

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 22, 2023



Worship News

Upcoming Services

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

Sunday, December 3—Children & Youth Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10—Memory Tree Service

Sunday, December 17—Advent Cantata in worship; Journey to Bethlehem in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve services at 9am, 3pm, and 5pm

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.

Saturday Evening Worship

Saturday evening worship takes place on the **2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month at 5pm** in the sanctuary with the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Following the services we will have wine and cheese fellowship with other light refreshments.

*Anyone who would like to sing one or two ensemble pieces for the Saturday service on **December 9** call or text Beth Clough at 719-349-0294. We will put together ensemble songs for Call to Worship, Offertory, and Communion to go along with the regular Holden service. This will be our last Saturday night service before Christmas. Please reach out to Beth **by December 3** so we can get sheet music to you. Come join in!*

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Ron & Jane Clausen in celebration of granddaughter Rowan Sisk's 7th birthday. Altar flowers have been given by Juley & Kathryn Allee in celebration of Rich Allee's birthday and retirement on Nov. 28.

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

Corporate Grant—Outreach by SPLC Volunteer Recognized

United Launch Alliance (ULA) provided a \$500 check to St. Philip on November 14 as a grant for the outreach to the community that is performed by our church. John Wall, an employee of ULA and a member of St. Philip, sponsored the grant via his own volunteer hours at the church. Thank you, John!

Perhaps your employer has some kind of matching or grant program as well. We encourage you to explore such opportunities. If a policy prohibits gifts to a religious organization, it may be possible to direct corporate support to one of our outreach ministries.

Adult Faith Formation

Pastor Brad will resume our discussion on reviewing the draft of the ELCA Social Statement on Gun Violence and Trauma. We will meet in MC-4/5 from 10:20-11:20am.

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>

Advent Devotions

The first Sunday in Advent is December 3. To prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we participate in the season of Advent with devotions. Next week Pastor Brad and Deacon Korra will begin a weekly series of Advent video devotions along with suggested reading material. The reading devotionals will be available online along with a few printed copies in the narthex. Join us in this series titled, "Encountering God: Living in the present; anticipating the future."

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.

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.

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

Habitat for Humanity

- 10 spots on **Saturday, January 20** at the new construction site **Mountain View Homes** from **8:50am to 4:30pm**
- 10 spots on **Saturday, February 24** at the new construction site **Mountain View Homes** from **8:50am to 4:30pm**

The link for registration and sign up is holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/. Go to Volunteer Website. In upper right corner click on Create Account. When completing "Affiliations" indicate that you are a Group Volunteer and when asked if you are a member of a Holy Hammers congregation select St. Philip Lutheran Church from the drop down menu. Volunteers must be 16 or older – no experience is needed. Volunteers for Production Shop: Painting can be 14 or older. Contact Rich Allee if you have any questions.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last Thursday we served **210 families**. Distribution this week happened yesterday (Tuesday, Nov. 21), but we can also use:

- Clean plastic grocery bags
- 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.

Sharing with Sheridan Collection

We are now collecting diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6 for our food pantry. They can be dropped off in the narthex or the SwS storage bins next to the office. Other ways to participate with our food pantry include 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.

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. **The collection will end December 10.**

Events

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."



Preparing for Worship - November 22, 2023 Thanksgiving Eve
First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Second Reading: II Corinthians 9:6-15
Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Worship Servants for Wednesday, November 22, 2023	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Jan Philpy
Lector	Juley Allee
Communion Servant	Amy Rahne
Sacrament Servant	Sandi Stevermer
Ushers	Charlie Petersen

Preparing for Worship - November 26, 2023 Christ the King Sunday
First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 26, 2023	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Sandi Stevermer
Acolytes	Joshua & Alexis Williams
Communion Servants	Erin White, Amy Rahne
Sacrament Servants	Mary Hatlestad, Beth Clough
Greeters	The Nottingham Family
Ushers	Mark Morse, Kyle Rogge
Key Keeper	Week beginning Nov. 26: Mark Pixley



Calendar of Events

November 22 - December 3, 2023

<p>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)</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 28 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meetings (MC-1) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed <i>No activities scheduled</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, November 29 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (Sanc.) 6:00p – Sanctuary Decorating 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral Club (MC-3)</p>
<p>Friday, November 24 Church office closed 5:30a – Sanders Fitness</p>	<p>Thursday, November 30 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – CHCA Meeting 6:15p – Pack 47 Webelos Den (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>
<p>Saturday, November 25 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Friday, December 1 <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)</p>
<p>Sunday, November 26 9:00a – Worship-Christ the King Sunday 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship (6th-12th grades, YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Saturday, December 2 9:00a – Christmas Charity Brunch (FH, kitchen) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 3:45p – Dombrowski Violin Recital (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Monday, November 27 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 1:00p – Prayer Shawl Knitting (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)</p>	<p>Sunday, December 3 9:00a – Worship-Children’s Christmas Program 10:30a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) 2:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)</p>

Our Prayer List

Members

**Beau Winters, 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)

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

Amy Weir (Shibly)

Linda Crowner (Former member)

Trina Saltus & family

Sharon

Tanya (Stevermer)

Family & friends of Evelyn Baughman
(Stevermer)

Family & friends of Vicki Tomlinson (Tegeuder)

Conrad & family (Anderson)

Prayers of thanksgiving for all those who serve at our Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry. Prayers for all those experiencing hunger this holiday season.

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.