

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 18, 2024



Worship News

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).

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 21st, 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

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 or eella.t.r@gmail.com).



Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Dipes and Wipes

Dipes and Wipes is this coming **Saturday, December 21!** We are welcoming volunteers to come help with the distribution. Please join us by 9:30am to help set up and we will have a prayer before the distribution starts. Please use the sign-up link or you can contact Penny Selden to let her 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!*

- 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 another warm and sunny Thursday, we served a crowd of **233** families (730 neighbors). We continue to be well stocked from recent food drives, so for the coming week we need **rice, 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 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

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 **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

The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will meet **Wednesday, December 18 at 6pm** to finish our study of the book *Leading Lessons*. 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!



Preparing for Worship - December 22, 2024 4th Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Worship Servants for Sunday, December 22, 2024	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching	
Assisting Minister	Anne Krause
Lector	Jan Philpy
Communion Servants	Lynn Mossbrucker, Linda Tegeder
Sacrament Servants	Penny Selden, Beth Clough
Greeters	Anne Husted & Greg Braford
Ushers	Will Rogge, Marc Roswech
Key Keeper	Week beginning Dec. 22: Tom Schnickel

Preparing for Worship Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve
First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Worship Servants for Tuesday, December 24, 2024	
Pastor Brad Doty, preaching	
Assisting Minister	3pm-Jan Philpy; 5pm-Anne Krause; 7pm-Jim Smith
Lector	3pm-Connor Hassman; 5pm-Kathryn Allee; 7pm-Jim Smith
Communion Servants	3pm-Amy Rahne & Brian Lamb; 5pm-Penny & John Selden; 7pm-Barb Donaho
Sacrament Servants	3pm-Suzanne Peterson; 5pm-Penny Selden; 7pm-Beth Clough & Nancy Schell
Greeters	3pm-Hassman Family; 5pm-Allee Family; 7pm-Michael & Beth Clough
Ushers	3pm-TBD; 5pm-Chris White; 7pm-TBD

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

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

Family Members

Family & friends of Richard Silco
(Tom Silco's father)
Shelley Krause (Anne Krause's cousin)
Margy Crary (Anne Krause's aunt)
Jack Thomson (Sandi Stevermer's cousin)
Don (Karen Otto's brother)
Rick Mosier (Kay Mosier's brother-in-law)
Peggy (Tom Flatley's sister)
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

Mary Lou (Morin)
Robert Watson (Hammer)
Don & Judy Marxhausen
Linda Hunter (Clausen)
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 18-29, 2024

Wednesday, December 18 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 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.)	Tuesday, December 24-Christmas Eve 3:00p – Worship (Sanc.) 5:00p – Worship (Sanc.) 7:00p – Worship (Sanc.)
Thursday, December 19 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 10:00a – Sigdestad Memorial (Sanc., FH, kitchen) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Wednesday, December 25-Christmas Day Church office closed-Merry Christmas!
Friday, December 20 <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 5:30p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (FH) 6:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)	Thursday, December 26 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Saturday, December 21 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-4/5, FS, YR, Chapel) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, December 27 <i>Church office closed</i> 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II
Sunday, December 22 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Memory Tree Service (outside) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH, Sanc.) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)	Saturday, December 28 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
Monday, December 23 6:30a – Camp Gladiator II 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, December 29 9:00a – Worship 3:00p – Sedalia Spurs (MC-4/5)



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