

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 15, 2023



Worship News

Upcoming Services

Wednesday, November 22—Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:00pm

Join us for our traditional pie social in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Bring a pie to share!

Sunday, November 26—Christ the King Sunday; Wilms Baptism

Advent Readers

People are needed to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath on Sunday mornings during Advent! We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, groups of singles, etc. Contact Angela if you have questions or want to sign up.

Church News

Adult Faith Formation Class

There is **no class this Sunday** due to the Church Council meeting. We will resume our discussion on the ELCA Social Statement of Gun Violence and Trauma on Nov. 26.

Nominating Voting Members for the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly

The St. Philip nominating committee is receiving nominations for those who are interested in being a voting member at the 2024 RMS Assembly. The assembly takes place from **Thursday, April 25 - Saturday, April 27, 2024** in Loveland, CO. St. Philip is able to have two representatives from the congregation and it is encouraged to have one male and one female.

The role of those attending the synod assembly is to participate in the assembly as a voting member; they are considered to be voting members until the start of the next synod assembly. The largest agenda item for the synod assembly is electing a new bishop for the Rocky Mountain Synod. There may be a memorial or resolution that is brought to the assembly for consideration. All materials will be provided in advance for the voting member to review before the assembly. The assembly also has reports that are given by the ELCA, ministries of the ELCA and other partners. The synod assembly representatives then come back to the congregation and give a report to the congregation, either in written form or at an in-person forum.

If you are interested in being a St. Philip voting member or would like to nominate someone (please confirm with them before nominating them), please contact Sue Miller at sue.miller50@comcast.net.

Creative Caring Quilters

The Creative Caring Quilters are gathering this **Saturday, November 18 from 9am-12 pm** to sew squares and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We invite all women and teens to help us in this endeavor. Come enjoy some coffee, pumpkin treats and good conversation! Our next meeting will be **Saturday, January 27**. We promise to keep you in stitches!

College Outreach Ministry

The pennants will be up in the Narthex this week for our fall college, grad school and trade school students' care packages. The pennants highlight the specific snacks and the quantity needed to fill 48 student boxes. The snacks should be store bought with labels for anyone with allergy issues. Please support this great ministry by taking a pennant or two and returning the snacks to the church by **Sunday, November 19**. Contact Anne Henning (adhenning14@gmail.com) with any questions.

Christmas Decorating

Everyone is invited to join us for Christmas decorating of the church on **Wednesday November 29**. A soup supper will be provided at 6:00pm with decorating to follow. Sign up here to help provide food for the dinner:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAE28A5FCCE9-45919716-soup>

Book Club Invitation

First time Colorado authors of "Winter Haven" will be joining us on **Monday, December 11 from 9:30-11am in the Chapel**. If you have any questions, or want to come and see, call or text Sue Miller at 303-619-0661 or Beth Faerber 303-953-9745.

Ken Caryl Concert Series

Ken Caryl Concerts presents *Songs of the Season* on **Sunday, December 10 at 3pm** here at St. Philip. All ages are welcome and a freewill donation will be accepted. We are looking for some volunteers to assist with the concert. Contact Kristen Celusniak if you are interested.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

What Child is This? A Christmas Program for Children and Youth **Sunday December 3 at 9am**

All Children age 3yr & up and ALL Youth in 7th - 12th grades are invited to participate in this special event. We will tell the story of God's greatest gift - Jesus! Through song, dance, puppets, narration and more, the kids will have the opportunity to participate in telling this amazing story and sharing their gifts with the congregation on that Sunday morning. Rehearsals will be each Sunday morning during Sunday School (10:15 - 11:15am) in Fellowship Hall. Dress rehearsal will be **Wednesday November 29 from 5-6pm with dinner provided at 6pm**. Contact Melinda for questions or to sign your child up to participate. *Let us know if your child plays an instrument and what instrument they play!*

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Turkeys and Toiletries Collection for Sharing with Sheridan

St. Philip is collecting the following items that can be dropped off in the narthex or food pantry bins:

- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Shaving Cream & razors
- Deodorant
- Regular or Small Size Shampoo

- Dish Soap
- Bars of Soap
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Chapstick & hand lotion

We are also accepting donations of frozen turkeys (10-12 lbs.-no larger). They are to be labeled "SWS" and can be put in the big white freezer in the kitchen. All donations are to be made **by November 19**.

There are a variety of other ways to participate with our food pantry, such as transferring computer files or helping with occasional pick up of food on Thursdays. For more information on these opportunities, contact Deacon Korra or Jan Philpy. Thank you for your partnership in helping others in the community.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Another record shattered! Last week our team of awesome volunteers enjoyed the sparkling sunshine while serving a record-breaking **220 families**. For the upcoming distribution we can use:

- Canned beans
- Pasta sauce
- Canned pasta

We continue to be overstocked with egg cartons and have 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.

Lutheran Family Services-Warm Coats Needed

We are starting to see the temperatures drop in Colorado – for our new arrivals from South America and Cuba the cold weather has caught them by surprise. Even though we have a coat drive as part of the Angel Tree program this year, we are finding ourselves in need of warm coats. For this drive we are accepting gently used or new coats. We are looking for both adult men and women, small, medium, large and extra-large and children and infant sizes. Donations can be brought to the narthex collection bin. Deacon Korra will take them to Lutheran Family Services.

Events

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Biggest Sale Of The Year November 18 – 35% off almost everything in the store!

You can shop for everything your home needs at affordable prices: new and gently used furniture, appliances, dishes, cabinetry, lighting & electrical, flooring, plumbing, heating & cooling, windows & doors, tools, construction supplies and much more at the local ReStore location at 7890 W. Quincy Ave, Littleton. You can also drive up to donate items or schedule a free pick up online at <https://habitatmetrodenver.org/restore/locations/>. When you shop or donate to ReStore you are helping to fund Habitat's mission of building and preserving homes in the greater Denver area. The ReStores in Denver generate over one million dollars a year that help families find strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Any questions? Contact Rich Allee at eella.t.r@gmail.com.

Seeds of South Sudan Annual Luncheon

Come celebrate Seeds of South Sudan's successes at our annual luncheon from **12:30-2:00pm on Sunday, November 19** at Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church, (1980 Dahlia Street in Denver). Relish Catering is donating a delicious buffet dinner for all who attend. Our special guest will be John Matiop Mayen, who recently graduated from Western University in Ontario, Canada with a degree in biology, microbiology and immunology. He plans to apply to medical school while working this year to cover living expenses. To RSVP contact Deacon Korra.

Lutheran Chorale Christmas Concert

The Lutheran Chorale offers a musical celebration of the Christmas season, featuring selections from Mendelsohn's "Elijah", Handel's "Messiah", Leavitt's "Festival of Carols" plus Rutter's "Candlelight Carol" and Caldwell & Ivory's "Hope for Resolution". All are chosen as a journey from Advent to Epiphany. You are invited to begin your celebrations of the season of miracles with us! Our concerts are free. (A freewill offering is requested.) Join us **Sunday, December 3 at 2:30pm** at Covenant Living of Colorado (9153 Yarrow St., Westminster) or at **6:30pm** at Concordia Lutheran Church (13371 W Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood.) Our thanks to you and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) for your support of the Chorale during our last 48 seasons!

Augustana Arts

Augustana Arts is pleased to invite you and your family for this holiday classic tale of "The Velveteen Rabbit" featuring celebrated Colorado jazz artist, Hazel Miller, and the Stratus Chamber Orchestra on **Sunday, December 10 at 3pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver). Ever heard of "Peter and the Wolf"? This concert is just as fun and exciting with the classic story read by Hazel underscored with music by Stratus! Let's go on a musical journey together plus enjoy other holiday classic music to bring joy and the gift of music for the entire family! **ELCA families receive 50% off all tickets using the code ELCA50 at checkout!** Come and enjoy this matinee treat for the entire family! Tickets are \$20 adults/\$10 children (or \$10/\$5 with code ELCA50) – visit www.AugustanaArts.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

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.

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.

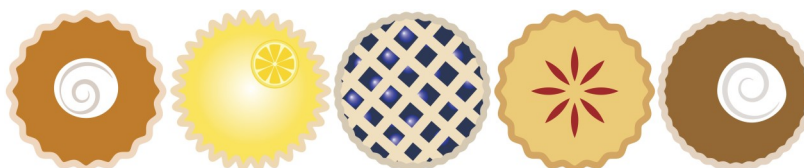
Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

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 Night 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 at 6:00pm in the chapel** to explore, "The Good and Beautiful Bible Study; Experiencing stories from the Bible and what it means for our lives today."



Worship Servants for Sunday, November 19, 2023	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen
Lector	Jan Philpy
Communion Servant	Erin White
Sacrament Servants	Suzanne Peterson, Monica Auch
Greeters	Beth Clough & Monica Auch
Ushers	Jon Dierksheide, Mark Morse
Key Keeper	Week beginning Nov. 19: Gaylen Rapp

Financial Statistics

As of the end of October 2023:

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	757,868	834,419	(76,551)
Expenses	865,482	871,009	5,527
	(107,614)	(36,590)	(71,024)

Please see note below

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	273,855	327,943	(54,088)
Expenses	330,658	329,940	(718)
	(56,803)	(1,997)	(54,806)

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	484,013	506,476	(22,463)
Expenses	534,824	541,069	6,245
	(50,811)	(34,593)	(16,218)

*without misclassified 2022
SPELC Income

Contributions

(General Fund)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	429,185	425,499
YTD Budgeted	458,330	
	(29,145)	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	\$3,649	\$3,531

Calendar of Events

November 15-26, 2023

Wednesday, November 15 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (FH) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen, FH-2) 6:00p – High School Youth Group 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Tuesday, November 21 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-2) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meetings (MC-1) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, November 16 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Wednesday, November 22 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00p – Pie Social (FH)
Friday, November 17 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (FH)	Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day—Church office closed No activities scheduled
Saturday, November 18 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-3, MC-4/5, FS, YR) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, November 24 Church office closed 5:30a – Sanders Fitness
Sunday, November 19 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship (6th-12th grades, YR) 10:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5)	Saturday, November 25 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
Monday, November 20 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – Women’s Bible Study (FS) 1:00p – College Care Packages (MC-4/5) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, November 26-Christ the King 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship (6th-12th grades, YR)

Preparing for Worship - November 19, 2023 25th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Our Prayer List

Members

Family of Philip Yonker, Sandra Fishko, Carolyn Endecott, Tom Booth, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner

Family Members

Martha Stevermer (Michael Stevermer's sister)
Joe Taylor (Michael & Sandi Stevermer's brother-in-law)
Family of Dana Hanna (Monica Auch's cousin)
Kathy Johnson (Anne Krause's mother)
Kenny Borquez (Linda Thomas's cousin)
Family of Loren Hammer (Dori Hammer's cousin)
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)
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

Tanya (Stevermer)
Matt & Emily Skotak (Peaslee)
Family of Elliette Johnson (Hassman)
Sue (Henning)
Ethan Kuhlman (Krause)

Friends & family of Cathy Ekerberg (Hammer)
Roger Crouner (Former member)
Family & friends of Vicki Tomlinson (Tegeder)
Conrad & family (Anderson)

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.

