

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 20, 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, fellowship host and more! Contact the church office if you are interested.

### Altar Flowers

*Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Liz Watts in memory of her parents.*

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

### Connect - Discover and Explore St. Philip

Are you interested in learning more about St. Philip Lutheran Church, its ministries and its mission? Attend Connect, an informational gathering on **Sunday, October 8 at 5:00pm** to discover, explore and connect with St. Philip! Following the class, if you want to go all in and become a member of St. Philip Lutheran Church, there will be a new member class on **Sunday, October 15 at 5:00pm**. Both of these gatherings will begin with dinner, followed by information and conversation. Please RSVP by filling out a registration form, which will help Pastor Brad to know how many people to prepare for each evening. <https://www.stphilip-co.org/connect-gathering/>

### Creative Caring Quilters

Creative, Caring Quilters are meeting this **Saturday, September 23 from 9am-12 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We make quilts to send overseas with Lutheran World Relief for people in foreign countries. Last year we sent 15 quilts. Come join us for good coffee, treats, devotions and conversation. Bring your summer "Sew and Tell". Sewing is good for our souls!

### 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!

### **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!

### **Endowment Committee**

The St. Philip Endowment Committee is opening applications for Endowment Grants **starting October 1, 2023 until October 31, 2023**. If your organization has a need for funding of a new ministry or a special holiday ministry, please go to the St. Philip website to fill out and submit an Endowment application. We are excited to have an opportunity to promote the ministry of St. Philip with new Endowment Grants.

### **Stretching Over Scriptures**

Stretching over Scriptures yoga **resumes next Monday from 5:30-6:30pm in MC-4/5**. All are welcome to participate in this spiritual practice of deep breathing, prayer, meditation, movement, and connecting our mind, body and spirit.

### **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!

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

### **Dipes and Wipes**

This Saturday we will be handing out diapers and praying with the families who receive them. If you want to participate in this amazing partnership ministry with Love INC, please see the link below. Opportunities to serve with childcare, hospitality, handing out diapers, and prayer partners are all available.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9A62FA7F5C25-44397461-dipes>

### **Habitat for Humanity**

The Denver Metro Habitat for Humanity 2023 Fall Match opportunity is here! Now through Oct 2, 2023, your gift makes twice the impact!

*Now through October 2, 2023 the Bauer Foundation, a generous supporter of Habitat for Humanity, will match all gifts dollar for dollar UP TO \$2 MILLION!*

Use this link to give: <https://habitatmetrodenver.org/donate-now/> and scroll down to Give Online Now" and complete the form. Please type in the comment section, "Holy Hammers" to be sure your donation is applied correctly. St. Philip is a participating

congregation of Holy Hammers, the faith-based coalition of Habitat for Humanity-Denver. Thank you for your donation! Any questions, please reach out to Rich Allee at eella.t.r@gmail.com or 303-933-2180.

### **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 **160** families. For next week we can use:

- Pasta sauce
- Canned chicken
- Canned beans (black, pinto, etc.)
- 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 will be held **October 8** at Clement Park, Johnston Reservoir, Pavilion P 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 <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/foothillsco>, or sign up in the Narthex. Contact Deacon Korra for details.

## **Children, Youth & Family Ministries**

### **Sunday School for Kids!**

All kids age 3yr (potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org).

## Events

### Augustana Arts—Stratus Chamber Orchestra

Enjoy “Pay What You Choose” ticketing for our upcoming concert. Experience the Stratus Chamber Orchestra like never before. If you haven’t had the pleasure of listening to Stratus, now is your opportunity, and you get to set your ticket price! Our “Music Without Boundaries” concert celebrates the limitless creativity of female composers and composers of color. Our program will feature:

- Arturo Marquez's lively *Danzón No. 4*
- Kevin Puts' expressive *Flute Concerto*, with Stratus's own Tamara Maddaford as the soloist
- Nkeiru Okoye's vibrant *Charlotte Mecklenburg*
- Florence Price's powerful *Concert Overture No. 1*

Join us on **Saturday, September 23, at 7 pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church; or **Sunday, September 24, at 3 pm** at City Park Pavilion. Tickets can be reserved at [AugustanaArts.org](http://AugustanaArts.org). Alternatively, feel free to attend the concert and pay what you choose at our box office. Don't miss this high-quality performance by Denver's premier orchestra

### Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale is pleased to announce our October and December concert dates, times and locations. Please note that these may be subject to change.

The Fall Concerts will be on **Sunday, October 15:**

- Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Avenue, Aurora at **2:30pm**
- St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton at **6:30pm**

The Christmas Concerts will be on **Sunday, December 3:**

- Covenant Living of Colorado, 9153 Yarrow Street, Westminster at **2:30pm**
- Concordia Lutheran Church, 13371 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood at **6:30pm**

More information can be found on our website at [thelutheranchorale.org](http://thelutheranchorale.org).

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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, your dinner if needed. or a snack to share and an open heart. Please sign up and let us know you are planning to attend and want to purchase a book. Book orders are due by Wednesday, September 27 and cost \$24 each. If you can come occasionally, but not every week, that's okay. Come when you are able.

## **Financial Statistics**

**As of the end of August 2023:**

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	588,183	668,356	(80,173)
Expenses	679,759	696,730	16,971
	(91,576)	(28,374)	(63,202)

*Please see note below*

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	197,441	261,754	(64,313)
Expenses	231,441	263,714	32,273
	(34,000)	(1,960)	(32,040)

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	390,742	406,602	(15,860)
Expenses	448,318	433,016	(15,302)
	(57,576)	(26,414)	(31,162)

\*without misclassified  
2022 SPELC Income

### **Contributions**

(General Fund)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	345,911	350,617
YTD Budgeted	366,664	
	(20,753)	

### **ELCA World Hunger**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	\$3,018	\$2,975

The differences between budgeted and actual ELC Income and Expenses are misleading (at this point in the year) because the annual budget totals were spread evenly over all 12 months; in reality, we had no tuition income and lower than normal expenses in June-August! This will even out over the next few months.

# **Foothills CROP Hunger Walk fundraiser night**



*Dining to*  
**DONATE**

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**11am-11pm**

**Dine-in or Carryout**

**(15% of sales support CROP)**

**5250 S. Wadsworth Blvd.  
Littleton, CO 80123**

**Present flyer to server prior to payment.  
Not valid on delivery.**



***Sheridan Celebrates  
Parade & Festival***

**Sat. 4/30, 8:30 am-3 pm  
4101 S. Federal Blvd.**

***FREE Parade, Inflatables, Live Music***

# *Our Prayer List*

## **Members**

**Gary Donaho, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner**

## **Family Members**

**Ryan & family** (Sherry Anderson's nephew)  
**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)  
**Lenny Ermold** (Joanne Ermold's nephew)  
**Clarissa Lee** (Sharon Peters' niece)  
**Jenn Moorehead** (Renate Muthart's granddaughter)

**Fred Bratteson** (Marilyn Belford's brother-in-law)  
**Kevin Gilliland** (Harriet Truman's son-in-law)  
**Ryan Ermold** (Joanne Ermold's son)  
**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 of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.**

**Prayers of strength, hope, and tranquility for caregivers and healthcare workers.**

**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 20-October 1, 2023

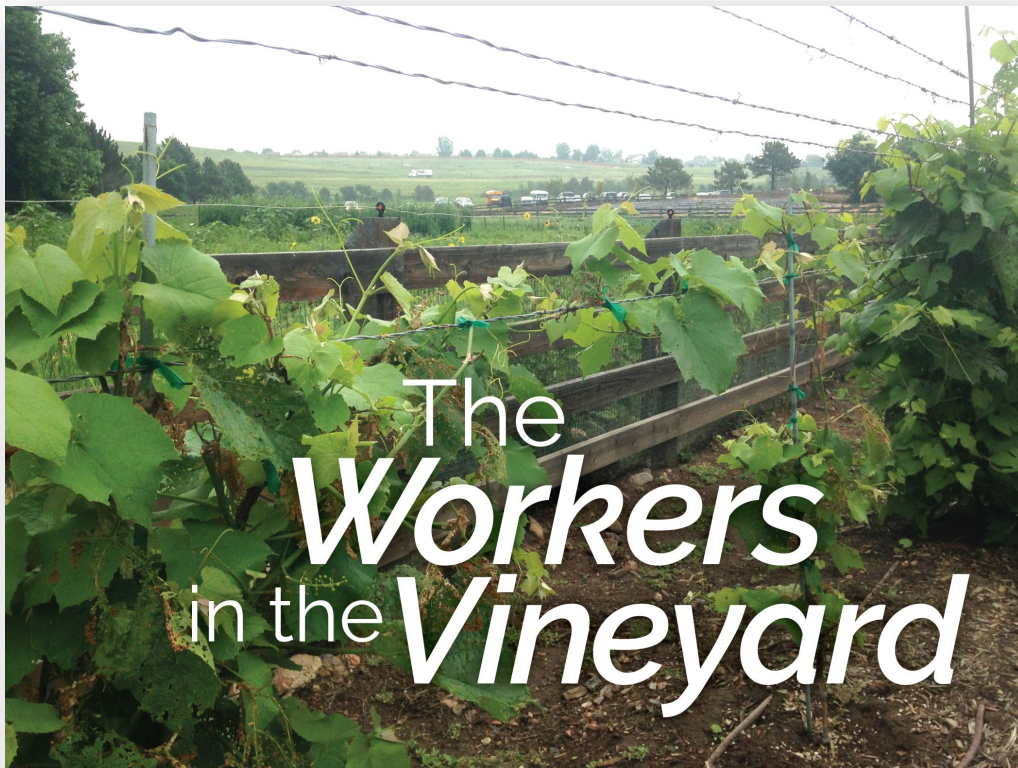
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b> 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (FH) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen) 6:00p – High School Youth Group 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Tuesday, September 26</b> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, September 21</b> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Wednesday, September 27</b> 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (FH) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen) 6:00p – High School Youth Group 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)
<b>Friday, September 22</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)	<b>Thursday, September 28</b> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Saturday, September 23</b> 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-1) <b>5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</b>	<b>Friday, September 29</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)
<b>Sunday, September 24</b> <b>9:00a – Worship</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship (6th-12th grades, YR) 10:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5) 3:00p – Sedalia Spurs 4-H Club (MC-4/5, FH)	<b>Saturday, September 30</b> 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30p – Ken Caryl Concert Set Up 7:30p – Ken Caryl Concert "A Night at the Opera" (Sanc.)
<b>Monday, September 25</b> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 5:00p – Homeowners' Assn. Mtg. (FH) 5:30p – Stretching over Scripture (MC-4/5) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	<b>Sunday, October 1</b> <b>9:00a – Worship</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship (6th-12th grades, YR) 10:30a – Adult Forum (MC-4/5)

**Preparing for Worship - September 24, 2023  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16**



**Worship Servants for Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**Deacon Korra Looschen, preaching; Pastor Brad Doty, presiding**

**Assisting Minister**

Quinn Silco

**Lector**

Juley Allee

**Acolyte**

Liam Person

**Communion Servant**

Jim Smith

**Sacrament Servants**

Mary Hatlestad, Beth Clough

**Greeters**

Anne Henning, Anne Husted

**Ushers**

Chuck Rogge, Gaylen Rapp

**Key Keeper**

**Week beginning Sept. 24: Juley & Rich Allee**





# 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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