

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 20, 2024

Worship News



Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

As we approach this season of gratitude, we invite you to join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. This is a time to pause, reflect, and lift our hearts in praise for the many blessings God has blessed us with. Join us for worship: **Wednesday November 27th at 6pm**. Following worship, we invite you to our traditional Pie Social! Bring a pie to share and taste many other wonderful pies!

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this weekend have been given by Mike Burgess & Lynn Mossbrucker in celebration of their 20th anniversary. Altar flowers have been given by Ron & Jane Clausen in celebration of grandson Rowan Sisk's 8th birthday.

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.

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 service we will have wine and cheese fellowship with other light refreshments with water and juice.

Communion Bread Bakers Needed

If you enjoy baking and would like to help with the worship service by making communion bread, there are several open dates on the December schedule. The sign-up sheet and recipe are in the narthex on the sign-up/information shelf. Please sign up, and if you have any questions, contact Sandi Stevermer (303-928-9010).

Communion Servants Wanted

With the departure of Deacon Korra the first part of December, we will need to have two communion servants for each worship service. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please reach out to Sandi Stevermer (303-928-9010); she would love to have you join the team.

Church News

Angel Tree for Lutheran Family Services

With your help, Lutheran Family Services welcomes newcomers and connects with refugees, foster kids, and adoption families during the Christmas season. They are in need of NEW coats, NEW sheet sets, and NEW pillows. Angel tree ornaments can be picked from the Christmas Tree in the narthex. Each "ornament" indicates the specifics of each person and need. All donations need to be left unwrapped and brought to St.

Philip **by Sunday, December 8**. A volunteer is needed to take all the donations to the Lutheran Family Services office by December 12. Their office is located at 1035 Osage St. in Denver. Please let Deacon Korra know if you are able to transport all the donations. Thank you for helping bring joy to others in need.

Build an Advent Tradition of Kindness and Support VBS @ St. Philip

This year you can start a tradition of kindness with *A Season of Love and Kindness*, a daily devotional for December 1st – 24th. Readers of all ages will be centered in the true joy of the season and encouraged to complete acts of kindness that relate to each day's theme. Pendant ornaments hold beautiful images that visually represent the focus for each day. They make a wonderful gift!

When you order on <https://adventkindness.com/> with code **STPHILIP**, **30% of your purchase will be returned to St. Philip Lutheran Church to support our Vacation Bible School**. Share the code with your friends and family and their purchases will support VBS at St. Philip as well. Enjoy your adventures in kindness and thank you for your support!

Christmas Decorating at St. Philip

Have you put up your Christmas tree yet? The large snowfall in the beginning of November seemed to get everyone thinking about Christmas. Advent is just around the corner. The first Sunday of Advent is **December 1** and we are going to decorate the church and sanctuary for Christmas on **Wednesday, December 4**. Everyone is invited to join us to decorate for Christmas. We will begin at **6:00pm** with a potluck soup supper and then decorate the church.

Dance Lessons at St. Philip Dec. 7

Come and dance off some Christmas cookies! Our amazing professional instructors will teach us to foxtrot and swing our way around the dance floor. Beginners are welcome! The cost is \$30 a couple from 7-8pm. Limited to 10 couples

Silver Sages Christmas Lunch

Monday, December 9 at 11:30am at the Golden Corral (3677 S. Santa Fe Dr.)

A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. We hope you will join us for a delicious lunch and delightful conversation. Contact Chris Youngren (303-973-3096) for more information.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

O Little Town of Bethlehem—A Christmas Program by the Youth & Children of St. Philip

All youth and children are invited to join us as we prepare a special Christmas Program that will be presented on **Sunday December 15** at the 9am service. We will rehearse during Sunday school (10:15-11:15am) Sunday mornings in November and December. If you play and instrument, like to dance, be a puppeteer, share in narration, dress as a nativity character – We have a place for everyone! **All kids and youth age 3yr – 12th grade** can participate!

We also invite all children **under the age of 3** to be in our nativity (dress as a stable animal and help sing Away in a Manger). The younger children will sit with their parents

and come up for this special part in our program.

If your child/youth would like to participate, please contact Melinda in the church office.

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Registration for Summer 2025 is OPEN!

It's time to start thinking about camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp for next summer. The new schedule and fees for 2025 are already on the website. Registration is already open. Registration for all youth camps, family camps, and Labor Day is online. Weeks will fill quickly! Spend a week of fun and growth as part of a great Christian community in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo mountains. Go to <https://www.rainbowtrail.org/summer-camps/> for more details and the summer schedule.

St. Philip Confirmation Camp is June 22 – 28.

St. Philip Jrs. & Intro week is June 15 - 21 (space is filling up fast).

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

College Care Packages

Thanks to everyone who donated items to our 54 college students across the country. These students will receive words of encouragement, snacks, and other items to help them get through finals week. Thanks to the team who packed all the items and mailed them.

Put Your Faith into Action!

Holy Hammers Work Dates - No Experience Needed

If you want to help but the Holy Hammers dates listed below don't fit your schedule just get in touch with Rich Allee - there are lots of other Habitat for Humanity opportunities indoors AND outdoors - we'll find something that works for you! We can also arrange a date for your work or social group to volunteer together - it's a great team builder!

The New Construction Site work dates below will be at Augustana Homes which is a community of four 3 & 4 bedroom - 2 bath duplexes being built on land provided by Augustana Lutheran Church. *There is no experience needed!*

- 4 spots on **Saturday, December 14** at the New Construction site, Augustana Homes (5088 E. Dakota Ave., Denver) **from 8:50am-4:30pm.**
- 5 spots on **Saturday, February 15** at the New Construction site, Augustana Homes (5088 E. Dakota Ave., Denver) **from 8:50am-4:30pm.**

ReStore and the Production Shop work dates are indoors and are 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 or at the ReStore!)

- 2 spots on **Saturday, January 18** at the Production Shop (430 S. Navajo St., Denver) **from 8:50am-4:30pm**

Future Holy Hammer indoor work dates will be listed here - No experience is needed. Contact Rich Allee for more information.

Get Signed Up!

The link for registration and sign up for all of the above work dates 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 – Volunteers for the Production Shop or the ReStore can be 14 or older. *No experience is needed.* Contact Rich Allee if you have any questions and please let him know if you register for a date!

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

On a brilliantly sunny autumn Thursday, we set a new record by serving **252** families. For the upcoming week we can use **dry pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned pasta, clean grocery and newspaper bags, and egg cartons.** Thank you for all the ways you support our mission.

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/Small Groups

Sunday

The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Join Pastor Brad this Advent to study "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." This adult faith formation class will take place after worship, **starting on December 8 at 10:30am.** We will discuss the life of Mary and Joseph, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem and the Manger.

In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

Monday

Monday Women's Bible Study

Monday Women's Bible study will begin studying the book of Matthew this Fall. We will meet on the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 9-11am** in the Fireside room. Contact Juli Cooley at jhcool519@gmail.com for information.

Book Club

Invitation for book readers! Come join us for lively discussion and fellowship in BOOK CLUB. We meet the second Monday from 9:30-11am in the fireside room. For further information contact Sue Miller at 303-619-0661 or sue.miller50@comcast.net; or Beth Faerber at 570-574-5243 or efaerber@hotmail.com.

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. There are different brews and there are different views, so come join the conversation and hang out with us. We meet 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.

Tuesday

2024 Family Bible Study

Every Tuesday Night from 7-9pm.

Meeting at the Selander Home (6338 S Harlan Way in the Leawood subdivision)

All adult members of our congregation are welcome to attend.

Our study continues with the relationship of the Old and New Testaments. This is an in-depth study of ancient text interpretation by Rabbinic and modern-day scholars.

This year we will be centering around Prophet Daniel. Each week Rudy Swenson will lead a different discussion of this fascinating book of the Old Testament. Please come and join us whenever you can. Any questions call Paul at 303-241-0321.

Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30—11:00am

During the months of November and December, we'll be discussing various faith topics. We hope you will join us. In January, 2025 we will be reading and discussing "Forgiveness—A Lenten Bible Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson. Please contact Chris Youngren for more information at 303-973-3096.

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9:30-11am. We will be doing a Bible study based on the first season of "The Chosen". For more information, contact Bill Colbenson at 720-381-3348.

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study

"Seeing Yourself as a Leader; Insights from Women in the Bible" occurs weekly. Learn from the examples of Eve, Lydia, Esther, Priscilla, and other women. Join Deacon Korra from 6-7pm in the chapel.

Men's Group Pizza Night

Join the men's group for pizza, conversation and fellowship! 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!



Financial Statistics

As of the end of October 2024:

| All SPLC Ministries: | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income | 818,443 | 829,167 | (10,724) |
| Expenses | 879,889 | 880,995 | 1,106 |
| | (61,446) | (51,828) | (9,618) |

| Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only: | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income | 298,062 | 325,221 | (27,159) |
| Expenses | 343,686 | 342,411 | (1,275) |
| | (45,624) | (17,190) | (28,434) |

| Without SPELC: | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income | 520,381 | 503,946 | 16,435 |
| Expenses | 536,203 | 538,584 | 2,381 |
| | (15,822) | (34,638) | 18,816 |

Contributions

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|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>(General Fund)</i> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| YTD Actual | 459,289 | 429,185 |
| YTD Budgeted | 458,333 | |
| | 956 | |

ELCA World Hunger

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| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| YTD Actual | \$1,547 | \$3,649 |

The Journey to Christmas

WALKING THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS
WITH ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

Wed., Nov. 27 @
6:00pm

Advent Worship

Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22
@9:00am

Ghoir Advent Cantata

on Dec. 8

Children's Christmas

Program on Dec. 15

Christmas Eve Worship

Tues., Dec. 24 @
3:00pm, 5:00pm
& 7:00pm

Preparing for Worship - November 24, 2024 Christ the King Sunday

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 24, 2024

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| Deacon Korra Looschen, preaching; Pastor Brad Doty, presiding | |
| Assisting Minister | Anne Casson |
| Lector | Jim Smith |
| Acolyte | Lucas Doty |
| Communion Servant | Jan Philpy |
| Sacrament Servants | Penny Selden, Carolyn Endecott |
| Greeters | The Hassman Family |
| Ushers | Jerry Black, Jon Dierksheide |
| Key Keeper | Week beginning Nov. 24: Juley & Rich Allee |

Our Prayer List

*On Wednesdays a more detailed prayer list is released via email. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org or 303.979.4491.
Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Members

**Marilyn Belford, Fred Peters, Jeri Phillips, Joel Sigdestad, Bill Faerber,
Dick Rusch, Harry Breitbach, Marcia Wagner, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp**

Family Members

Jack Thomson (Sandi Stevermer's cousin)
Family of Charles Peters (Fred Peters' brother)
Cindy (Pastor Brad's aunt)
Mary Clausen (Ron Clausen's sister-in-law)
Mazie Werner (Mike Werner's mother)
Diana Truman (Harriet Truman's daughter)
Gail (Karen Otto's sister)
Amber (Karen Otto's niece)
Matthew Hall (Marilyn Belford's grandson-in-law)
Ada Mishkind (Joanne Ermold's granddaughter)
Anna (Liz & Brad Reed's granddaughter)
Laura Hughes (Nancy Schell's daughter)

Tom McGinnis (Mary Flatley's brother)
Jim Flatley (Tom Flatley's brother)
Erik Hanson (Martha Hanson's son)
Caroline Carroll (Harriet Truman's daughter)
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)

Friends

Tanya Hamilton (Stevermer)
Family of Mike Kitch (White)
Jim Schwendeman (Smith)
Phyllis Dreyher (Clough)
Ray & Tina Wulf (Stevermer)
Curt Stein (Clausen)

Lisa Wycoff (Burgess; Mossbrucker)
Makayla King (MOSAIC)
Ruth (SPELC)
Ryan Gaibler (Thomas)
Conrad & family (Anderson)

Prayers of praise and thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Freya Astrid Lyslo, granddaughter of Angy & Jeff Lyslo.

Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.

Prayers of strength, hope, and peace for caregivers and healthcare workers.

Prayers for healing and comfort for those suffering with physical and mental injuries, anxiety, and depression.

Calendar of Events

November 20-December 1, 2024

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| Wednesday, November 20 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen, chapel) 6:00p – H. S. Youth Group (YR, FH, chapel) 6:00p – Women’s Bible Study (chapel) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) | Tuesday, November 26 12:30p – Belford Reception (FH, kitchen) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite) |
| Thursday, November 21 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 6:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 6:30p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom) | Wednesday, November 27 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc.) 7:00p – Pie Social (FH) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3) |
| Friday, November 22 <i>Church office open 8am—noon</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II | Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Day <i>Church office closed</i> No activities scheduled |
| Saturday, November 23 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-4/5, YR, Chapel) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 1:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.) 2:30p – Violin Recital (Sanc.) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.) | Friday, November 29 <i>Church office closed</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II |
| Sunday, November 24 9:00a – Worship in person & online 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5) 3:00p – Sedalia Spurs | Saturday, November 30 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) |
| Monday, November 25 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite) | Sunday, December 1 9:00a – Worship in person & online 10:15a – Congregational Meeting (Sanc.) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5) 5:00p – Rejoicing Spirits Service (Chapel) |





Hello Friends, Family and everyone in between!

Rich is St. Philip's leader for the Holy Hammers ministry, the faith-based coalition for Habitat for Humanity-Denver and we are asking for your help! This is our 2nd Annual St. Philip Gingerbread Build! With the help of Melinda Svenkerud, St. Philip's Youth Director and resident artist, our Youth Group built this year's Gingerbread entry (pictured below).

Vote for our St. Philip Gingerbread Build by scanning the QR code shown below or using this URL: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/gingerbreadbuild2024/account/1884585> to make a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please email Juley Allee with questions: juleyallee@gmail.com.



At Habitat for Humanity (Holy Hammers) we believe in a 'hand up instead of a handout'. This holiday project is a festive way to create a little fun competition, have a great time working together, and raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. The voting runs from now through **Dec 19, 2024**.

To find out more about Habitat for Humanity, paste this link in your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgKLnVXjkPs>

Interested in volunteering at a build site? Our local current build is on the property donated by Augustana Lutheran Church just adjacent to the church to the south. Get Signed Up! The link for registration and sign up for all of the above work dates is: holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/. Go to the Volunteer Website. In the 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 – Volunteers for the Production Shop or the ReStore can be 14 or older. No experience is needed. Contact Rich Allee if you have any questions and please let him know if you register for a date! Rich: eeella.t.r@gmail.com or 303-933-2180 (c).

FREE CONCERTS



Welcome Joyous Season!

A celebration of the nativity with hymns, songs, and carols from the British Isles.
Featuring music by John Rutter, Gustav Holst, and Benjamin Britten.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

2:30 pm

Covenant Living of Colorado
9153 Yarrow St., Westminster, CO

6:30 pm

Concordia Lutheran Church
13371 W. Alameda Pkwy., Lakewood, CO



The Lutheran Choral



We are not selling tickets but appreciate your
free will offerings.



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for more information.



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