

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 21, 2024



Worship News

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Kay Mosier in memory of her husband, Cliff, and infant daughter, Valerie.

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.

Church News

Scout Pancake Breakfast

Scouts BSA Troop 554 invites all church members and visitors to a pancake brunch this **Sunday, February 25**, after the worship service. The troop will provide pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice free of charge as a thank you to the church for sponsoring our Troop each year. Thank you!

Why Church? Online Devotions for Lent

During this season of Lent, we explore and ask the question: Why Church? On Sunday mornings we ask as a church, why church? In these online devotions, we ask ourselves, why church? We will reflect on why we go to church and how the church has been a blessing in our life. The church exists for many reasons and throughout different stages of our life, the church helps us, encourages us, supports us and fills us in different ways.

As we explore the question Why Church? Pastor Brad invites you to reflect on your life and what the church meant for you throughout your life and what the church means to you now. I pray these devotions draw you closer to God and guide you to grow your faith!

Why Church? Adult Faith Formation Class

During this season of Lent, we explore and ask the question: Why Church? St. Philip has been a church for 52 years and we have done amazing things as a church. Throughout this class, Pastor Brad will lead us in discussion and exploration as we ask questions, share stories and wonder together. Some of these questions are: Why do we exist as a church here in Littleton, CO? What is our story as a church? How has the church changed over the years? How are we and how have we been a blessing to the people and community? Finally, where is God calling us to go or what is God calling us to do in the future as we continue to be St. Philip Lutheran Church? Join us on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:15am in MC-4/5.

Chapel Prayer Stations

Have you had the opportunity to go through the prayer stations in the chapel? If not, do not worry, we are keeping the prayer stations up for all of Lent. We set up the prayer stations for Ash Wednesday and after such positive response, we thought more may like to go through them or people may wish to go through them again. The prayer stations are a self-guided spiritual time of prayer and reflection. Each station has a description that informs you and guides you into the prayer station. You will then begin with reading scripture, which guides you into a response (lighting a candle, reflecting on the cross, seeing yourself as God sees you, confession, writing prayers in sand...) and closing with a prayer. Feel free to come any time the church is open and go through the prayer stations in the chapel.

Serving our Faith Community

Would you be able to drive someone from St. Philip to a doctor's appointment, pick up a prescription, shovel snow, or bring a meal to them? How about providing advice on car repairs or home repairs to someone at St. Philip? Use your God-given gifts to bless someone else at St. Philip. If you would like to be on a list of who is willing to serve in one (or more) of the above ways, please contact Deacon Korra at klooschen@stphilip-co.org. Once we have a list of folks compiled, we can begin advertising that these services are available and will help coordinate the needs with our resources.

Women's Spring Day Retreat

Have you attended a Women's Retreat in the past and were blessed by the experience? Would you be willing to help plan one for this April? We are considering Saturday, April 20 as a possible date. Contact Deacon Korra if interested in being part of the planning team.

St. Philip's Community Donation Garden Plots Available

We have personal plots available for the 2024 season! Come grow your own vegetables in the great soil and sunny area out back. Plots are \$45 per foot the season including water. Community gardeners are asked to contribute 5 hours of service to the donation garden. If you need help or direction, Ana Tolentino is happy to help!

Donation Garden Leaders Needed

Garden leaders needed to manage compost, perennial and native plant garden, donation garden design and planting, plus garden property management. It's a big job for one person, but just right for a team! Call or email Ana for more information. (atolenti@aol.com; 303-949-6088)

Creative Caring Quilters

A good morning is a morning spent quilting! Come join the Creative, Caring Quilters on **Saturday, February 24 from 9am-12pm**. We are busy preparing quilts for Lutheran World Relief in the hopes that they will provide comfort, warmth and love. We will be sending our quilts off the first Saturday of March. Tips will be shared on "How to Care for your Fabric Stash." Enjoy a cup of coffee, good conversation and treats with us! Don't forget a "Sew N Tell!"

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. 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.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Butterbraids on Sale!

The children and youth are selling butterbraids to help offset the cost of attending Rainbow Trail Summer Camps. There will be a table set up on **Sundays through March 12** to order – or you can place orders online through this link: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/379e6008-0b49-442b-980d-82c93e4c37e9>.

St. Philip will earn 40% from each sale. Butterbraids will be available for pick up on **Sunday March 24** after church.

We will also be selling Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards. These can be ordered on Sunday mornings through March 27. We will earn 20% from each sale of gift cards. Contact Melinda Svenkerud (msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org) if you have any questions.

Fed & Forgiven Series in Sunday School

All children are invited to join us for Sunday School during the Lenten season as we learn about communion. This series is for all students whether they have taken first communion or if they are preparing for first communion. Each week we will learn about the last supper, why we take communion, what forgiveness means, why communion is a sacrament, why Jesus made this sacrifice for all of us, and more. We will meet from **10:15 – 11:15am on Feb. 25, Mar. 3, Mar. 10, Mar. 17, and Mar. 24**. On March 10, our lesson will be Passport to Holy Week – where the kids will have an interactive experience of Palm Sunday, foot washing, the garden of Gethsemane, the Last Supper, Jesus on the Cross, the empty tomb, and experience Jesus Risen!

Passport to Holy Week – Sunday March 10

Everyone is invited to experience Holy Week in this interactive adventure. The Fellowship Hall will be set up for this experience on **Sunday March 10 from 10:15 – 11:30am**. Journey through the week and experience all that Jesus experienced leading up to Easter. We are looking for some amazing volunteers to help with this event. All youth and adults are invited to volunteer – sign up through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAE28A5FCCE9-48081070-passport>.

Youth Sunday School Volunteers:

We are looking for some amazing adults to help facilitate discussion with our youth (middle and high school) during the Sunday School hour. No experience necessary – just a love for YOUTH and a desire to engage in fellowship and conversation! Talking points provided for volunteers to spend time in conversation about faith, fellowship time, and of course DONUTS! For questions reach out to Melinda Svenkerud, msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org, and to volunteer sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAE28A5FCCE9-hsms>.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Dipes and Wipes

This **Saturday, February 24**, we have our “Dipes and Wipes” Ministry from 9:30-11:30am in connection with Love INC. If you are willing to help play with the children who attend, pray with our guests, help with registration, or hand out diapers, contact Deacon Korra.

Join the Region 2 Lenten Challenge to Benefit ELCA World Hunger

In honor of ELCA World Hunger’s 50th year in mission and ministry, the five synods in ELCA Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. The challenge: Participate in some spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent, 2024. The synod with the most participants wins!

More than 820 million people, about 11% of the world’s population today, are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond.

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last week Thursday we served **207 families**.an abundance of food, paper products, and some clothing. For the coming week we can use:

- Dry mac & cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Clean plastic grocery and newspaper bags
- Egg cartons

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.

Habitat for Humanity - Holy Hammers Volunteer Opportunities Update

The Production Shop work dates below will be indoors and you’ll be 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!)

- 3 of 5 spots remaining on **Saturday, March 9 at the Production Shop (520 Raritan Way, Denver, CO, 80204) from 9am-4pm - Get signed up by Feb. 23!**
- 4 of 5 spots on **Saturday, April 20 at the Production Shop (520 Raritan Way, Denver, CO, 80204) from 9am-4pm.**

The new construction site work dates below will be at Mountain View Homes which is a community of ten 3 & 4 bedroom duplexes being built by Habitat on land provided by Mt. View United Church.

- 4 of 5 spots remaining on **Saturday, March 23 at the New Construction site, Mountain View Homes (2101 S Joliet St, Aurora, CO, 80014) from 8:50am-4:30pm.**
- 5 spots on **Saturday, April 6 at the New Construction site, Mountain View Homes (2101 S Joliet St, Aurora, CO, 80014) from 8:50am-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.

Habitat ReStore Large Item Donations - It's So Easy!

We just donated a big sectional sofa to the Littleton ReStore - we scheduled the pick up online and it was picked up two days later for FREE! You can go to the Littleton ReStore website to take a look at what large items they accept (which is just about everything!) and schedule a pick up: <https://habitatmetrodenver.org/restore/locations/littleton-restore-map/>.

Events

Augustana Arts

Join us on **February 24 at 7pm** for The Magic of Mozart, performed by the Stratus Chamber Orchestra. This program opens with a captivating piece from exciting living composer Caroline Shaw and features rising piano virtuoso, Matthew Liu on Mozart's elegant Piano Concerto 21. The concert will wrap-up with Mozart's grand and unmatched 'Jupiter' Symphony. You'll hear how the excellent music from the orchestra's history continues to inspire musicians today. Reserve tickets at AugustanaArts.org/events.

The Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale is pleased to announce their upcoming March concerts. We will be singing familiar hymns which encompass The Lord's Prayer. Our Spring Concert will take place **March 10 at 2:30pm** at Abiding Hope Church (6337 S. Robb Way, Littleton), and at **6:30pm** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood)

In addition, we will once again host a choral workshop on **Saturday, March 9**. Details to come, but all singers are invited to join us.

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 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 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 for more information.

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study

Join Deacon Korra on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm for "The Good and Beautiful Bible Study." During the season of Lent, we will meet in MC-1 since the prayer stations are in the Small Chapel. This week we will be discussing the story of Miriam.

Men's Group Pizza Night

Join the men's group for pizza, conversation and fellowship! We are calling all men ages 18-118 to join us! Pizza Nights are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6-7pm in MC-4/5. Come have a bite and join in the fellowship!

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Rejoicing Spirits

We are Lucky to have God's Love

Join Rejoicing Spirits on **Sunday, March 3**, at **St. Philip Lutheran Church**, 7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128 from 10:30-11:30am.

We will unite in activities, singing, laughing and loving God. Rejoicing Spirits is an inclusive worship space for people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, their caregivers, families and anyone who seeks an open, joyful and creative worship experience.

We will gather at St. Philip on the first Sunday of each month in 2024.

Please **RSVP** to Korra Looschen at klooschen@stphilip-co.org.



For more information regarding the Rejoicing Spirits experience or volunteering, please contact:

Deacon Korra Looschen at
klooschen@stphilip-co.org

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"Focus on Native Composers"

APRIL 13, 2024 @ 2PM

Ken Caryl Concerts is collaborating with Celebration of Native Arts to present this concert.

The program will feature works composed by Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, Beverley McKiver, Brent Michael Davids, Jessica McMann, and more.

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Prayer for Peace

“We are ALL God’s Children”

What: Interfaith Prayer for Peace

Who: ALL are welcome

When: Sunday, March 3, 2024 7PM

Where: St. Philip Lutheran Church

7531 S. Kendall Blvd.

Littleton, CO. 80128

***Refreshments will follow a brief program**



Calendar of Events

February 21-March 3, 2024

Wednesday, February 21 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – High School Youth Group (FH, YR) 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Tuesday, February 27 10:00a – 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)
Thursday, February 22 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Pack 47 Webelos (MC-4/5, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Wednesday, February 28 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 – Women’s Bible Study 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday, February 23 <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 9:00a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR)	Thursday, February 29 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Saturday, February 24 8:00a – Colorado Quilting Council (Sanc., Narthex) 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-4/5, MC-3, YR, FS) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 2:00p – Jo Rock Memorial Service (Sanc., FH) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)	Friday, March 1 <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 9:00a – Altaira Flute Ensemble (YR) 1:00p – Montague Memorial Service (Sanc.)
Sunday, February 25 9:00a – Worship in person & online 10:00a – Scout Pancake Breakfast (FH, kitchen) 10:15a – Sunday School 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6-12th grades, YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5, MC-3) 11:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5) 3:00p – Sedalia Spurs 4-H Club (MC-4/5)	Saturday, March 2 8:00a – CMTA Achievement Day (Sanc., Narthex, FH, Kitchen) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
Monday, February 26 1:00p – Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, March 3 9:00a – Worship in person & online 10:15a – Rejoicing Spirits Service (MC-4/5, Sanc.) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6-12th grades, YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5, MC-3) 7:00p – Interfaith Prayer for Peace (Sanc.)

Our Prayer List

Members

Margaret Rusch, Family & friends of Jo Rock, Flo Figge, Carolyn Endecott, Jim & Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp, Bob Wagner

Family Members

Diana (Harriet Truman's daughter)
Ginger (Tom & LeRae Schnickel's sister-in-law)
Loren Gifford (Michael & Sandi Stevermer's brother-in-law)
Joanne (Sherry Anderson's cousin)
Jennie Valentine (Dorie & Mike Werner's daughter-in-law)
Dianne Votaw (Sandi Stevermer's sister)
Lenny Ermold (Joanne Ermold's nephew)

Clarissa Lee (Sharon Peters' niece)
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)

Friends

John Small (Rhodes)
Raymond Short (Silco/Hammer)
Tracy Ford (Silco/Hammer)
Tanya Hamilton (Stevermer)

Beth & Michael (Flatley)
Ryan Gaibler (Thomas)
Emma (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.



Financial Statistics

As of the end of January 2024:

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	86,822	95,233	(8,411)
Expenses	78,816	94,283	15,467
	8,006	950	7,056

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	33,867	44,837	(10,970)
Expenses	25,210	40,480	15,270
	8,657	4,357	4,300

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	52,955	50,396	2,559
Expenses	53,606	53,803	197
	(651)	(3,407)	2,756

Contributions

(General Fund)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
YTD Actual	48,885	39,861
YTD Budgeted	45,833	
	3,052	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
YTD Actual	\$79	\$312