

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

August 30, 2023



***The church office will be closed Monday, September 4
for the Labor Day holiday.***

Worship News

Altar flowers have been given by Andy Hancock in memory of his father, Homer Hancock. Flowers have also been given by Tom Schnickel in memory of his brother, Mike. Altar flowers have been given by Bill & Dottie Colbenson in celebration of their 50th 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

Adult Faith Formation Discussion on the ELCA Social Statements

Deacon Korra and Pastor Brad will be leading a discussion on the ELCA Social Statements for the adult faith formation hour on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15am. There will be a couple of guest speakers coming to speak on the topics and share their perspectives. We will begin with an introduction on the ELCA and politics on **Sunday, September 17 at 10:30am in MC-4/5**. Pastor Bonita Bock will be joining us to share her involvement with Lutheran advocacy and why the ELCA is involved in advocacy. See Pastor Bonita's bio below.

In preparation for these conversations, we invite you read the social statements ahead of time. All of the social statements are posted on the ELCA website (<http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements>). The first social statement that will help you prepare for our conversation on September 17 is the Church in Society social statement.

As we come together, we will learn, listen and discuss. This time is not set up to be a debate. Please bring an open mind and be willing to listen to people who have a different perspective or understanding than you. As a reminder, we come together in unity in our faith in Christ, but we are not all unified in our beliefs; especially on topics regarding politics. We hope you will join us in these conversations to learn more about the ELCA.

Pastor Bonita Bock is a retired Pastor and has served on the advocacy ministry board with Peter Seversen of the Rocky Mountain Synod for about five years in a volunteer position. She has had several other volunteer responsibilities that deal with legislative advocacy. She is retired from the religion faculty of Wartburg College. During that tenure, she taught a course on religion and politics. Bonita has also served on the adjunct faculty at Iliff Seminary for many years and has been on the Urban Servant Corps Board.

Volunteer with Kids and/or Youth Ministry

Do you love kids? Have a passion for reaching youth with the message of Jesus? Do you like to play games like ping pong, volleyball, and more? Are donuts your favorite food group? What about crafting with glue, stickers and more?

We can always use volunteers in our ministry to Children and Youth - Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, some special event days as well! Once a month, once a week, even just once! If you would like to be added to our volunteer list and really have some fun, please reach out to Melinda Svenkerud, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org.

There is nothing more rewarding than helping kids develop a strong foundation of faith! Join us today!

First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Saturday, September 9, 9am – 2pm (bring your own snacks/lunch)

Location: MC-4/5

We are excited to announce that we will be offering First Aid/CPR/AED training here at St. Philip. Members Michael and Dorie Werner are certified instructors and will be offering this training for \$30 per person. For many people, learning First Aid and CPR and how to use an AED can seem challenging – even overwhelming. Yet, in just a few steps you can drastically increase someone's chances of survival after sudden cardiac arrest. They would like to educate as many people as possible in these life-saving skills. The more members of the community that they can educate, the safer our community can become.

Certificates of completion will be presented to all participants who complete the course. The class is open to anyone 12 and up who is physically able to perform the required procedures. There is a limit of 16 participants in each class.

Training includes learning about emergency situations, getting started with first aid, getting started with CPR, basic life support, how to use the AED, and practice what you learn. The training is by video, lecture, and hands on and lasts for 5 hours. All participants will receive a two-year certification. (*This course does not meet the credentials for the Health Care Professional (BCLS).*)

Contact Michael and Dorie either by email goldwinger2@hotmail.com or cell phone (Dorie) 303-434-5243 with any questions and to RSVP.

"God's Work. Our Hands." Sign up in the Narthex!

On **Sunday, September 10** following a shortened worship service, we encourage everyone to participate in one of the following service learning projects:

- Receiving donations and organizing items at the Habitat for Humanity Restore- **Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10am-2pm (note this is a change from the original 1pm time listed.)** Please sign up in the narthex.
- Harvesting in the Community Garden at St. Philip
- Assembling cold and flu kits for CHAN and Family Promise; Writing an encouraging note or coloring a picture to go inside
- Writing letters to the students with Seeds of South Sudan
- Lunch prep and clean up for all volunteers
- Tying blankets for Family Promise recipients
- Mineral Trail clean up (Meet at Carson Nature Center)
- Assembling children's activity bags - **Newly Added!**

Please sign up in advance so we can plan accordingly. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. Everyone is invited to wear their yellow, "God's Work. Our Hands" t-shirt that morning to worship and service. T-shirts are on sale in the narthex for \$10. Wearing your shirt in the community is a great way to share the news of what St. Philip is doing in our community.

Stretching Over Scriptures

Stretching over Scriptures Yoga will be on break the next three weeks. Classes will resume on Monday, September 25 and continue every Monday from 5:30-6:30pm.

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 here at the church. Come have a bite and join in the fellowship!

Bible Studies

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 **Mondays at 6:35pm**. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Brad.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at church, 9:30 to 11:00am

Come and discover the "Seamless" thread connecting the Bible **beginning September 13**. Author Angie Smith shows us how the Bible is connected, from Genesis to Revelation, as one beautiful seamless thread. The book is available online or at Mardel's. Contact Chris Youngren at 303-973-3096 or ctyoungren@gmail.com for more information.

Monday Women's Bible Study Begins Sept. 18

Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at church from 9 to 11am in the Fireside Room. All women are invited to join us. Contact Julia Cooley at 303-903-9651 or jhcool519@gmail.com for more information.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Sunday School for Kids!

All kids age 3yr (potty trained) through 6th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School each Sunday from 10:15 – 11:15am. We have a great year planned of fun events and learning about GOD! Hope to see all of our kids on SUNDAY! Questions about Sunday School?? Contact Melinda at msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org.

Sunday Youth Fellowship

Join us in the youth room after church! We will have youth fellowship time – Donuts included! All students in 7th grade - 12th grade are invited – every Sunday! Hang out with friends, play games, have table top discussions!

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Last Sunday for Donations

This Sunday is the final day to donate to make Cold and Flu Kits that will be given to families at Family Promise and the Colorado Hosting Asylum Network. We are collecting the following newly purchased packaged items: cough drops, tea bags (especially those for sore throats and colds), tissues, lip balm, face masks, chicken broth packets or cubes, Emergen-C drink packets, warm socks, optional small treat such as mini candy bar or Hershey Kisses. Donations can be brought to the narthex collection box or the bins by the office doors.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

SwS is looking for someone with a large vehicle to pick up food and transport it to the pantry on **Thursday, September 7**. This takes approximately an hour from 11:15am-12:15pm. If you can help, contact Jan Philpy at gjphilpy@gmail.com.

Last Thursday we approached a record as we served **178** families. For the upcoming distribution we can use:

- Pasta sauce
- Pancake/corn muffin mix
- Jelly/jam

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.

Events

Bless the Build

Sunday, September 24 at 1pm at Augustana Lutheran Church

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Augustana is excited to be building eight new homes in Denver's Washington Virginia Vale neighborhood, providing families the opportunity to purchase homes with affordable mortgages in a vibrant part of the city. Augustana Homes includes three- and four-

bedroom layouts with two bathrooms per unit, as well as outdoor green space and dedicated parking.

Meet in the sanctuary for a brief program; then proceed to the build site for a blessing for the project, volunteers, and families who will live in these homes. RSVP using the link below.

Ken Caryl Concert Series

Ken Caryl Concerts presents “A Night at the Opera” **Saturday, September 30 at 7:30pm** at the church. Join us for an entertaining evening of music from *Carmen*, *The Barber of Seville*, *The Magic Flute*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and more!

Preparing for Worship - September 3, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Worship Servants for Sunday, September 3, 2023	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Penny Selden
Communion Servant	Gary Philpy
Sacrament Servants	Monica Auch, Carolyn Endecott
Greeters	John & Penny Selden
Ushers	Greg Luer, Tom Flatley
Key Keeper	Week beginning Sept. 3: Chris White



Our Prayer List

Members

Bob Timm, Gary Donaho, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner, Jeri Phillips

Family Members

Kris Hunt (Monica Auch's sister)
Clarissa Lee (Sharon Peters' niece)
Jenn Moorehead (Renate Muthart's grand-daughter)
Fred Bratteson (Marilyn Belford's brother-in-law)
Kevin Gilliland (Harriet Truman's son-in-law)
Jenna Ermold (Joanne Ermold's daughter)

Ron Ermold (Joanne Ermold's husband)
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

Robert Little (Stevermer)
Kim White (Mosier)
Marsu Nolan (Mosier)
Larry Trotter (Rapp)
Cherie (Morin)

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

August 30-September 10, 2023

Wednesday, August 30 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen) 6:00p – High School Youth Group 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Tuesday, September 5 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1 & 2) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Men’s Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, August 31 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator	Wednesday, September 6 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen) 6:00p – High School Youth Group 6:00p – Men’s Group Planning Mtg. (MC-3) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Friday, September 1 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)	Thursday, September 7 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Pack 47 (MC-4/5, YR) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday, September 2 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, September 8 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness
Sunday, September 3 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH)	Saturday, September 9 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 9:00a – All State Choir Judges’ Mtg (Sanc.) 9:00a – CPR Class (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
Monday, September 4 Labor Day-Church office closed No activities scheduled	Sunday, September 10 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – God’s Work Our Hands Projects



St. Philip Lutheran Church

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***“At St. Philip Lutheran Church we
intentionally build relationships through Christ to
grow and serve.”***

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