

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

March 15, 2023



Worship News

Lenten & Easter Worship

Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. Each year we experience this through our Lenten journey. Since midweek services are notoriously difficult for most people to attend, St. Philip has developed it's own "Holy Sunday" schedule. We know this is a bit confusing, but our hope is this schedule will allow more people to experience a joyous Palm Sunday followed by the more somber and reflective Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Sunday service.

Please note that Palm Sunday will be celebrated on March 26, and April 2 will be a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service. We will not have services during Holy Week. Look for Pastor Brad's Holy Week devotions.

March 26 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday; First Communion

April 9 - Easter Sunday (8am & 10am)

Easter Lilies

It's that time of year again where we offer Easter lilies for purchase to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday! Just go to the page below to sign up. The cost for Easter lilies is \$15. You may pick up your flowers after the last Easter service or on the Monday following. Call the church office with questions or for assistance signing up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448afaa2dabfb6-easter2#/>

Church News

Egg My Yard

The high school youth and young adults from St Philip Lutheran Church are raising money to go on a trip this summer to Estes Park. This will be a relationship-building experience for our youth and young adults. There will be service opportunities and fellowship as well as connecting with each other in the midst of God's beautiful creation.

They will be available to hide candy and toy-filled Easter eggs in your yard for your kiddos to find on Easter morning (**Sunday, April 9**). Orders are due by **Tuesday April 4**. We ask that you live within 7 miles of St. Philip Lutheran Church (7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton).

You can also choose to have someone else's house EGGed with Easter Eggs by clicking "add someone else." Please add their address when you put in your personal information on the next page. Let our bunnies do the work for you!

<https://stphilip-co.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1683522>

Butter Braids & Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser

It's time for Butter Braids! Help support our youth and children who are going to camp this summer! Butter Braids will be on sale **through March 22**. Orders will be available for pick up on **Sunday April 2**. (Just in time for EASTER!) You can order online with the link below. We will also have a table set up to take orders before and after church on **Sunday, March 19**. Thank you for your support!

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/9d684327-7bef-4c50-b9d5-df3c5d9f19c7>

The youth are also selling Honey Baked Ham gift cards. You can order online or at church on Sunday. Gift cards can be sent to your home or you can get an e-gift card. Orders will be taken through **March. 29.**

Creative Caring Quilters

The Creative Caring Quilters sent 15 quilts to Lutheran World Relief this month. We thank Barb and Kim Donaho for the quilt they donated. We will meet **Saturday, March 25** from 9am-12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our mini-lesson will be about English Paper Piecing. Please join us for tying, assembling and designing new quilts. Bring a "Sew N Tell" if you have one. Coffee and treats will be served. Sewing is good for the soul!

Stretching over Scripture

Every Monday at 5:30pm join Deacon Korra for 45 minutes of stretching, devotion, and meditation. Meet for relaxation and an experience of growing closer to God's presence through movement. All ages and levels of experience welcome! Meet in MC 4/5 and please bring a yoga mat.

Lenten Devotions

During the season of Lent 2023, Pastor Brad is bringing you a devotion each day on the theme of Letting Go. Over the next 40ish days we will cover a lot of ground, but one truth will be our guiding light - Jesus didn't come into the world to condemn but to save. And because of his sacrifice, love, and acceptance, we can let go of all the sin and shame that seeks to enslave us. As you spend time hearing the word of God, reflecting, and praying, may you be drawn closer to God and your spirit filled!

These devotion videos will be approximately 5 minutes; except a little longer on Wednesdays. They will be posted to YouTube every morning for you to watch and spend time together with God when it is convenient for you and your schedule. You can also subscribe to receive a daily email with the devotion by following the link in the electronic SPIN and on the website.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Communion Class in Sunday School

The children will be learning all about communion during the four Sundays in March during Sunday School. This will be a great preparation for children who would like to take first communion. This will also be meaningful lessons for those who have already taken first communion. All children (Preschool to 6th grade) are invited to Sunday School every Sunday from 10:15 – 11:15am. Children do not need to be a certain age/grade to take first communion – this is a decision between the parents and child as to whether the child is ready for this step in their faith journey. Please reach out to Melinda if you have any questions regarding Sunday School or first communion.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Easter Candy/Trinkets Donations

We would love to have donations of individually wrapped Easter candy or small toys that would fit in plastic eggs to help fill our Easter eggs for our big Easter Egg Hunt on

Sunday April 2. Please drop off donations in the bin outside of the church office by **Sunday March 26.** Thank you!

Serve Focus for March

Colorado Hosting Asylum Network is seeking the following supplies: laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, soap, hand and body lotion for dry skin, razors, and toothpaste. They are also accepting gently used spring clothing for all ages children-adults. Please put all donations in the box in the narthex or the bin next to the Sharing with Sheridan food collection bin.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last Thursday we served **158** families. For the coming week we can use:

- Canned vegetables (especially corn)
- Canned chicken & tuna
- Canned pasta
- Jelly
- 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

Join us for a book discussion of "Churches and the Crisis of Decline". This Sunday we will discuss chapters five and six. To get the questions for this week's class in advance, see Deacon Korra.

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.

Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

Our study group meets at the Selander home (6338 S Harlan Way in the Leawood subdivision) every **Tuesday evening from 7-9pm**. The group discussion through May will be the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. Come join us in this fascinating look at the links to the New Testament, Jesus and the end times. 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 Morning Women's Bible Study meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at church.

Join us for a study of the Book of Ruth by Kerry Van Der Vinne **beginning March 8**.

The book is available online. This is a 6-session study. If you're interested, please contact Chris Youngren at 303.973.3096.

Events

Westview Church Concert Series

Westview Church will host a two-concert mini-series at the end of March, and we invite you to join us for some spectacular music! On **March 26**, we will host The Singing Girls of Texas as they tour and present a concert entitled "Gemstones of Women." On **April 2**, Westview Church will present "A Mass of Rebirth," a missa brevis commissioned to celebrate the installation of the 1981 Organ from Mt. Calvary Lutheran in our new church home. The work features organ, strings, and choir, and is written by students of composition at CU Boulder. Go to westviewboulder.org/events for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Faith Talk for all Ages-Saint Patrick's Day can be an opportunity to experience God's presence in everyday life. Milestone Moment is an opportunity for family and friends to gather together to celebrate this occasion and in addition to the feast and festivities, examine and discuss the missionary heritage passed on by St. Patrick and what it means today. Check out the insert for the discussion guide for your household.





"LORD, I BELIEVE."

JOHN 9:38

Preparing for Worship - March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: I Samuel 16:1-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Worship Servants for Sunday, March 19, 2023

Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding

Assisting Minister	Anne Krause
Lector	Juley Allee
Communion Servant	TBD
Sacrament Servants	Mary Hatlestad, Nancy Schell
Greeters	Kathy Starrs, Muriel Johnson
Ushers	Charlie Petersen, Marc Roswech
A/V & Livestream	TBD
Key Keeper	Week beginning Mar. 19: Gaylen Rapp

Our Prayer List

Members

Reagan Collins, Larry Edwards, Phyllis Kemp, Bill Reitz

Family Members

Family of Dorothy Gualco (Anne Henning's aunt)	Sue (Renate Muthart's daughter)
Family of Mary Ellen Barnard (Anne Henning's aunt)	Tim Booth (Tom Booth's brother)
Al Votaw (Sandi Stevermer's brother-in-law)	Marty (Janet Shibly's cousin)
Melody (Angy Lyslo's mother)	Lauren Person (Mary Flatley's daughter)
Ron Ermold (Joanne Ermold's husband)	Bruce Johnson (Anne Krause's uncle)
Renee Timm (Bob Timm's daughter-in-law)	Betty Wicklund (Janet Shibly's aunt)
Sandy Farrell Roth (Erin Petersen's aunt)	Dr. Thomas Flatley (Tom Flatley's father)

Friends

Melissa Berry (Karen Donaho)	Gary, Cheryl, & Thomas (SwS volunteers)
Keith Callon (Leonard)	Elzbieta Mielicka (Breed)
Terri Dunn (Celusniak)	Josh (Anderson)
Kirsten Peaslee (Allee; former member)	Daniel (Anderson)
Family & friends of Rick Hjelm (Henning)	Kathy Donald (Anderson)
Graham Watson (Knight)	Kevin (Anderson)
Katie & family (Anderson)	Conrad & family (Anderson)
Pat McCasslin (Donaho)	Cherie (Morin)
Thomas Nowakowski (Allee)	

Prayers for Colorado Hosting Asylum Network.

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

(March 15-26, 2023)

Wednesday, March 15 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Tuesday, March 21 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1 & 2) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Men's Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, March 16 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Wednesday, March 22 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Friday, March 17 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (FH)	Thursday, March 23 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday, March 18 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, March 24 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR)
Sunday, March 19 9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.) 10:15a – Children's Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Youth Sunday School (YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation Class (MC-4/5)	Saturday, March 25 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-4/5, MC-3, YR, FS) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Chapel)
Monday, March 20 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 5:30p – Stretching Over Scripture (MC-4/5)	Sunday, March 26 Palm Sunday at St. Philip 9:00a – Worship Service (Sanc.) 10:15a – Children's Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Youth Sunday School (YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation Class (MC-4/5) 11:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5)



Financial Statistics

As of the end of February 2023:

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	161,192	162,896	(1,704)
Expenses	144,485	159,805	15,320
	16,707	3,091	13,616

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	78,388	66,188	12,200
Expenses	63,447	62,030	-1,417
	14,941	4,158	10,783

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	82,804	96,708	(13,904)
Expenses	81,038	97,775	16,737
	1,766	(1,067))	2,833

Contributions

(General Fund)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	78,716	103,540
YTD Budgeted	91,666	
	(12,950)	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	\$787	\$688