

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 17, 2024



## Worship News

This **Sunday, January 21**, we welcome Vicky and Larry Daub to worship. St. Philip has supported veterans in different ways over the years and we invite you to hear from Vicky about the ministry they have been called to, serving veterans and working with military families. One way they do this is through the Veteran Servant Corps Project. Vicky will be preaching this Sunday and we invite you to join for an adult forum during the faith formation hour to hear more and ask questions.

Vicky and her husband Larry have been working with military families since January 2012. Larry served in the United States Air Force from 1958-1979. He was deployed to various locations, including Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. Vicky has earned a B.A. (University of Northern Colorado, 1978), a M.B.A (University of Colorado, 1999), and a M.A. in Christian Ministry (Luther Seminary, 2019). Vicky is a Colorado native and lifelong RMS/ELCA member. She has served as a board member for two non-profits supporting veterans. Larry and Vicky were married at Joy Lutheran in Parker, Colorado November 1, 1990. They are currently members at Bethany Lutheran in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado. God called the Daubs to this ministry of working with military families on Thanksgiving Eve, 2011.

### **"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. 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.

## Church News

### **Faith Formation Class for Parents**

To begin the year off strong, we are focusing on "Foundation of Faith". As a parent, we want what is best for our children and this includes faith. Bring your little one(s) if they are not Sunday School age yet and join Pastor Brad in MC-4/5 on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:15am to come hear and talk about creating a foundation of faith for children. The great thing is you do not have to have all of the answers or be a Bible expert yourself; you just have to be willing. We will begin on January 7, but you can join any time through February 11.

### **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 re-

spond 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 Sundays on this topic. Books are available to purchase for \$15.

### **Taking Faith Home**

Do you ever wonder how to connect your faith to events in your daily life? If so, check out the bulletin board next to the water fountain for resources you can take home. "Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships; most often in our own homes". The church is a living partnership with the home to help you grow in faith even when you're not at church. Take a resource home, try it out and tell Deacon Korra about your experience. Additional milestone moment resources are available. Ask Deacon Korra for more details.

### **Creative Caring Quilters**

The Creative Caring Quilters will meet **Saturday, January 27 from 9am-12pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We are making quilts for Lutheran World Relief to distribute in foreign countries where needed. This month's tips will be how to sew with flannel. Bring a "Sew and Tell" or any other craft you have completed to share. We love to celebrate creativity! All are invited for good conversation, devotions, coffee and treats. Sewing small pieces together creates a peaceful heart!

### **Stretching Over Scriptures Yoga Resumes**

Restore your body and soul. Join us on **Mondays 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:msevenkerud@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**

This Sunday prayer shawls will be available to take to someone you feel needs comfort and prayers. They will be in the narthex after worship.

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

### **Habitat for Humanity - New Volunteer Opportunities Added!**

- 5 spots on **Saturday, March 9 at the Production Shop (520 Raritan Way, Denver, CO, 80204) from 9am-4pm.**

The Production Shop work will be indoors and will involve painting siding, trim and doors - perfect for anyone needing a less physical activity while working inside OR for younger family members (you only need to be 14 to help in the Shop!)

- 5 spots on **Saturday, March 23** at the New Construction site, **Mountain View Homes (2101 S Joliet St, Aurora, CO, 80014)** from 8:50am-4:30pm.

You can still register for this Volunteer Work Date:

- 9 open 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.

### **AUGUSTANA HOMES UPDATE - CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY!**

St. Philip is helping to support the building of 8 Habitat homes adjacent to Augustana Lutheran Church in the Washington Virginia Vale neighborhood of Denver (near Alameda & Leetsdale.) Construction has begun on the infrastructure for the stormwater, water and sewer lines for the 4 duplexes - we'll keep you posted as the work progresses!

### **Update on the Venezuelan Family in Denver**

As of January 8, 2024, 37,018 migrants from the southern border have arrived in Denver (many from Venezuela) and 4,581 people are currently being sheltered by the city.

**Thank you for the support offered so far for the Villarroel-Brito family, from individuals and congregations in the Rocky Mountain Synod!**

This family arrived in Denver in October, 2023, and after several weeks in a hotel shelter they moved into an apartment just before Christmas. The children are enrolled in school. A 19-year-old son crossed the border on Christmas Eve and arrived safely in Denver just before January 1st. As the family settles into their new home, they are focused on applying for asylum in the United States and meeting basic needs. They will need ongoing support in the coming months. There are many ways to help. For example: hire the mom or dad for occasional work (the dad is trained as an electrician and is an excellent cook; the mom is willing to do a variety of tasks including older adult care and cleaning services); gather information about local programs (financial support for rent, bus passes, and other basic needs); transportation, and practicing English. To assist with accompanying the Villarroel-Brito family: contact Carolyn Swenson at [cjswenson57@gmail.com](mailto:cjswenson57@gmail.com).

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry**

Brrr, what a cold day we had last Thursday as we served **194 families**. For the coming week we can use:

- Pasta sauce
- Lentils
- Pancake mix
- 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 takes place Wednesdays at 6pm in the small chapel.

<b>Preparing for Worship - January 21, 2024 Third Sunday after Epiphany</b>
<b>First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10</b>
<b>Second Reading: I Corinthians 7:29-31</b>
<b>Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20</b>

# Calendar of Events

## January 17-28, 2024

<b>Wednesday, January 17</b> 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – High School Youth Group (FH, YR) 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Tuesday, January 23</b> 10:00p – SPLC Staff Meetings (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tuesday Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, January 18</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Wednesday, January 24</b> 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – High School Youth Group (FH, YR) 6:00p – Men’s Pizza Night (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday, January 19</b> <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (FH)	<b>Thursday, January 25</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Pack 47 Webelos (MC-4/5) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Saturday, January 20</b> 10:00a – Suzuki Association (Sanc.) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	<b>Friday, January 26</b> <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 8:30a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR) 11:00a – Collins Wedding Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Sunday, January 21</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 27</b> 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-4/5, FS, YR, MC-3) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 12:00p – Collins Wedding (Sanc., MC-4/5, FS, YR) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
<b>Monday, January 22</b> 1:00p – Prayer Shawl Knitting (FS) 5:30p – Stretching Over Scripture (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Peninsula Homeowners Assn. (FH) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	<b>Sunday, January 28</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 – Church Council Mtg. (MC-4/5) 2:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)

# Our Prayer List

## Members

**Paul Selander, Beth Clough, Flo Figge, Bob Timm, Carolyn Endecott, Tom Booth, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner**

## Family Members

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

**Family of Roland Clinton** (Linda Thomas' uncle)

**Joanne** (Sherry Anderson's cousin)

**Ginger Schnickel** (Tom & LeRae Schnickel's sister-in-law)

**Family of Gary** (Tom Schnickel's brother-in-law)

**Kathy Johnson** (Anne Krause's mother)

**Margy Crary** (Anne Krause's aunt)

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

**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

**Ryan Gaibler** (Thomas)

**Roger Crowner** (Former Member)

**Conrad & family** (Anderson)

**Family of Chuck** (Henning)

**Tanya** (Stevermer)

**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.**



## **Financial Statistics**

### **As of the end of December 2023:**

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	951,286	999,982	(48,696)
Expenses	1,050,413	1,045,969	-4,444
	(99,127)	(45,987)	(53,140)

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income*	340,275	394,132	(53,857)
Expenses	412,106	396,132	(15,974)
	(71,831)	(2,000)	(69,831)

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	611,011	605,850	5,161
Expenses	638,307	649,837	11,530
	(27,296)	(43,987)	16,691

\*without misclassified  
2022 SPELC Income

### **Contributions**

(General Fund)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	544,887	544,192
YTD Budgeted	550,000	
	(5,113)	

### **ELCA World Hunger**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
YTD Actual	\$4,338	\$4,478

## Worship Servants for Sunday, January 21, 2024

<b>Guest Speaker Vicky Daub</b> <b>Music by Ringing Brass</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Anne Krause
<b>Lector</b>	Jan Philpy
<b>Communion Servant</b>	Amy Rahne
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Suzanne Peterson, Monica Auch
<b>Greeters</b>	Rich & Juley Allee
<b>Ushers</b>	Gaylen Rapp, Tom Flatley
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Jan. 21:</b> Tom Schnickel



## St. Philip Lutheran Church

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