

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 27, 2023



## Worship News

### Altar Flowers

***Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Dick & Margaret Rusch in celebration of their 69th anniversary.***

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 \$30** 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

### Adult Faith Formation Class

Classes will resume next **Sunday, January 7 at 10:20am** with Pastor Brad and Deacon Korra.

### Stretching Over Scriptures

Stretching Over Scriptures yoga resumes on **Monday, January 8 at 5:30pm** in MC-4/5. All are welcome!

### Habitat for Humanity Update

The 2023 Gingerbread Build raised over \$17,500 this year, exceeding last year's total! St. Philip Youth received the "Builders Choice Award" along with two other competitors. Thanks to Melinda and the youth who created a masterpiece that inspired us to give homes and hope to those in need.

### 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](mailto: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.

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

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

Your donations of coats for Lutheran Family Services and toys and gift cards for Family Promise have been overwhelming. Your gifts are expressing God's unconditional love and presence to those who are often without hope. Thank you for proclaiming that our God is a God of abundance!

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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**

Last week our amazing team of volunteers came together to serve an astounding **266 families**. We are so grateful for everyone's grace and good cheer in serving such a massive crowd. For the coming week we can use:

- Pasta sauce
- Jelly
- Canned meal soups

**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 (or root beer or water) 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 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 are 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. 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](mailto:ctyoungren@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study**

Will resume on **January 10 at 6pm** in the small chapel.



**Preparing for Worship - December 31, 2023  
1st Sunday after Christmas**

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

**Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40**



## Simeon & Anna See Jesus

**Worship Servants for Sunday, December 31, 2023**

**Deacon Korra Looschen, preaching**

**Assisting Minister**

George Rasmussen

**Lector**

TBD

**Acolyte**

Liam Person

**Communion Servant**

Erin White, TBD

**Sacrament Servants**

Mary Hatlestad, Nancy Schell

**Greeters**

Mike & Mary Charles

**Ushers**

Tim Young, Brian Lamb

**Key Keeper**

**Week beginning Dec. 31: Mark Pixley**

# Calendar of Events

## December 27, 2023 - January 7, 2024

<b>Wednesday, December 27</b> 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)	<b>Tuesday, January 2</b> 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1, 2) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tuesday Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, December 28</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Wednesday, January 3</b> 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday, December 29</b> <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)	<b>Thursday, January 4</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Saturday, December 30</b> 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	<b>Friday, January 5</b> <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)
<b>Sunday, December 31-New Year’s Eve</b> <b>9:00a – Worship in person &amp; online</b>	<b>Saturday, January 6</b> 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
<b>Monday, January 1, 2024</b> <b>New Year’s Day</b> Church closed	<b>Sunday, January 7</b> <b>9:00a – Worship in person &amp; online</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6-12th grades, YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4./5, MC-3)



# Our Prayer List

## Members

**Mary Giles, Nancy Bott, Georgine Bauch, Jillian Stevens, Carolyn Endecott, Tom Booth, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner**

## Family Members

**Jennie Valentine** (Dorie & Mike Werner's daughter-in-law)

**Family of Tom Beyer** (Monica Auch's cousin's husband)

**Missey Dore** (Jane Clausen's cousin)

**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)

**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.***







# St. Philip Lutheran Church

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intentionally build relationships through Christ to  
grow and serve.”***

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