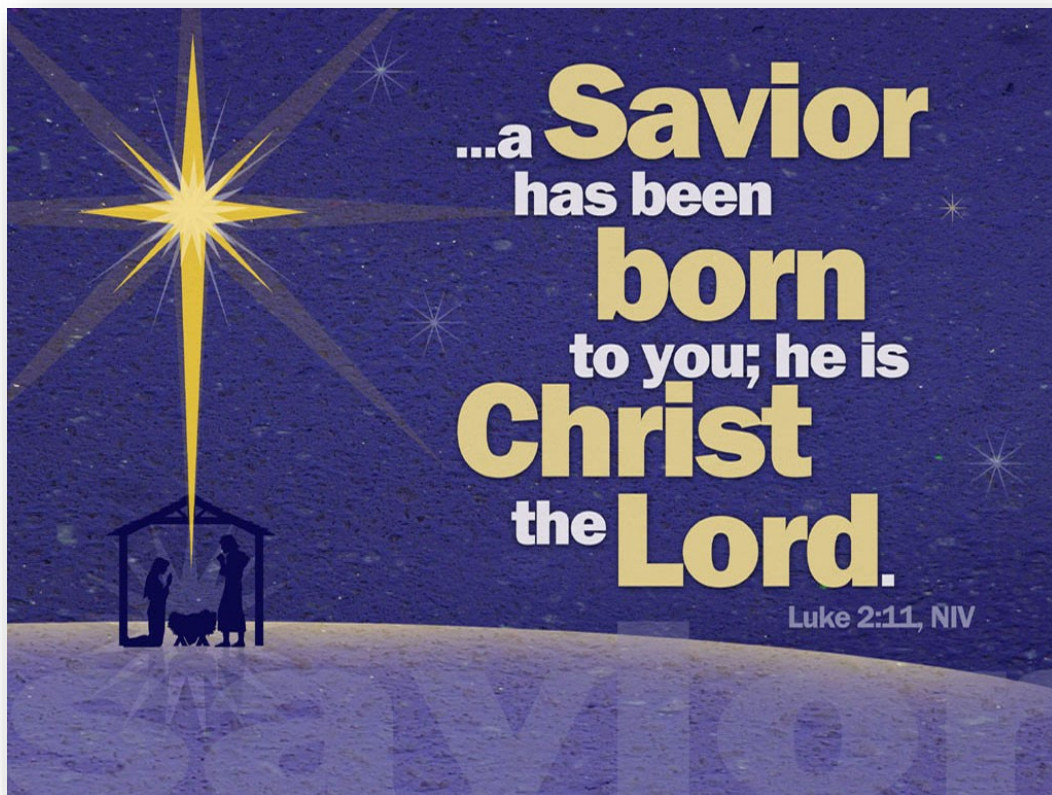
**Wednesday Women's Bible Study** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in MC-1. We will be studying the Book of Romans by John MacArthur which is available at Mardel's or online. If you would like to join us or for more information, contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096 or [ctyoungren@gmail.com](mailto:ctyoungren@gmail.com).



<b>Worship Servants for Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022</b>	
<b>Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	3pm-Anne Casson
<b>Lector</b>	5pm-Kathryn Allee; 7pm-Sue Counterman
<b>Wreath Readers</b>	3pm-Osborne Family; 5pm-Philpy Family; 7pm-Varnell Family
<b>Communion Servant</b>	3pm-Amy Rahne; 5pm-Karen Otto, Jan Philpy; 7pm-Jill Luer, Barb Donaho
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	3pm-Beth Clough; 5pm; Beth Clough, Gwyn Neal; 7pm-Lynn Mossbrucker
<b>Greeters</b>	3pm-Nottingham Family; 5pm-David Green; 7pm-Michael & Beth Clough
<b>Ushers</b>	3pm-Tom Flatley & Brian Lamb; 5pm-Andy Osborne & Gaylen Rapp; 7pm-Greg Luer & Charlie Petersen
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	3pm-Tom Booth; 5pm & 7pm-John Wall



<b>Worship Servants for Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022</b>	
<b>Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jim Smith
<b>Lector</b>	TBD
<b>Communion Servant</b>	TBD
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Suzanne Peterson, Nancy Schell
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Morse, Chris White
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Tom Booth
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Dec. 25:</b> Carolyn Rapp



<p><b>Preparing for Worship - December 24, 2022</b>  <b>Christmas Eve</b></p>
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<p><b>First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7</b></p>
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<p><b>Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14</b></p>
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<p><b>Third Reading: Luke 2:1-20</b></p>
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<p><b>Preparing for Worship - December 25, 2022</b>  <b>Christmas Day</b></p>
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<p><b>First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12</b></p>
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<p><b>Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7</b></p>
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<p><b>Third Reading: Luke 2:1-20</b></p>
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# Calendar of Events

## (December 21, 2022-January 1, 2023)

<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> 10:30a – Choir Rehearsal <b>11:30a – Advent Worship Service (Sanc.)</b> 12:00p – Advent Potluck (MC-4/5) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Tuesday, December 27</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, December 22</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator	<b>Wednesday, December 28</b> 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Friday, December 23</b> <i>Church office closed</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR)	<b>Thursday, December 29</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator
<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>Friday, December 30</b> <i>Church office closed</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR)
<b>Sunday, December 25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.)</b>	<b>Saturday, December 31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> 9:00a – Serenity's Child (FH-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
<b>Monday, December 26</b> <i>Church office closed</i> No events scheduled	<b>Sunday, January 1, 2023</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.)</b>



# *Our Prayer List*

## **Members**

**Erin White, Tom Schnickel, Quinn Silco, Phyllis Kemp,  
Jerry & Dianne Mydlach**

## **Family Members**

**Kristen Martus** (Brian Lamb's cousin)  
**Family of Eugene Gualco** (Anne Henning's uncle)  
**Patrik Bagwell** (Monica Auch's grandson)  
**Family & friends of Sandy Robertson** (Janet Shibly's cousin)  
**Oliver Rogers** (Kay Mosier's great-grandson)  
**Family & friends of Monica Younger** (Lyle Gillett's daughter)  
**Jeff Perkins** (Debra Perkins-Smith's brother)  
**Bob Schlagel** (Sue Counterman's brother)

**Brenda Belford** (Marilyn & Ed Belford's daughter-in-law)  
**Janine Childs** (Linda Thomas's sister-in-law)  
**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**

**Makai Price** (Lamb)  
**Family & friends of Dave Lebsack** (Shibly)  
**Ken Viens** (Perkins-Smith)  
**Karen G.** (Otto)  
**Leydon** (Otto)

**Kirsten Olshausen** (SPLC Staff)  
**Kelli Williams** (SPELC)  
**Cherie** (Morin)  
**Erin Mulcahey** (Krause)  
**Emeli Bowers** (Ermold)

**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.***