

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 4, 2024



Worship News

Advent Readers Needed

Our last available slot is Christmas Eve at the 7pm service. 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)

Church News

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.

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!*

- 7 spots on **Saturday, December 14** at the New Construction site, Augustana Homes (5088 E. Dakota Ave., Denver) **from 8:50am-4:30pm.**
- 3 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 Tuesday's Thanksgiving distribution, we welcomed **217** families (664 neighbors), slightly fewer than we saw last year. Fortunately, we were able to offer a turkey to everyone who wanted one.

We were blessed to receive an abundance of shelf-stable food and personal care items from the food drive conducted by South Suburban Parks & Recreation. Accordingly, we are well-stocked and have no needs for the coming week. As always, we welcome your clean grocery and newspaper bags and egg cartons.

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!





**Preparing for Worship - December 8, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent—Cantata**

Mark 1:1-3

Matthew 1:20

Luke 1:13, 30-32, 34; Luke 2:8-12

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 8, 2024

Advent Cantata Pastor Brad Doty, presiding	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Jan Philpy
Communion Servants	Jan & Gary Philpy
Sacrament Servants	Sandi Stevermer, Carolyn Endecott
Greeters	The Miskimins Family
Ushers	Greg Luer, Kyle Rogge
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 8: Mike Burgess

2nd Annual St. Philip Youth/Holy Hammers Gingerbread House Build

Vote today for our youth's gingerbread creation and help put a family in an affordable Habitat House!



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

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

Sue Counterman, Annelore Fecht, Karen Otto, Jeri Phillips, Joel Sigdestad, Bill Faerber, Harry Breitbach, Marcia Wagner, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp

Family Members

Sheena Hackstaff (Juli Cooley's sister-in-law)
Family & friends of Nancy Hart (Jane Clausen's cousin)
Karen (Juley Allee's aunt)
Jim Masterson (Bill Reitz's son-in-law)
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)
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

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

December 4-15, 2024

Wednesday, December 4 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 5:30p – Sanctuary/Church Decorating 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	Tuesday, December 10 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator (outside) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
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)	Wednesday, December 11 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 12:00p – SPELC Christmas Program (Sanc.) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH) 6:00p – Sr. High 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.)
Friday, December 6 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 4:30p – SPELC Santa Event (FH) 8:00p – Charity Event Prep (FH, kitchen)	Thursday, December 12 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 12:00p – SPELC Christmas Program (Sanc.) 4:15p – Webelos Meeting (MC-4/5, FH) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
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)	Friday, December 13 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II
Sunday, December 8 9:00a – Worship—Choir Cantata 10:15a – Sunday School (FH, Sanc.) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)	Saturday, December 14 8:30a – Second Wind (FH-1) 10:00a – Set up Journey to Bethlehem (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
Monday, December 9 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 9:30a – Book Club (FS) 1:00p – Prayer Shawl (FS) 4:00p – Troop 554 Drive-Thru Fundraiser 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, December 15 9:00a – Worship- Children's Christmas Program 10:30a – Journey to Bethlehem (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5) 12:30p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)



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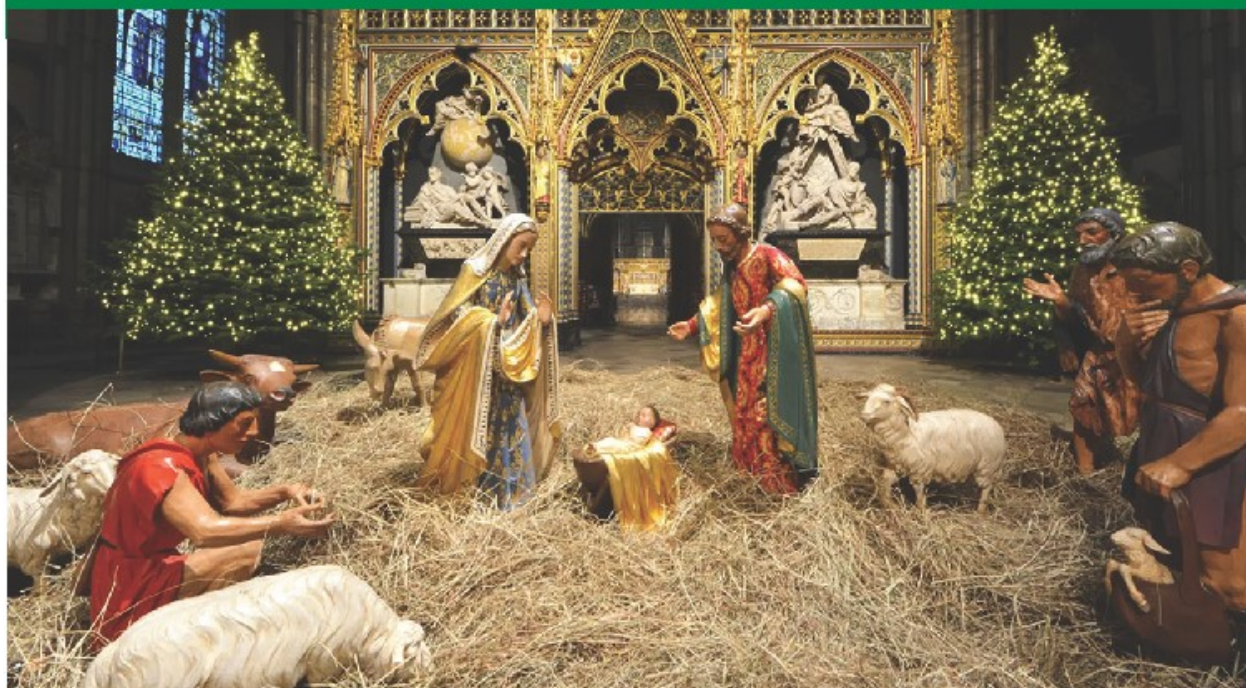
Saturday, December 7 | 3PM
Augustana Lutheran Church



Pay What You Can tickets
available online at
AugustanaArts.org/tickets/holiday-tunes



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

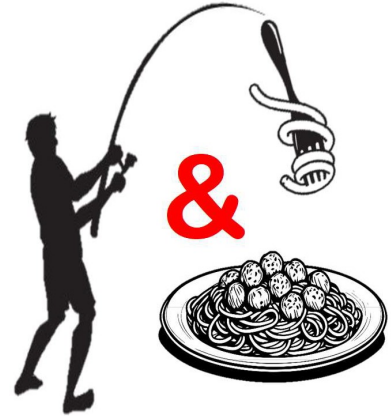


The Lutheran Choral



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

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

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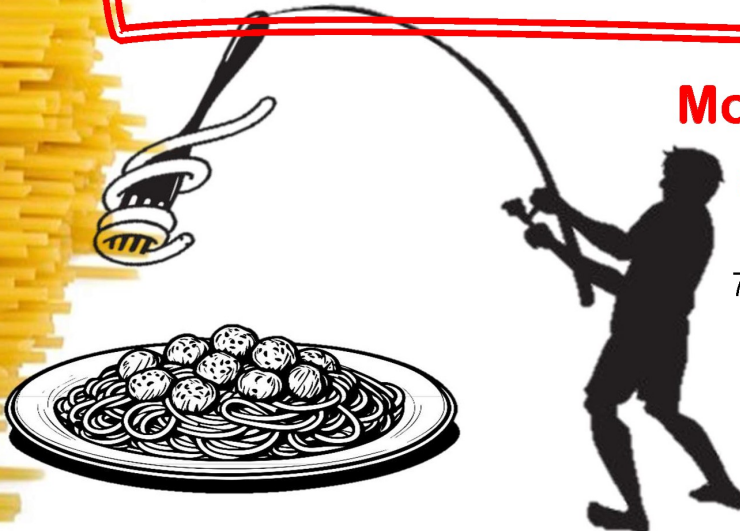
**Spaghetti dinner for 2
pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad,
bread, and a treat**

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**

St. Philip Lutheran Church
7531 S. Kendall Blvd Littleton 80128

More info? katruax@gmail.com
or 303-908-2845



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Featuring the Denver Jazz Orchestra.

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Thursday, December 19 | 7PM
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