St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

July 12, 2023

Worship News



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

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

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 filed 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

Bike Ride to Breckenridge Brewery

Join us for a bike ride from St. Philip to Breckenridge Brewery (2920 Brewery Ln) for happy hour on **Tuesday**, **July 25**. We will be leaving the St. Philip parking lot at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

The ride will be mostly bike paths and mostly flat (with some small inclines). Don't forget your water bottle. We will be sitting outside at the beer garden, so bring sun screen. The beer garden is first-come first-serve, but Tuesdays are supposed to be pretty quiet. Happy Hour at Breckenridge Brewery is from 3pm to 6 pm, and they have a limited food menu, beer, and soft drinks for purchase. The menu is via QR code, and payment is via phone.

Please email Juley Allee at juleyallee@gmail.com if you want a copy of the route.

Please sign up so we can take a count before taking off.

(https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49a9ad29a4fe3-bike)

If you don't ride and would like to join us, you can drive and meet us there!

St. Philip Hog Roast Fundraiser

St. Philip Men's Group is hosting a hog roast, **Sunday August 20, 2023** (After Rally Day church service) 10:30am – 12pm. Don't miss delicious food and fellowship. The cost is \$15 per adult, \$5 per child. Hog roast tickets will be available for purchase prior to the event. Friends and family are invited to come support this effort to help raise money for St. Philip sanctuary upgrades. All proceeds go towards the planned audio and video upgrades. In addition to the money raised through ticket sales, all donations will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$2,000.

Stretching Over Scriptures

Stretching over Scriptures Yoga is held in MC-4/5 on Mondays at 5:30pm. 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!

Technology Upgrades for the Sanctuary - Giving Update

A few months ago the congregation was first made aware of some planned updates in the SPLC sanctuary, focused on three different aspects: More reliable lighting control; wall mounted remote-controlled cameras for our video feed; an enclosed, larger A/V station in back of the sanctuary. Total cost was estimated at about \$50,000. A challenge gift for half of this amount was received early in the year. With other gifts received in the meantime, the balance left from the 2022 Golf Tournament, and the proceeds from the Cribbage Tournament in February and Easter Breakfast, the total in the Sanctuary Upgrade Fund stands at \$38,487 as of June 30! Thank you so much to all who have already contributed. Only another \$11,500 to go toward our goal!

Contributions to this special fund can be made by cash or check (with "Sanctuary Upgrades" in the memo line) or on our website, www.stphilip-co.org. If you have any questions, please contact Business Administrator Kirsten Olshausen (kolshausen@stphilip-co.org).

On **August 20**, the Men's Group sponsored hog roast will be a fundraiser for this effort. Sanctuary upgrades will begin at the end of summer. Thanks to all for your support.

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 153 families. For the coming week we can use:

- Canned pasta
- Jelly
- 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.



Thank You

Dear People of St Philip,

I wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for your loving care and concern for me these past several weeks as well as for your many cards and visits. The kindness that pours forth from all of you amazes me. St Philip Lutheran Church is a very special place where people truly know how to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I am blessed to be a part of this congregation.

Lynn Mossbrucker

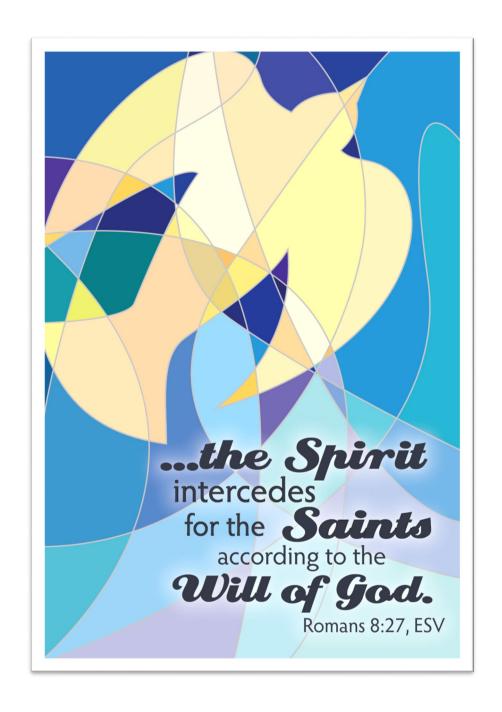


Worship Servants for Sunday, July 16, 2023		
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding		
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen	
Lector	TBD	
Acolyte	TBD	
Communion Servant	Erin White	
Sacrament Servants	Gwyn Neal, Sandi Stevermer	
Greeters	The Nottingham Family	
Ushers	Charlie Petersen, Jon Dierksheide	
Key Keeper	Week beginning July 16: Gaylen Rapp	

Preparing for Worship - July 16, 2023 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Calendar of Events July 12-23, 2023

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)	Tuesday, July 18 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1 & 2) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH)
Thursday, July 13 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 9:00a – Vacation Bible School 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 5:30p – VBS Dinner & Program	Wednesday, July 19 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Friday, July 14 Church office open 8am-noon 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Rehearsal (YR) 9:00a – Vacation Bible School	Thursday, July 20 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator
Saturday, July 15 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, July 21 Church office open 8am-noon 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)
Sunday, July 16 9:00a – Worship Service 10:30a – God's Work Our Hands Mtg. (MC-4/5)	Saturday, July 22 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-3, MC-4/5, YR, FS) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
Monday, July 17 5:30a – Camp Gladiator 5:30p – Stretching over Scripture (MC-4/5)	Sunday, July 23 9:00a – Worship Service 1:00p – Church Family Picnic (Progress Park)



Our Prayer List

Members

Bob Wagner, Lynn Mossbrucker, Gary Donaho, Phyllis Kemp

Family Members

Family of Maurice Philson (Monica Auch's uncle) Ron Ermold (Joanne Ermold's husband) **Brenda** (Marilyn Belford's daughter-in-law) Jenn Moorehead (Renate Muthart's granddaugh-Fred Bratteson (Marilyn Belford's brother-in-law) **Kevin Gilliland** (Harriet Truman's son-in-law) Jenna Ermold (Joanne Ermold's daughter)

Tim Booth (Tom Booth's brother) **Lauren Person** (Mary Flatley's daughter) **Bruce Johnson** (Anne Krause's uncle) Betty Wicklund (Janet Shibly's aunt) **Dr. Thomas Flatley** (Tom Flatley's father)

Friends

Jennifer & family (Faerber, Celusniak) Family & friends of David Heater (Stevermer) Cherie (Morin)

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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