

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

June 28, 2023

**The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.**

## **Worship News**

### **Invitation to Listening & Sharing Gathering on July 9**

This year has felt different. As June has been declared Pride Month in our country, first recognized in 1999, it has led many businesses, corporations and churches to take more action in celebrating Pride Month. As more action has been taken, it has also sparked more resistance, with boycotts corporations like Budweiser and Target after marketing ploys were seen as going too far or from celebrating Pride to influencing. There is much history with Pride parades and festivities, but the original purpose of Pride Month is for there to be a time when the LGBTQIA+ community comes together to celebrate the acceptance of sexual diversity. They do so by inviting everyone to participate and doing it in style.

In Denver, there was a Pride parade on Sunday, June 25. The Rocky Mountain Synod announced that our bishop, Jim Gonia, as well as the bishops of the Episcopal Church in Colorado and the United Methodist Church were going to march together and invited all Episcopalians, Lutherans and Methodists to march with them in the Denver Pride Parade. The message was, "Let's show our support for equality and justice for all, walk together, and show that love always wins!"

This has caused concern for some in our congregation for a couple of reasons: their belief about homosexuality, their understanding of what the bible says about homosexuality, the thought that the church is getting involved in politics, etc. As a congregation that sits on both sides of the aisle and varies on the spectrum when it comes to politics, faith in Christ and how we read the Bible, I think it is important to have conversations where we come together to listen to each other and share. It is also a good opportunity for me to share the perspective of the Rocky Mountain Synod and ELCA. I believe our congregation is about unity, coming together in our common faith in Jesus to worship together and be community; rather than a congregation who is unified in all things. We can be counter-cultural and gather together around our faith and the things we agree on, rather than allowing the things we disagree on to divide or separate us.

Please join me after worship on **Sunday, July 9 at 10:15am in the Sanctuary** to gather together to listen and share about this topic. This gathering will not be livestreamed for the sake of conversation and participation. If you have any questions or would like to talk privately, please reach out and I am happy to meet with you.

God's Blessings, Pastor Brad Doty

### **Saturday Evening Worship**

Saturday evening worship takes place on the **2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month** in the sanctuary with the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Following the services we will have wine and cheese fellowship with other light refreshments with water and juice.

We invite you join us for worship and we invite you to help make this service happen by serving as a greeter/usher, communion servant, sound operator, fellowship host and more! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex next time you are at church.

### **Altar Flowers**

***Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Anne & Tom Henning in celebration of their 38th anniversary. Flowers have been given by Gary & Sheri Radtke in celebration of their 48th anniversary.***

Sign up for altar flowers while you are here for in-person worship. There can be two bouquets per Sunday, but it isn't required. The cost is \$25 and you can take your flowers home after the worship service. Please return the vase to church when you are finished. If you have any questions contact the church office.

## **Church News**

### **Vacation Bible School**

**July 10-14, 2023      9am-noon**

This is the last week to sign up for VBS! All children age 4 years through entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. Registration is FREE – donations accepted! Register here: <https://stphilip-co.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1731708>.

We are looking for some amazing volunteers as well! All ages are invited to be a part of this ministry full of fun and learning about Jesus! Volunteer Here: <https://stphilip-co.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1732086>.

We are looking for a couple people/families to house our Counselors coming from Rainbow Trail **July 9-14**. If you would be interested in housing 2-4 counselors please contact Melinda

We would also love to borrow some Christmas Trees or other artificial trees to help decorate for VBS! If you have a tree that we could borrow for the **week of July 10**, please let Melinda know!!

### **Church Family Picnic**

Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of Fellowship on Sunday July 23 at Progress Park in Littleton. We have the shelter reserved from 1-5pm – We will plan to eat around 3pm. The co-ed softball team plays at 1:15pm on that day and the field is right next to the picnic shelter. There is a playground for the kids and we will have other fun outdoor activities. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. (We will need grillers!) RSVP and sign up here to bring a dish to share.

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAE28A5FCCE9-allchurch>**

### **Stretching Over Scriptures**

Stretching over Scriptures Yoga is held every **Monday from 5:30-6:30pm in MC-4/5**. All levels and ages are welcome to participate. Each class begins with a devotion and ends with prayer. Please bring a yoga mat and water. Friends are welcome.

### **Men's Group Pizza Nights**

Calling all men ages 18-118! The revitalized Men's Group is starting a Pizza Night on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6-7pm. Come have a bite and join in the fellowship!

## **Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service**

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Looking for a way to serve over the summer? Try Habitat for Humanity! We have a volunteer day coming up on **Saturday July 15**. Register at the following link: <http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>.

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

Oh what a dramatic day it was last Thursday; we had to pause operations last week due to a thunderstorm with hail. The official registrations totaled 100 families, though it was likely closer to 120. For the coming week we can use:

- Canned pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned chicken
- Clean plastic grocery bags
- Low sugar, no sugar, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free donations are welcome

**We continue to be overstocked on egg cartons with no additional storage.**

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.

***Have some extra time late on Thursday afternoons? Sharing with Sheridan is looking for volunteers to break down distribution, starting at 3 pm. If you can help, even occasionally, please contact Volunteer Coordinator <volunteersharingwithsheridan@gmail.com>.***

## **Bible Study/Discussion**

### **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.



<b>Preparing for Worship - July 2, 2023 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>Scripture Reading: Romans 6:12-23</b>
<b>Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42</b>



<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, July 2, 2023</b>	
<b>Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Quinn Silco
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Smith
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kalina Perry
<b>Communion Servant</b>	Jim Smith
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Monica Auch, Nancy Schell
<b>Greeters</b>	The Hassman Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Morse, Dillon Keller
<b>A/V &amp; Livestream</b>	TBD
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning July 2: Juley &amp; Rich Allee</b>

# Our Prayer List

## Members

**Chris Youngren, Lynn Mossbrucker, Gary Donaho, Phyllis Kemp,  
Paul Stortz**

## Family Members

<b>Family &amp; friends of Andrew Phillips</b> (John & Jeri Phillips' nephew)	<b>Jenna Ermold</b> (Joanne Ermold's daughter)
<b>Brenda</b> (Marilyn Belford's daughter-in-law)	<b>Ron Ermold</b> (Joanne Ermold's husband)
<b>Jenn Moorehead</b> (Renate Muthart's granddaughter)	<b>Tim Booth</b> (Tom Booth's brother)
<b>Fred Bratteson</b> (Marilyn Belford's brother-in-law)	<b>Lauren Person</b> (Mary Flatley's daughter)
<b>Kevin Gilliland</b> (Harriet Truman's son-in-law)	<b>Karen, Bruce Johnson, Kristy, Dan Miller</b> (Anne Krause's family members)
	<b>Betty Wicklund</b> (Janet Shibly's aunt)
	<b>Dr. Thomas Flatley</b> (Tom Flatley's father)

## Friends

<b>Jennifer &amp; family</b> (Faerber, Celusniak)	<b>Sandy B.</b> (Werner)
<b>Bonnie</b> (Philpy)	<b>Rita Shaw</b> (Anderson)
<b>Keith</b> (Reed)	<b>Family of Linda</b> (Flatley)
<b>Calvin Baisley</b> (Stevermer)	<b>Emily Carlgren</b> (Hammer)
<b>Tanya Hamilton</b> (Stevermer)	<b>Kylie Austin</b> (Butts)
<b>David Heater</b> (Stevermer)	<b>Family &amp; friends of Josh Beaudoin</b> (Seep)
<b>Family of Tom Scott</b> (Henning)	<b>Cherie</b> (Morin)

**Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Clara Catherine Wolbert, first granddaughter of Dori Hammer & Tom Silco.**

**Prayers for the Back-to-School Clothing Event with Love INC and for all the young families they serve that can benefit from this event. We also pray for the Connection Center volunteers at Love INC and the staff as they receive many requests from callers who are facing eviction in this volatile housing market.**

**Prayers for all healthcare workers.**

**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

## (June 28-July 9, 2023)

<b>Wednesday, June 28</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Men’s Group Pizza Night 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Tuesday, July 4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> Church office closed No activities scheduled
<b>Thursday, June 29</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator	<b>Wednesday, July 5</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – Men’s Group Planning Mtg. (MC-3) 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Friday, June 30</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR)	<b>Thursday, July 6</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Saturday, July 1</b> 8:00a – Restroom Painting by Scouts 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	<b>Friday, July 7</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR)
<b>Sunday, July 2</b> <b>9:00a – Worship Service</b>	<b>Saturday, July 8</b> 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Mtg. (MC-3) <b>5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship</b>
<b>Monday, July 3</b> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 6:35p – Pub Theology (Locavore)	<b>Sunday, July 9</b> <b>9:00a – Worship Service</b>



## **Financial Statistics**

**As of the end of May 2023:**

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	435,638	418,626	17,012
Expenses	443,055	435,796	-7,259
	(7,417)	(17,170)	9,753

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	182,790	164,471	18,319
Expenses	178,097	165,372	-12,725
	4,693	(901)	5,594

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	252,848	254,155	(1,307)
Expenses	264,958	270,424	5,466
	(12,110)	(16,269)	4,159

\*without misclassified 2022  
ELC Income

### **Contributions**

<i>(General Fund)</i>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	225,765	234,133
YTD Budgeted	229,165	
	(3,400)	

### **ELCA World Hunger**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	\$2,112	\$1,693

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