

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

November 27, 2024

Worship News



Advent Readers Needed

We need people to read during the lighting of the Advent wreath on Sunday mornings during Advent and on Christmas Eve. We encourage all to consider this: families with young children, families with older children, couples, groups of singles. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Jan Philpy.

Christmas Poinsettias

Each year we decorate our sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas. You can help by purchasing a poinsettia. The cost is \$20, and you can take your plant home after the last Christmas Eve service which is at 7pm. Contact the church office (aseep@stphilip-co.org)

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

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.

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!

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 an 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.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

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: hollyhammers.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

It was a beautiful fall day on Thursday and we served a large crowd of **214** families. We can always use **dry mac & cheese, canned pasta & chili, canned beans, 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 month of 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

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 4 at 6pm** when we will participate in the annual decorating of the church for Christmas preceded by a potluck soup supper. Stay tuned as we go into the new year when we will continue meeting Wednesday nights at 6pm.

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!



The Journey to Christmas

WALKING THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS
WITH ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

<u>Thanksgiving</u>	<u>Advent Worship</u>	<u>Christmas Eve</u>
<u>Eve Worship</u>	Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22	<u>Worship</u>
<u>& Pie Social</u>	@9:00am	Tues., Dec. 24 @
Wed., Nov. 27 @	<i>Ghoir Advent Cantata</i>	3:00pm, 5:00pm
6:00pm	on Dec. 8	& 7:00pm
	<i>Children's Christmas</i>	
	<i>Program</i> on Dec. 15	

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“Preparing our Hearts”

REJOICING SPIRITS

Sunday | December 1 | 5:00-6:30PM

ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128

Join us for an evening of activities, dinner, and a heartfelt worship service. Dinner will be turkey, mashed potatoes and all the fixings. We look forward to fellowship and fun together!

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.



Please RSVP to Deacon Korra – klooschen@stphilip-co.org

Preparing for Worship - November 27, 2024 Thanksgiving Eve
First Reading: Joel 2:21-27
Second Reading: I Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

Worship Servants for Wednesday, November 27, 2024	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching	
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith
Lector	Juley Allee
Communion Servants	Amy Rahne, Jan Philpy
Sacrament Servant	Monica Auch
Ushers	Charlie Petersen

Preparing for Worship - December 1, 2024 1st Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 1, 2024	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching; Deacon Korra Looschen, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith
Lector	Jane Clausen
Communion Servant	Barb Donaho
Sacrament Servant	Monica Auch
Greeters	Mary Hatlestad, Carole Kessler
Ushers	Jon Dierksheide, Greg Luer
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 1: Gaylen Rapp

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

Jim Masterson (Bill Reitz's son-in-law)
Family of Ed Belford (Marilyn Belford's husband)
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 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 27-December 8, 2024

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)	Tuesday, December 3 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Day <i>Church office closed</i> No activities scheduled	Wednesday, December 4 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 5:30p – Sanctuary Decorating 6:00p – Confirmation & Youth Group 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday, November 29 <i>Church office closed</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II	Thursday, December 5 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5, FH) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Saturday, November 30 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, December 6 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 4:30p – SPELC Santa Event 8:00p – Event Prep (FH, kitchen)
Sunday, December 1 9:00a – Worship in person & online 10:15a – Farewell Brunch for Deacon Korra (FH) 10:15a – Sunday School (Sanc.) 5:00p – Rejoicing Spirits Service (Chapel)	Saturday, December 7 8:00a – Abrams Charity Brunch (FH, kitchen) 9:00a – Cantata Rehearsal (Sanc.) 9:30a – Art Quilt Bee (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 6:30p – Dance Lessons (FH)
Monday, December 2 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 9:00a – Women’s Bible Study (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, December 8 9:00a – Worship—Choir Cantata 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)



2nd Annual St. Philip Youth/Holy Hammers
Gingerbread House Build
It's not just a Gingerbread House...it's an amazing
Gingerbread Creation!

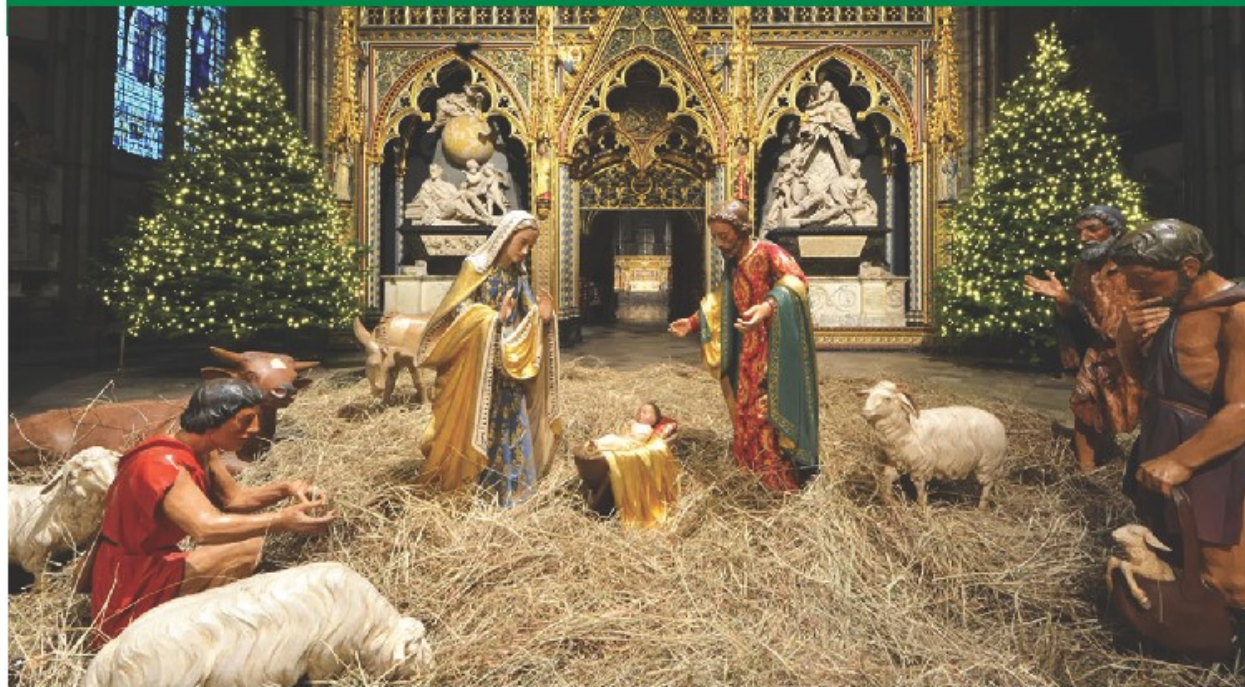


This Holiday project is a festive way for our St Philip Youth to create a little fun competition, have a great time working together and raise funds for Habitat for Humanity! You can view their amazing work in the Narthex and then vote for it to win 1st Place. ***Voting is open now through December 19th. To vote you can scan the QR code below OR go to:*** <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/gingerbreadbuild2024/account/1884585>



There is no restriction on who can vote so share this with family, friends and neighbors. Each “vote” is a donation to Denver Metro Habitat for Humanity. You will be giving a hand up not a handout - every dollar raised will be used for building affordable homes in the Denver area. With a minimum cost of just \$1, there is no limit to how much and how many times you can vote for our Youth so do as much as you can - we want to top last year's total of \$1,142!

FREE CONCERTS



Welcome Joyous Season!

Sunday, December 8, 2024

5:00 pm

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

6:45 pm

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

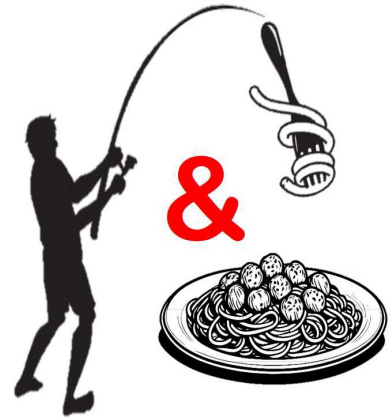


The Lutheran Choral



We are not selling tickets but appreciate your free will offerings.
Visit www.thelutheranchoral.org for more information.

**READY,
SPAGHETTI
GO**



**Sea Base
High Adventure
Fundraiser for Troop 554**

\$26

Spaghetti dinner for 2
pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad,
bread, and a treat

This dinner is served as a drive through, pick up dinner and go event. Purchase tickets by Sunday December 8th. Drive to the church parking lot (south side) and we will hand you a homemade spaghetti dinner for 2 to enjoy at home. Saves you time, feeds you, and you help the Scouts attend their **June 2025 High Adventure** fishing trip in Florida.

**Monday December 9th
5:00 to 7:00 pm**

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