

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 11, 2024



## Worship News

### **Advent Wreath 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).

### **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.

### **Memory Tree Service**

Christmas is a time of joy and anticipation, but it can also bring feelings of sadness, loss, and stress. At St. Philip, we like to take a moment to reflect, remember and name those who have gone before us and whom we will miss this Christmas. The longest night of the year is on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>, so we have decided to have the memory tree service on Sunday, December 22. We will gather outside of the fireside room at 10:15am and then go out to the memory tree for the service. If you have an ornament you would like to hang on the tree, we invite you to bring it to remember your loved one(s). We pray this time will provide hope and peace as we gather together.

### **Greeters Needed for January-February 2025**

If you enjoy being greeted on Sunday mornings, consider offering to be a member of our Hospitality Team at St. Philip. It just takes about 35 minutes and provides everyone with a warm welcome as they come to church.

Sundays open are:

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Greeters wear their church name tags and stand at the doors from 8:30-9:05am. We have a faithful group, but we are always looking for new greeters. Email Louanne Isernhagen at gisernhagen@gmail.com to volunteer.

## **Church News**

### **Journey to Bethlehem**

All are invited to join us for an interactive Journey To Bethlehem this **Sunday, December 15 after worship from 10:15 – 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall**. Journey with your family to find the newborn King! Encounter Roman Soldiers, the Magi following a bright star, shepherds on the hillside, angels with glorious news, the tax collector and

census taker. Enter the busy village of Bethlehem and shop at the marketplace. Talk with the innkeeper who tells you there is NO ROOM at the inn. And just maybe you will find the tiny baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger!

We need some incredible volunteers to help make this event special. Looking for adults and youth who would love to be a part of this ministry. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAE28A5FCCE9-53693935-journey#/>.

### **St. Philip Supper Club**

We are reviving the St. Philip Supper Club (monthly) with a theme--dining around the world! We will start **January 18, 2025** and it will be at The Athenian Restaurant in Aurora--Greek food! (<https://www.theathenianrestaurant.com/>) Opa! Each person is responsible for paying for their own dinner (reservations will be made so that separate checks are available) and also responsible for transportation there and back. Carpooling from St. Philip is a great option too. Please RSVP by or before Jan 12, 2025 so that a reservation can be made to accommodate us. Questions? Please contact Juley or Rich Allee ([juleyallee@gmail.com](mailto:juleyallee@gmail.com) or [eella.t.r@gmail.com](mailto:eella.t.r@gmail.com)).

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

### **Dipes and Wipes**

We are welcoming volunteers to come help with the Dipes and Wipes distribution on **Saturday, December 21, from 9:30 - 11:30am**. We always welcome new volunteers to this ministry. Please sign up with this link or you can let Penny Selden ([seldens4@comcast.net](mailto:seldens4@comcast.net)) know that you are planning on helping. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9A62FA7F5C25-53507932-dipes#/>

### ***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**.
- 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/](http://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**

The beautiful fall weather continued into the first week of December, as we served **255** families (795 neighbors), almost as many as we had last December when neighbors were permitted to visit every week! We continue to be well stocked with dry goods from the recent food drive and only need **pasta sauce, clean grocery and newspaper bags, and egg cartons**.

**King Soopers and Sharing with Sheridan:** The King Soopers at 3100 S Sheridan Blvd. (just north of 285 on Sheridan) has again selected Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry to benefit from the Fight Hunger bag program. For the months of December and January, whenever a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger bag is purchased at this King Soopers, \$1 will be donated to our food pantry. Stop by!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:sue.miller50@comcast.net); or Beth Faerber at 570-574-5243 or [efaerber@hotmail.com](mailto: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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 9:30—11:00am**

**Beginning on January 8**, we will be reading and discussing the book "Forgiveness—A Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson. The book is available at Barnes & Noble or at Alibris Books online. We hope you will join us. 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will meet both **tonight, December 11, and next Wednesday, December 18, at 6pm** to finish our study of the book *Leading Lessons*. This week we focus on the daughters of Zelophehad. You don't need the book to participate. We look forward to seeing you tonight and in January when we will begin a new study with an opportunity to learn more about each other as well.

### **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!

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

***Parents! Grandparents! St. Philip Youth Fans!***  
***Voting ends next week so 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 can - we want to top last year's total of \$1,142!

## **Financial Statistics**

### **As of the end of November 2024:**

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	915,345	928,207	(12,862)
Expenses	976,600	979,056	2,456
	(61,255)	(50,849)	(10,406)

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	345,725	374,482	(28,757)
Expenses	388,951	386,374	(2,577)
	(43,226)	(11,892)	(31,334)

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	569,620	553,725	15,895
Expenses	587,649	592,682	5,033
	(18,029)	(38,957)	20,928

### **Contributions**

<i>(General Fund)</i>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
YTD Actual	502,919	476,653
YTD Budgeted	504,166	
	(1,247)	

### **ELCA World Hunger**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
YTD Actual	\$1,606	\$4,069





<b>Preparing for Worship - December 11, 2024</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Children's Christmas Program</b>
<b>Luke 2:1-18</b>

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, December 11, 2024</b>	
<b>Children's Christmas Program</b> <b>Pastor Brad Doty, presiding</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	George Rasmussen
<b>Lector</b>	Alex Keltner
<b>Communion Servants</b>	Jim Smith, Amy Rahne
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Monica Auch, Nancy Schell
<b>Greeters</b>	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	Kyle Rogge, Will Rogge
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Dec. 15:</b> Chris White

# 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](mailto:aseep@stphilip-co.org) or 303.979.4491.*

*Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

## Members

**Brad Reed, Melinda Svenkerud, Sue Counterman, Annelore Fecht, Karen Otto, Jeri Phillips, Family & friends of Joel Sigdestad, Bill Faerber, Harry Breitbach, Marcia Wagner, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp**

## Family Members

**Rick Mosier** (Kay Mosier's brother-in-law)  
**Peggy** (Tom Flatley's sister)  
**Sheena Hackstaff** (Juli Cooley's sister-in-law)  
**Family & friends of Nancy Hart** (Jane Clausen's cousin)  
**Karen** (Juley Allee's aunt)  
**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

**Pastor Christie Beebe**  
**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

<b>Wednesday, December 4</b> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 5:30p – Sanctuary/Church Decorating 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Tuesday, December 10</b> 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)
<b>Thursday, December 5</b> 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)	<b>Wednesday, December 11</b> 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.)
<b>Friday, December 6</b> <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)	<b>Thursday, December 12</b> 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)
<b>Saturday, December 7</b> 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)	<b>Friday, December 13</b> <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II
<b>Sunday, December 8</b> <b>9:00a – Worship—Choir Cantata</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH, Sanc.) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)	<b>Saturday, December 14</b> 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) <b>5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</b>
<b>Monday, December 9</b> 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)	<b>Sunday, December 15</b> <b>9:00a – Worship- Children's Christmas Program</b> 10:30a – Journey to Bethlehem (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5) 12:30p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)

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# A BIG BAND HOLIDAY

*Featuring the Denver Jazz Orchestra.*

Ring in the final week of the holiday season with the festive, vintage sounds of the Denver Jazz Orchestra's musicians and vocalist.

**Thursday, December 19 | 7PM**  
Augustana Lutheran Church

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