

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 20, 2023



Worship News

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!

Church News

Staff Christmas Gift

The Christmas season is full of rich traditions and one of our traditions is giving our hardworking staff gifts during the Christmas Season. If you are so inclined, those who wish to give may give online or send gifts directly to the church. For online giving, go to www.stphilip-co.org. Click on the 'Giving' tab and use the Staff Christmas Gift line. You may have already received a letter from the personnel committee with more details, but for those of you who prefer to mail gifts, please make checks payable to 'St Philip Lutheran Church' and indicate on the memo line 'Staff Christmas Gift'.

Kansas Day Coffee Cart on January 28, 2024

Were you born in Kansas, went to school in Kansas or ever lived there? For the past several years we Sunflowers have brought the coffee cart treats for church. This next year our Sunday is January 28. (Kansas became the 34th state on January 29, 1861.) We got the idea from the Wisconsin people and now we challenge other states to sign up. (Iowa? Nebraska? Missouri?) Kansas people, let Louanne Isernhagen know if you can help, at 303-736-8655 or email at gisernhagen@gmail.com. Go 'Cats! Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

St. Philip Bowling Teams

Interested in joining a bowling league? We're looking at putting together some four-person teams that will meet Thursdays **at 6:30pm for five weeks starting January 11, 2024**. The cost is \$95 for the five weeks and includes a ball at the end (shoes and drilling not included.) Figure out your team and only one of you needs to sign up.

Sign up at the Bowlero Englewood (Bellevue & Federal):

<https://www.bowlero.com/league-finder?category=&q=80465&radius=25>

Scroll down the page until you see the sign up for '5 for \$95 League'.

You'll get an email back from the alley asking you to confirm your interest and to provide them with contact information for everyone on your team. Talk to Charlie or Erin Petersen if you have questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This Sunday, prayer shawls will be available in the narthex to pick up and take to folks you would like to share the love of God with. Thanks to Ana Tolentino and Linda

Tegeder for their dedication to knitting them. If you would like to join them for knitting and fellowship, they meet the 2nd and 4th Monday each month from 1-3pm in the Fire-side Room.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Opportunity to Assist a Venezuelan Family in Denver

Migrants from Venezuela continue to arrive in Denver almost daily. The Rocky Mountain Synod AMMPARO team recently received a message from the Lutheran Church in Venezuela requesting assistance for a Venezuelan family that recently arrived in Denver and is currently staying at one of the city-sponsored hotel shelters. The Villarroel-Brito family fled Venezuela when they feared for their safety and then spent three months making their way to the southern border. This family of five includes a mom, dad, two teenagers and a 3 year-old who will celebrate his 4th birthday in December! They have no other family living in the US. The mom's father is a Lutheran pastor in Venezuela!

We are forming a team of congregations and individuals who would like to accompany this family as they apply for asylum and settle into their new life in Colorado. There are multiple ways to help including exploring housing options, companionship and practicing English, transportation, finding work, providing groceries and other basic necessities, and financial assistance - especially to cover housing and legal costs. If you would like to join the team or have ideas to share with the team, please contact Carolyn Swenson from St. Paul-Denver at cjswenson57@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your compassion, prayers and support!

Give Habitat for Humanity a Hand this Winter

If working on a new construction site is not the right thing for you this winter, there are indoor opportunities to give a hand. Habitat ReStores - our local store is just down Wadsworth from St. Philip. Address is 7890 W. Quincy (between Walmart and Costco.) It's a fun volunteer opportunity to do with friends!

Follow the instructions below to get signed up:

Go to the Main website: habitatmetrodenver.org

Click on "Volunteer"

Click on "Sign Up to Volunteer"

Click on "Create Account"

NOTE: 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. Please contact Rich Allee at eel-la.t.r@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Another way to give a hand up and not a hand out is by making a Holiday donation to Habitat for Humanity. Here's how:

Go to the Main website: habitatmetrodenver.org

Click on "Donate"

As you complete your donation info be sure to put a note in the “Leave a comment” box near the bottom of the page that you are with St. Philip Lutheran who is a member of Holy Hammers.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

We have exceeded our Thanksgiving week high mark—last week we served **233 families**. For the coming week we can use:

- Pasta sauce
- Maseca flour
- Flour
- Sugar

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.

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."

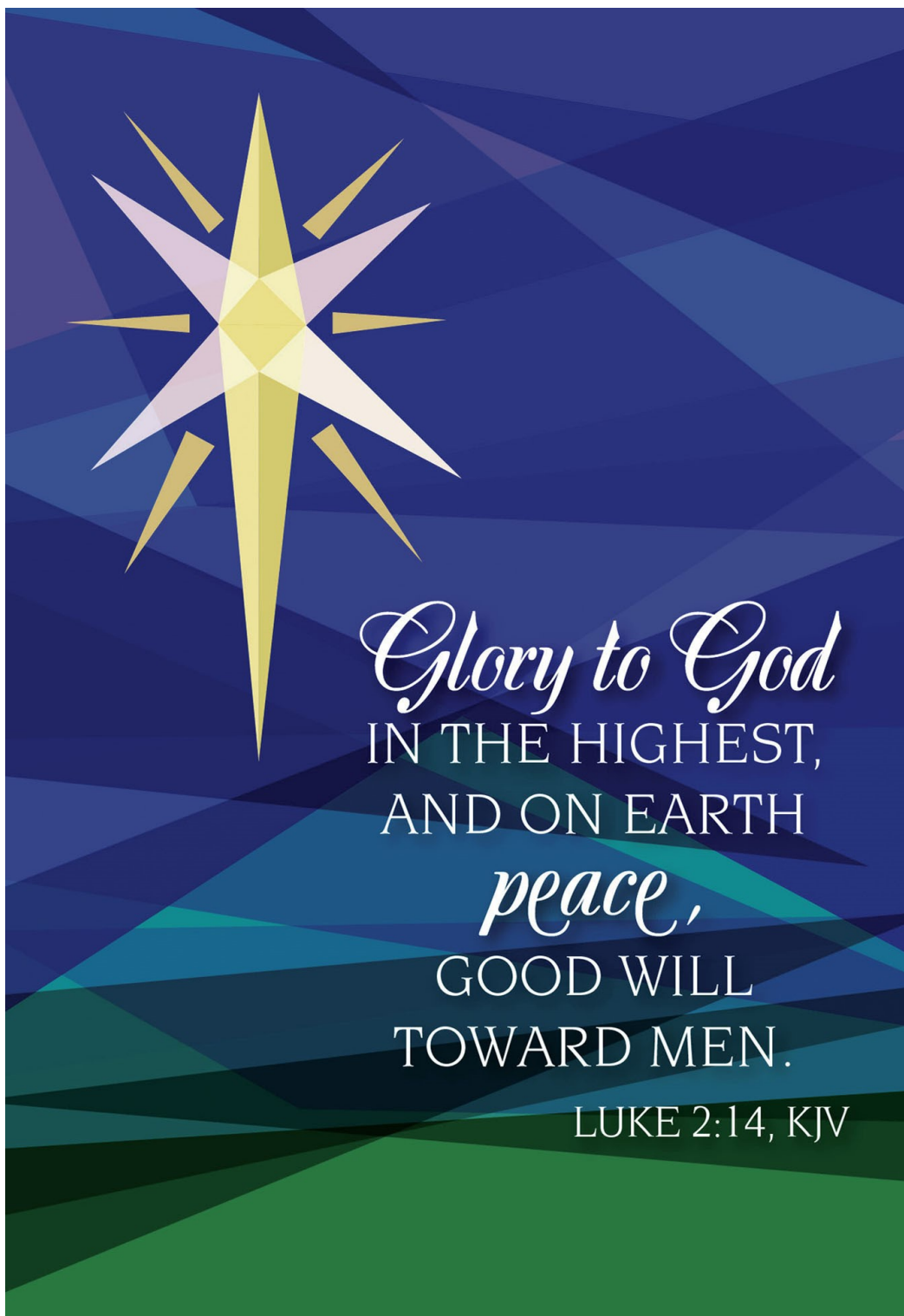
Preparing for Worship - December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve
First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20



Worship Servants for Sunday, December 24, 2023 9am	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Connor Hassman
Acolyte	Liam Person
Communion Servant	Amy Rahne
Sacrament Servants	Monica Auch, Gwyn Neal
Greeters	The Hassman family
Ushers	Tim Young, Greg Luer
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 24: Tom Schnickel

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 24, 2023 3pm	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Communion Servant	TBD
Sacrament Servants	TBD, Sandi Stevermer
Greeters	Dave & Nancy Oelz
Ushers	Charlie Petersen, Logan Petersen
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 24: Tom Schnickel

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 24, 2023 5pm	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Jan Philpy
Communion Servant	Erin White
Sacrament Servants	Sandi Stevermer, Lynn Mossbrucker
Greeters	Michael & Beth Clough
Ushers	Mark Morse, Nolan Morse, Gaylen Rapp
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 24: Tom Schnickel



Calendar of Events

December 20-31, 2023

Wednesday, December 20 6:00p – Youth & Young Adult Christmas Party (FH, kitchen) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Tuesday, December 26 5:30p – Camp Gladiator
Thursday, December 21 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Pack 47 Webelos Den (MC-4/5) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Wednesday, December 27 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Men's Pizza Night (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)
Friday, December 22 <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 5:30a – Sanders Fitness 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)	Thursday, December 28 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Saturday, December 23 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, December 29 <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)
Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve 9:00a – Worship 3:00p – Worship 5:00p – Worship	Saturday, December 30 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
Monday, December 25 Christmas Day Church closed	Sunday, December 31-New Year's Eve 9:00a – Worship in person & online



Our Prayer List

Members

Mary Giles, Nancy Bott, Georgine Bauch, Flo Figge, Marc Roswech, Dianne Jack, Wauneta Rogge, Jillian Stevens, Carolyn Endecott, Tom Booth, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner

Family Members

Family & friends of Fred Bratteson (Marilyn Belford's brother-in-law)
Den (Anne Henning's uncle)
Jennie Valentine (Dorie & Mike Werner's daughter-in-law)
Helen & Todd Roswech (Marc Roswech's mother & brother)
Missey Dore (Jane Clausen's cousin)
Dianne Votaw (Sandi Stevermer's sister)
Lenny Ermold (Joanne Ermold's nephew)
Clarissa Lee (Sharon Peters' niece)

Jenn Moorehead (Renate Muthart's grand-daughter)
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

Rachel Vinz
Vicki Lucas (Rapp)
Jon (Leonard)
Josie Wallingford (Rhodes)
Bob (Henning)

Mary Streetch (Leonard)
Family & friends of John McNitt (Former Member)
Mark (Anderson)
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.

