

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

July 5, 2023

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 in celebration of Muriel Johnson's 91st birthday.

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.

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Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 2023 9am-noon

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 on **July 10** will be held in the **FELLOWSHIP HALL** from 5:30-6:30pm due to VBS. 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!

Thank you, Troop 554!

This last week volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 554 repainted the two bathrooms in the Ministry Center for us. They did a nice job! While these restrooms were previously designated for men and women and decorated accordingly, they are now labeled as unisex and painted in a fresh, neutral color. St Philip appreciates your help, scouts and leaders!

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Serve Focus for July—Colorado Hosting Asylum Network (CHAN) and Seeds of South Sudan (SoSS)

Do you like to Color? Want to share your pictures with others? Share your art and message of encouragement to the students through *Seeds of South Sudan*. The founder of “Seeds” is in Colorado until early July and can take back any cards, letters, or coloring pages you want to share. Please bring them to Deacon Korra at the church office.

Colorado Hosting Asylum Network-Want to help those who are seeking asylum on their journey to an independent, meaningful life in the U.S.? You can support CHAN by donating the following items:

- Gift cards to Walmart are very helpful to all the families.
- Gently used or new laptops or tablets. They enable adults to take online English courses and children who are enrolled in summer school to stay caught up with their studies.
- Bikes and helmets help adults get to work safely.

Donations can be brought to the narthex collection box or the bins by the office doors.

To learn more about CHAN, please visit their website at www.hostingasylumnetwork.org and discuss with Deacon Korra.

Immigration Reform-In May our Rostered Staff and elected delegates attended the Synod Assembly in El Paso. The theme, “Cruzando Fronteras, Crossing Borders”; was an embodied reminder of the critical need for new ways of thinking and acting in our country with respect to immigration.

As a church called to public witness for the sake of the neighbor, we respond to Christ’s call to serve and to seek justice when we engage our elected legislators on matters of the common good. We advocate for the building of not walls but a fair and humane immigration system. If you would like to reach out to our elected officials for that precise purpose, please do so by July 15 by following the steps below:

1. Identify your Representative and Senator and locate their contact information. If you're not sure, use this tool: www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member.
2. Decide how you want to contact your members of Congress. A phone call is often the quickest way to reach their office, but you may prefer email if you find it easier to write down your stories and thoughts. You may call 1-844-332-6361 and follow the instructions to be connected to your member's office.
3. When you contact your members of Congress share a story of your experiences and/or thoughts and ideas on immigration and asylum seekers.
4. Conclude your message by asking your member of Congress to commit to supporting bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform efforts.



Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last week Thursday we served **140** families. 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>.

Habitat for Humanity

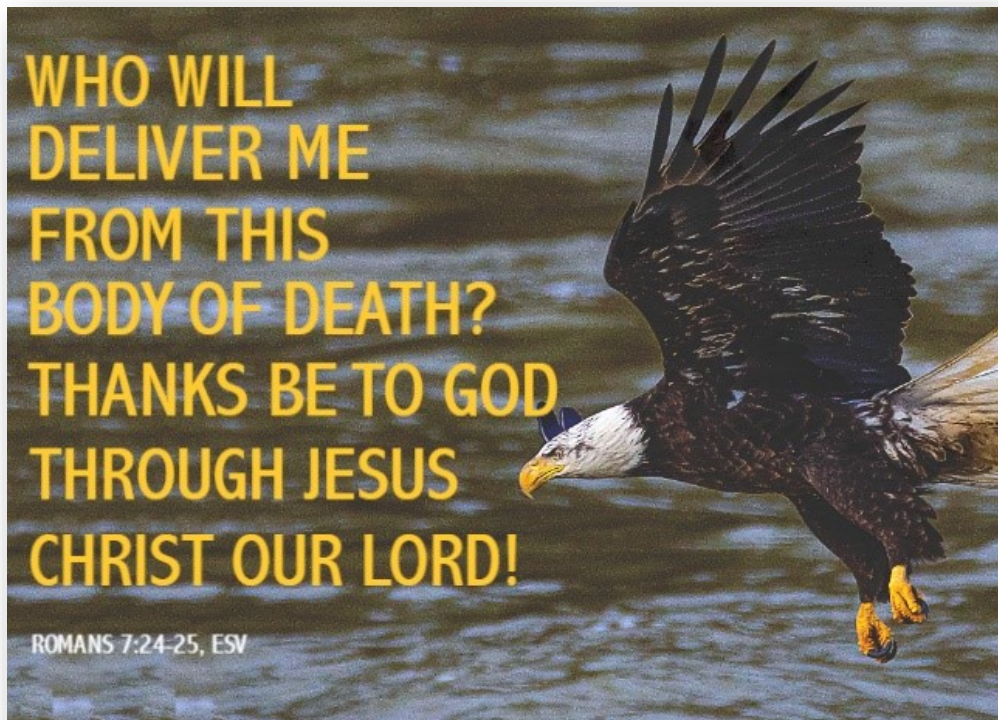
Looking for a way to serve over the summer? Try Habitat for Humanity! We have a volunteer day coming up on **Saturday July 15**. Register at the following link: <http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>.

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.





Preparing for Worship - July 9, 2023 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture Reading: Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Worship Servants for Sunday, July 9, 2023	
Deacon Korra Looschen, preaching; Pastor Brad Doty, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith
Lector	TBD
Acolyte	TBD
Communion Servant	Sandi Stevermer
Sacrament Servants	Sandi Stevermer, Carolyn Endecott
Greeters	Dave & Nancy Oelz
Ushers	Mark Morse, Charlie Petersen
A/V & Livestream	TBD
Key Keeper	Week beginning July 9: Mark Pixley

Calendar of Events

(July 5-16, 2023)

Wednesday, July 5 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – Men’s Group Plan Mtg. (MC-3) 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Tuesday, July 11 9:00a – Vacation Bible School 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH)
Thursday, July 6 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Wednesday, July 12 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:00a – Vacation Bible School 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Men’s Group Pizza Night (FH) 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Friday, July 7 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator	Thursday, July 13 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:00p – Vacation Bible School 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – VBS Dinner & Program
Saturday, July 8 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Mtg. (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship	Friday, July 14 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR) 9:00a – Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 9 9:00a – Worship Service 10:15a – Adult Forum (Sanc.)	Saturday, July 15 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
Monday, July 10 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 9:00a – Vacation Bible School 5:30p – Stretching over Scripture (MC-4/5) 6:35p – Pub Theology (Locavore)	Sunday, July 16 9:00a – Worship Service 10:30a – God’s Work Our Hands Mtg. (MC-4/5)

Our Prayer List

Members

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

Family Members

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

Friends

Jennifer & family (Faerber, Celusniak)	Family of Tom Scott (Henning)
Bonnie (Philpy)	Sandy B. (Werner)
Keith (Reed)	Rita Shaw (Anderson)
Calvin Baisley (Stevermer)	Family of Linda (Flatley)
Tanya Hamilton (Stevermer)	Cherie (Morin)
Family & friends of David Heater (Stevermer)	

Prayers for those seeking asylum that they may achieve a positive outcome in immigration court and a meaningful life in the United States.

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.***

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