

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 3, 2024



## Worship News

### Epiphany

This Sunday is Epiphany Sunday and begins the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

### "Rooted: Grow Deep. Live Strong." Sermon Series.

Join us for a five-week sermon series where we will explore what it means to have faith and how it enriches our lives. This sermon series **begins on Sunday, January 14** with Baptism of our Lord Sunday. In this service we will celebrate our baptisms, so if you have a baptismal candle from your baptism, we invite you to bring it with you to worship. Throughout the next several weeks, we will talk about how we build upon the foundation of our faith as we grow deep and how we live out our baptisms as we live strong.

### Altar Flowers

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 now \$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.

### 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 with water and juice.

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### Adult Faith Formation Class

"Defining Charity and Redemptive Compassion"

Come explore the difference between the two and how one can actually be harmful to those who receive it. Deacon Korra will lead the discussion and help folks to better understand hidden rules among the different groups in society and how we can best respond to those in need. Resources from Love INC and the Littleton Life Center will be shared. We will meet in MC-3 for the next six weeks.

### Stretching Over Scriptures Yoga Resumes

Join us on **Monday, January 8 at 5:30pm** in MC-4/5. All are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and water.

### **Fresh Made Casseroles!**

Want an easy option for dinner? Order a ready-to-bake casserole from our Youth Group! All casseroles will be made fresh and ready to bake! All proceeds will benefit our Youth Group traveling to New Orleans in July for the ELCA 2024 Youth Gathering. Orders can be placed **through January 31** and casseroles can be picked up on **Sunday February 4** after church (or Monday February 5). Fill out the attached order form and turn it in to the church office by January 31, or email Melinda Svenkerud at [msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org](mailto:msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org). There will also be a table in the Narthex to take orders on Sunday mornings in January. Full size casseroles are \$18 and half size casseroles are \$10 with several options to choose from. (See order form for options.)

### **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](mailto:litegeder@msn.com); or Ana Tolentino at 303-949-6088 or [atolenti@aol.com](mailto:atolenti@aol.com).

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

### **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**

The end of the year brought us a bit of a reprieve in the astronomical number of families visiting us; last Thursday we served **237 families**. For the coming week we can use:

- Pasta sauce
- Jelly/jam
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Clean plastic bags

### **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**

Join Deacon Korra on Wednesday evenings to explore "The Good and Beautiful Bible Study; Experiencing stories from the Bible and what it means for our lives today." The group study resumes **January 10 at 6:00pm** in the small chapel.



Preparing for Worship - January 7, 2024 Epiphany Sunday	
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6	
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12	
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12	

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 7, 2024	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith
Lector	Penny Selden
Communion Servant	Jan Philpy
Sacrament Servants	Gwyn Neal, Beth Clough
Greeters	Mary Hatlestad, Carole Kessler
Ushers	Brian Lamb, Chuck Rogge
Key Keeper	Week beginning Jan. 7: Mike Burgess

# Calendar of Events

## January 3-14, 2024

<b>Wednesday, January 3</b> 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Tuesday, January 9</b> 9:00a – League of Women Voters (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 – Tuesday Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, January 4</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Wednesday, January 10</b> 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 4:30p – Worship Styles & Formats (MC-3) 5:00p – Men’s Group Planning Mtg. (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – High School Youth Group (FH, YR) 6:00p – Men’s Pizza Night 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday, January 5</b> <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)	<b>Thursday, January 11</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Saturday, January 6</b> 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	<b>Friday, January 12</b> <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)
<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)	<b>Saturday, January 13</b> 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) <b>5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</b>
<b>Monday, January 8</b> 9:30a – Book Club (FS) 1:00p – Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (FS) 5:30p – Stretching Over Scripture (MC-4/5) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	<b>Sunday, January 14</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

**Flo Figge, Bob Timm, Georgina Bauch, Kay Mosier, Jillian Stevens, Carolyn Endecott, Tom Booth, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner**

## Family Members

**Kolleen Meiers** (Jeri & John Phillips' niece)  
**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

**Chuck** (Henning)  
**Janet Iona** (Hassman)  
**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.**



Then you shall *see*  
and be *radiant*;  
your heart shall  
*thrill and exult...*

Isaiah 60:5, ESV





# St. Philip Lutheran Church

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

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