

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 29, 2023



Worship News

Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 3—Children & Youth Christmas Program; Congregational Meeting

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 and on Christmas Eve. We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, groups of singles, etc. Contact Angela in the church office 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!*

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

This year on **Christmas Eve (Dec. 24, 2023)** we will have three worship services here at St. Philip. Because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, our first service will be at **9am**. The service at **3pm** will be more family-oriented and involve the children dressing up as we tell the Christmas story. Our last service at **5pm** will be more traditional, with choir, bells, and instrumentalists providing the music. We will livestream the 9am and 5pm services. Come worship with us as we celebrate our Savior's birth!

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. **Cost is \$20 each.** Go to <https://stphilip-co.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2048275> and fill out the form; or contact Angela in the church office.

Memory Tree

On **Sunday, December 10** we will have our Memory Tree service following the 9am worship service. Meet in the chapel by 10:15am. You are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a loved one who has passed away; we also have ornaments available to use. The service will begin in the chapel and end outside at the memory tree, so make sure to dress accordingly.

Church News

Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 10:15am

Our next Congregational Meeting is this **Sunday, December 3 at 10:15am**. We invite you to join us to hear a financial report, discuss and vote on the 2023 budget, elect Synod Assembly representatives, and hear what is going on at St. Philip. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and livestreamed on Zoom at the Worship at Home zoom link. Copies of the 2024 budget summary and the agenda are in the Narthex.

Advent Devotions

“Encountering God: Living in the present; anticipating the future.”

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. Join Pastor Brad and Deacon Korra in our weekly series of Advent video devotions along with the advent study from ELCA World Hunger. The video can be found on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/MSKTnzY2nWs>) and a few printed copies of the study are available in the narthex. Each Sunday join Pastor Brad for an adult faith formation hour to discuss the readings more in depth and share how you are encountering God in your daily lives. This class will meet in MC-3 from 10:20-11:20am beginning December 10.

Support Habitat for Humanity and St. Philip Youth

Did you know that our youth are participating in Habitat’s 3rd annual Gingerbread House Build fundraiser? Our middle school and high school youth (along with the leadership of Ms. Melinda) decorated an amazing gingerbread church and scenery! You can view this beautiful creation in the narthex and then vote for it to win first place. To vote, go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/gingerbreadbuild2023/> or you can scan the QR code which will be next to the gingerbread house in the narthex. ***Voting opens on Tuesday, December 5 and ends December 19.*** There is no restriction on who can vote, so share this with friends and neighbors who can support building affordable housing and hope for all. Each “vote” is a donation to Habitat, with just a minimum cost of only one dollar and the ability to donate as much as you want. There are no limits to the number of times you can vote, so do so as much as you can! Thank you for building homes and hope in our community.

Gift Wrapping

Do you have all your shopping done but are dreading the task of wrapping all those gifts? No worries! The youth can get the job done for you! The youth will be doing Christmas gift wrapping on **Sunday December 10, Wednesday December 13, and Sunday December 17**. You can drop off your gifts anytime between December 10-17 to be wrapped. If you want to pick up the same day you can bring them before church on one of the Sundays and they will be wrapped during church and ready for you to pick up after church. Or you can drop them off at the church office and they will be wrapped and ready for you to pick up on the 17th. The youth are asking for freewill donations to go towards their summer 2024 trip. We will be attending the ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans in July 2024! If you have any questions please contact Melinda, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, at the church office.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at church in the Fireside Room at 1pm. If you are unable to come to church or prefer to make prayer shawls at home, that would be appreciated as well. Just drop them off at church. Our prayer shawl supply is low at the present time and there is always a need for them. For more information, contact Linda Tegeder at 970-686-8896 or litegeder@msn.com; or Ana Tolentino at 303-949-6088 or atolenti@aol.com.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent college care package collection. We filled boxes for 49 students and they should receive those this week. The boxes were filled with snacks, love, prayers and words of encouragement. If you are wondering if your student is on the list, please reach out to Anne Henning at adhenning14@gmail.com.

Love in Action

Submitted by Deacon Korra

Last month one of our members, Dori Werner, asked me about donating baby equipment to Love INC - an organization we partner with who supports families in need. I suggested she take the items directly to Love INC. She took the high chair, pack and play and other items to Love INC and quickly discovered who would receive this generous gift. It was another grandmother who volunteers at Love INC. She is helping to raise her grandchildren and is recovering from cancer treatments. These two grandmothers quickly bonded and blessed each other with their stories. This is just one of many ways we at St. Philip are an example of living out our mission, "To intentionally build relationships through Christ to grow and serve!"

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Christmas Gifts for Family Promise

Do you want to purchase a Christmas gift for a child in need? Family Promise of Greater Denver is hosting a holiday party and they are partnering with local congregations to supply gifts. See the list of items they are specifically in need of in the SPIN insert. All donations are to be placed in the large black collection bin in the narthex **by December 13**.

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

Thank you for all the donations to our food pantry, *Sharing with Sheridan*, in November which helped our neighbors in the Sheridan area. For the month, we averaged 193 families/643 persons per week, the highest average on record. This is an increase of 9% in just one month and nearly double the population we served two years ago. We are blessed to have the food, volunteer, and financial resources to meet the increased demand; there has not yet been a week when we have been unable to serve everyone.

Last Tuesday our awesome team of volunteers served another record-setting crowd of **229 families**. For the coming week we can use:

- Clean plastic grocery bags
- Pasta sauce
- Jelly/jam

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 Diaper 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 - December 3, 2023 First Sunday in Advent
First Reading: Luke 2:8-19
Second Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 3, 2023	
Children's Program	
Assisting Minister	Anne Krause
Communion Servant	Erin White
Sacrament Servants	Gwyn Neal, Nancy Schell
Greeters	Brad & Liz Reed
Ushers	Kyle Rogge, Will Rogge
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 3: Carolyn Rapp

Calendar of Events

November 29 - December 10, 2023

<p>Wednesday, November 29 5:00p – Puppet Ministry (Sanc.) 6:00p – Sanctuary Decorating 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral Club (MC-3)</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 5 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-2) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meetings (MC-3) 1:45p – SPELC Staff Meeting (MC-4/5) 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 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>Wednesday, December 6 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – High School Youth Group (YR) 6:00p – Men’s Group Planning Mtg (MC-3) 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (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>Thursday, December 7 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Pack 47 (MC-4/5) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</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>Friday, December 8 <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)</p>
<p>Sunday, December 3 9:00a – Worship-Children’s Christmas Program 10:30a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) 2:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Saturday, December 9 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 12:30p – Piano Recital (Sanc.) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Monday, December 4 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 9:00a – Women’s Bible Study (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite) 7:00p – Troop 554 Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>Sunday, December 10 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship (6th-12th gr. YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5, MC-3) 3:00p – Ken Caryl Christmas Concert (Sanc.)</p>

Our Prayer List

Members

Beau Winters, Roger Bracken, Sandra Fishko, Carolyn Endecott, Tom Booth, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner

Family Members

Missey Dore (Jane Clausen's cousin)

Jason (Phyllis Kemp's nephew)

Oliver Rogers (Kay Mosier's great-grandson)

Dianne Votaw (Sandi Stevermer's sister)

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

Mark (Anderson)

Family & friends of Del Huffman (Clausen)

Jane Mattson & family (Cooley)

Michele Connor (Peaslee)

Amy Weir (Shibly)

Linda Crowner (Former member)

Trina Saltus & family

Sharon

Family & friends of Evelyn Baughman
(Stevermer)

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.