

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 13, 2023



Worship News

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal has moved from Thursdays to Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Bob Timm in celebration of Wauneta Rogge's 83rd 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.

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.



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!

Rainbow Trail Women's Retreat—October 6-8, 2023

It's time for you to free yourself from your daily stressors and escape to Rainbow Trail for some spiritual freedom, fellowship, and fun! Don't miss this opportunity to be immersed in community on the mountain, where we will discover and affirm the gifts that God has given us. Call your best gal pals, staff alumni sisters, church buddies, neighbor that God has been nudging you about. But do it soon ... registration will fill fast!

CPR Class Wrap Up

Seven people successfully completed the First Aid/CPR/AED class on Saturday, September 9. Skills and confidence were gained by all. An overview of St. Philip's new AED was gone through as well. We will be having another class on **Saturday, October 21**. Contact Michael or Dorie Werner with any questions or to RSVP by email goldwinger2@hotmail.com or cell phone (Dorie) 303-434-5243.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Thanks to all who served last week to make a positive difference in our community. Family Promise, Colorado Hosting Asylum Network, Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry, Seeds of South Sudan, The Carson Nature Trail, and Habitat for Humanity were all thankful recipients of your work. Thanks to Thrivent for the funds to purchase lunch and all items needed for the cold and health kits plus children's activity bags. See our Facebook page for pictures from some of the experiences.

Annual Chili Cook Off

The St. Philip Men's Group is hosting the annual Chili Cook-Off **Saturday, October 14 at 6pm**, following the Saturday Evening Service. Bring your favorite chili to be judged by all in attendance. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Sign up by contacting Brad or Liz Reed or the church office. Freewill offering donations accepted. See you there!

Stretching Over Scriptures

Stretching over Scriptures Yoga will be on break this week. 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!

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.

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!

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Bless the Build

We have an amazing opportunity to see the beginning of the process of a property that Holy Hammers and Habitat for Humanity-Denver are launching to be built in 2024 on the property at Augustana Lutheran Campus. Please join us for the dedication of that project on **Sunday, September 24 at 1:00pm** at the build site. There will be many opportunities for St. Philip congregation members to be involved with gifts of time, talent, and treasures in the months ahead. Please reach out to Rich and Juley Allee or Deacon Korra for any information.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Sharing with Sheridan is looking for volunteers to help with our booth at the Sheridan Celebrates Festival on **Saturday, September 30**. We need people anytime from 9am-4pm for whenever you are available. Contact Jan Philpy for more information.

Last Thursday we served **159** families. For next week we can use:

- Pasta sauce
- Canned chicken
- 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.

September Serve Focus—Foothills CROP Hunger Walk

The 2023 Foothills CROP Hunger Walk is planned for **October 8** at Clement Park, Johnston Reservoir in Littleton at 1pm. This community-based walk raises awareness and funds to support the hunger-fighting work of Church World Service in over 30 countries and the local work of Love INC of Littleton, The Action Center, Community Table, and Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry. We will be walking around Johnston

Reservoir, hosting a food collection and shoe collection, and other fun events on walk day. Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world. Visit the CROP Walk website for more information: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/foothillsco>. Contact Deacon Korra for details.

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.

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.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Tuesday evenings at 7pm, St. Philip Men's Fellowship will begin sponsoring a **Family Bible Study for all confirmed members of St. Philip**. This study will take a close examination of the Book of Isaiah, the most significant prophetic book of the Bible. Please come and join us in this exciting look at the book that contains the very basis for our faith. Our study is held every Tuesday evening at the Selander home. (6338 S. Harlan Way Littleton) If you have any questions please call Paul at 303-241-0321 or Laurie at 303-518-1457.

Our suggested text for this study is The Milstein Edition of the Later Prophets: Isaiah and can be purchased from Amazon.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

We will meet at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at church in the Youth Room. We will be watching a DVD series on Biblical Archaeology. All men are welcome to attend. Led by Glenn Isernhagen.

Wednesday Morning 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. 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.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Are you wanting to spend time with other ladies and understand how the Bible relates to your life today? Join Deacon Korra on Wednesday evenings to explore, "The Good and Beautiful Bible Study; Experiencing stories from the Bible and what it means for our lives today." Read diverse stories from both the Old and New Testament

that explore a bible story, its key themes, and how it relates to our lives today. This book explores:

- Courage and providence through the story of Esther
- Grief and hope through the story of Lazarus, Martha, & Mary
- Seeing and valuing others through the story of Hagar
- Accepting grace through the story of Jacob and Esau
- Cultivating hope through the story of Hannah
- Many more!

The first gathering will be **Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00pm** and continue every Wednesday following through mid-December. We will meet in MC-1. Bring a bible,

Foothills CROP Hunger Walk fundraiser night



Wednesday, Sept 20th

4pm-9pm

Dine-in or Carryout

(20% of all sales support CROP)

**7450B W 52nd Ave Ste 204, Arvada, CO 80002
and
8501 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80123**

Preparing for Worship - September 17, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Our Prayer List

Members

**Bob Connor, Gary Donaho, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner,
Jeri Phillips**

Family Members

Emily Calgren (Dori Hammer's cousin)

Family & friends of Irene Roman (Marilyn & Ed Belford's niece)

Bruce Gillett (Lyle Gillett's brother)

Family & friends of Thomas Gonzalez (Marilyn Belford's cousin)

Denny (Anne Henning's uncle)

Lenny Ermold (Joanne Ermold's nephew)

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

Joan (Hammer/Silco)

Jill Heil

Josie Wallingford (Rhodes)

Marilyn Broadbent (Gillett)

Randall Drake (Werner)

Wendy (Rogge)

Marin (Henning)

Robert Little (Stevermer)

Kim White (Mosier)

Marsu Nolan (Mosier)

Cherie (Morin)

Prayers for the Moroccan earthquake victims and their families. Prayers for all those affected by the flooding in Libya.

Prayers for all those suffering from food insecurity. We pray for the upcoming Crop Walk; for all those who participate and all those who are blessed by the food supplied to those in need.

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

September 13-24, 2023

Wednesday, September 13 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen) 6:00p – High School Youth Group 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Tuesday, September 19 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-2) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, September 14 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator	Wednesday, September 20 9:00a – Girl Scout Leader Training (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen) 6:00p – High School Youth Group 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Friday, September 15 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)	Thursday, September 21 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator
Saturday, September 16 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH, kitchen) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, September 22 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)
Sunday, September 17 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Adult Forum (MC-4/5)	Saturday, September 23 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
Monday, September 18 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – Women’s Bible Study (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, September 24 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5) 3:00p – Sedalia Spurs 4-H Club (MC-4/5, FH)





***Sheridan Celebrates
Parade & Festival***

Sat. 9/30, 8:30 am-3 pm
4101 S. Federal Blvd.

FREE Parade, Inflatables, Live Music

Worship Servants for Sunday, September 17, 2023	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith
Lector	Sandra Fishko
Communion Servant	Amy Rahne
Sacrament Servants	Suzanne Peterson, Sandi Stevermer
Greeters	Mary Hatlestad and Carole Kessler
Ushers	Brian Lamb, Chuck Rogge
Key Keeper	Week beginning Sept. 17: Mark Pixley