

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

June 18, 2025



Worship News

A Note from the Music Director

Now that summer is here, we are going to be singing many of the hymns that you as a congregation requested during worship. This coming Sunday we will be singing the following favorites: "O God Beyond All Praising", "Great is Thy Faithfulness", "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", "Softly and Tenderly", "One Bread, One Body" and "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." Don't miss it!

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Shera & Kent Eddy in celebration of their 60th anniversary. Altar flowers have been given by Rich & Juley Allee in celebration of their 29th anniversary and daughter Kathryn's 24th birthday.

Church News

Former "Lost Boy of Sudan" Speaks

Arok Garang, a former Lost Boy of Sudan, will speak at St. Philip at **10:15am on June 22** about his Colorado non-profit's successful efforts to educate South Sudanese orphans in Kenya. After fleeing a genocide in Sudan, Arok came to Denver in 2001 from a UN refugee camp on the Kenya-South Sudan border. His talk, **"Inspiring Hope - Transforming Lives"** describes Arok's journey of survival to Kenya and then the US, where he founded Seeds of South Sudan. Its mission is to educate South Sudanese orphan children in Kenya to become "seeds of change for South Sudan."

Since the founding of Seeds of South Sudan in 2009, **generous sponsors in the US have helped educate 187 orphans**. Now, 82 have graduated high school and 24 are in college in Kenya. Five have earned scholarships to universities in Canada. Arok will speak on the theme of growing ethical leaders.

Walk with Jesus

St. Philip Walk with Jesus **Mondays at 5:45am** starting at the St. Philip parking lot. Last week there were two and this week there were five. We walk and talk—it's great. The route is 1.5 miles at this time and hoping to increase speed and distance over the summer. Join us for your mind, body, and soul. All are welcome!

Creative Caring Quilters

We are pleased to announce that the Creative Caring Quilters will meet this summer to quilt for Lutheran World Wide Relief. Our next meeting is: **Saturday, June 21 from 9am-12 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. No need to bring a machine! Be ready to tie knots, visit, share a devotion and a cup of coffee. We welcome sewing tips and projects for our "Sew and Tell" time. Eight quilts have been completed so far to send next March. Hope to see you!

St. Philip Supper Club - Picnic Series

ADDED July venue! We have a reservation for **July 8 at 5:30pm** at The Hornet in Denver. *Please RSVP to Juley Allee by or before July 6th via text, email, slip of paper, Morse code, what have you.* Separate checks, and we will be there during Happy Hour. ALL AGES are welcome! **Please let me know if you need to carpool, and also let me know if you are willing to drive a carpool.**

July 20: Clement Park-St. Philip Co-Ed and Men's Softball Games @ Clement Park; 6:00pm co-ed team at Clement Park Field C2. **Bring your own picnic and lawn chair/blanket.** Let's cheer on our St. Philip Softball team and enjoy dinner together. Feel free to stay to cheer on the Men of St. Philip at 7:50pm on field C3.

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.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Needs

Help us make a difference and plant seeds of FAITH in **130+ kids!**

- **Greeters @ 8:45 & 11:45am**—Greet families/kids at drop-off and pick-up. You can volunteer for just one time slot or many – whatever your schedule allows.
- **Craft Leader on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**—You can just volunteer for one day or more. Tell a short story about how the craft ties into the Bible story each day. Easy instructions for how to do the craft.
- **Craft Helper on Monday, Wednesday**—Help in crafts – super fun!
- **Group Leaders and Helpers**—Even if you can only come 1 day or 2 or even 5! I have a few spots to fill when other leaders may be out.
- Help with the **Picnic on Thursday, July 10 @ 5:30pm**
- **Set-up Help** – after church on **Sunday, July 6**
- **Clean-up Help** on **Friday, July 11 @ noon**
- **Host the Rainbow Trail Counselors for the week** (reach out to Melinda for specifics)

Email Melinda at msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org or sign up on the sheets the Narthex.

(If you still need to register your child/children for VBS, please talk to Melinda.)

Summer Youth Group

June 18 – Picnic at the park and concert; Littleton Historical Museum (6028 S. Gallup Street, Littleton) Elimination and/or Kickball afterwards with Littleton UMC Youth; 6-8:30pm

June 25 – Volleyball & Gaga Ball; 6:30-8:30pm

*We are looking for an extra adult to help out on **Wed. June 25 & Wed. July 2**. We meet from 6:30 -8:30pm. Reach out to Melinda if you would like to join us and see what all the fun is about at SUMMER YOUTH GROUP!*

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Dipes and Wipes

Please come join us at Dipes and Wipes here at St. Philip on **Saturday, June 28 from 9:30 - 11:30am**. We will be greeting parents coming in to get their diapers and praying with them. Contact Penny Selden if you have any questions. (303-601-9525)

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last Thursday our terrific volunteers weathered the variable conditions from sun to clouds to wind in order to serve **153** families (471 neighbors). For the coming week we can use: **dry mac & cheese, canned pasta, canned baked beans, and peanut butter.**

We are currently well stocked with paper and plastic bags and egg cartons.

Thank you for your continued support.

Put Your Faith into Action!

St. Philip/Holy Hammers Work Date on June 21

Get signed up TODAY to work alongside SPLC Members

All volunteers 16 or older are welcome.

No experience is needed

We'll be working at Augustana Homes which is a community of four 3 & 4 bedroom - 2 bath duplexes being built on land provided by Augustana Lutheran Church.

- **1 SPOT AVAILABLE! Saturday, June 21 at the New Construction site, Augustana Homes (5088 E. Dakota Ave., Denver) from 7:50am-3:30pm.**

More Volunteer Opportunities!

- **Saturday, June 28** - 2 slots available at the new construction site, Augustana Homes **from 7:50am to 3:30pm.**
- **Saturday, July 19** - 4 slots available at the new Production Shop (430 S Navajo St, Denver, CO, 80246) **from 8am to 3pm.**
- **Saturday, August 9** - 4 slots available at the new construction site, Augustana Homes **from 7:50am to 3:30pm.**

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!)

Get Signed Up!

The link for registration and sign up for all of the above work dates is: **holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/**. In the upper right corner click on Create Account or Sign In if you have volunteered before. 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. Contact Rich Allee if you have any questions and let him know if you register for a date!

WALKING INTO THAT SUNSET

I informed Pastor Brad on June 10 that I would like to retire from my position as Church Business Administrator of St. Philip Lutheran Church this summer. This decision is based entirely on my health. Due to my multiple myeloma (and the required medications) I have reduced immunity compared to a healthy person. A simple cold can quickly turn into a dangerous infection for me. The risk of exposure is increased when ELC classes are in session.

I have enjoyed working at St. Philip. This job, which I started April 2021, has provided me with very satisfying challenges to apply and grow my skills. The staff has been a pleasure to work with, and I am so grateful for the many friendships I have formed with church members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in the ministry of this church. Blessings on the continued journey of St. Philip, its members and staff!

~ Kirsten Olshausen

Message from Pastor Brad

On behalf of St. Philip, I want to say thank you to Kirsten Olshausen for her hard work as our Business Administrator over the past four-plus years. We are grateful for you, Kirsten, and are excited for you on your retirement! There have been many property projects Kirsten has helped with or oversaw, including replacing the roof. Kirsten has helped us with our finances to keep everything organized and running smoothly; as well as working with all of our vendors and trying to keep all our costs down.

Thank you, Kirsten!



Financial Statistics

As of the end of May 2025:

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	518,193	479,915	38,278
Expenses	468,624	461,415	-7,209
	49,569	18,500	31,069

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	236,310	224,165	12,145
Expenses	218,898	205,525	(13,373)
	17,412	18,640	(1,228)

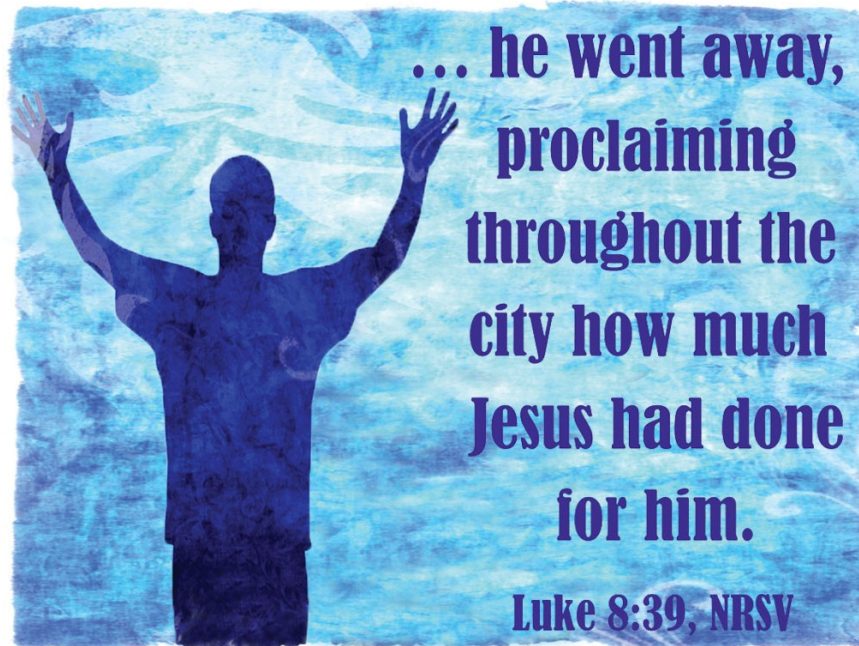
Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	281,883	255,750	26,133
Expenses	249,726	255,890	6,164
	32,157	(140)	32,297

Contributions

<i>(General Fund)</i>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
YTD Actual	245,772	232,009
YTD Budgeted	231,250	
	14,522	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
YTD Actual	\$860	\$805



Preparing for Worship - June 22, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9
Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29
Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Worship Servants for Sunday, June 22, 2025	
Special Music - Don, Joshua, & Alexis Williams	
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen
Lector	Juley Allee
Communion Servants	Lynn Mossbrucker, TBD
Sacrament Servants	Monica Auch, Beth Clough
Greeters	Rich & Juley Allee
Ushers	Tom Silco, Mark Morse
Key Keeper	Week beginning June 22: Rich & Juley Allee

HELP LOW INCOME CHILDREN START THE SCHOOL YEAR OFF STRONG!



READY, SET, SCHOOL!

Ready, Set, School! is an annual drive hosted by Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) to provide new backpacks, grade-appropriate school supplies, and nutritious snacks for income qualified children in our community.

Visit our website

ifcs.org/donor-support-ready-set-school

or scan this QR Code to make a donation:



Be a Student Sponsor

Select a student(s) you'd like to sponsor from grade and gender categories, then provide the needed items for participating students. IFCS partners with Roonga, which provides a way to purchase bulk supplies through a wholesale vendor at a fraction of the cost.



HEALTHY
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Be a Food and Program Support Donor

In addition to backpacks and school supplies for child(ren), the Ready, Set, School! program provides each family with fresh fruit, vegetables, and snacks to start the school year off strong. Your gift also sustains this program with much-needed funding.

Thank you for feeding young stomachs and minds!



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Integrated Family Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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.*

St. Philip Community

**Dorie Werner, Jeanne Rasmussen, Kay Mosier, Bob Timm, Brad Reed,
Joanne Ermold, Phyllis Kemp**

Family Members

Santiago (Tom & LeRae Schnickel's son)
Bob Terry (Carolyn Rapp's brother-in-law)
Anthony Cordova (Sarah Winters' father)
Lauren (Mary Flatley's daughter)
David & Deb (Angy Lyslo's brother & sister-in-law)
Carol Thomas (Juli Cooley's sister)
Ginger Schnickel (LeRae & Tom Schnickel's sister-in-law)
Barbara (Karen Otto's niece)

Erik Hanson (Martha Hanson's son)
Margy Crary (Anne Krause's aunt)
Laura Hughes (Nancy Schell's daughter)
Jim Flatley (Tom Flatley's brother)
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)

Friends

Rob, Carla, & Cacilia (Henning)
Had Bradbury (Krause)
Carla Brown (Krause)

Lisa Wycoff (Burgess; Mossbrucker)
Ryan Gaibler (Thomas)

Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members, those with health issues, and those who worship from home.

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

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

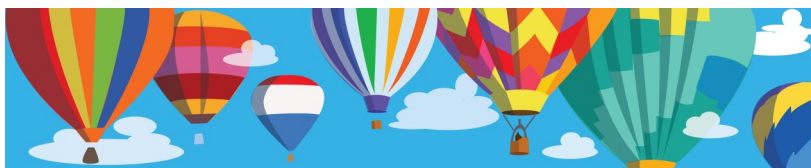
Prayers for those who are insecure about food, shelter, and acceptance. Prayers for people who live in fear of discrimination and violence.



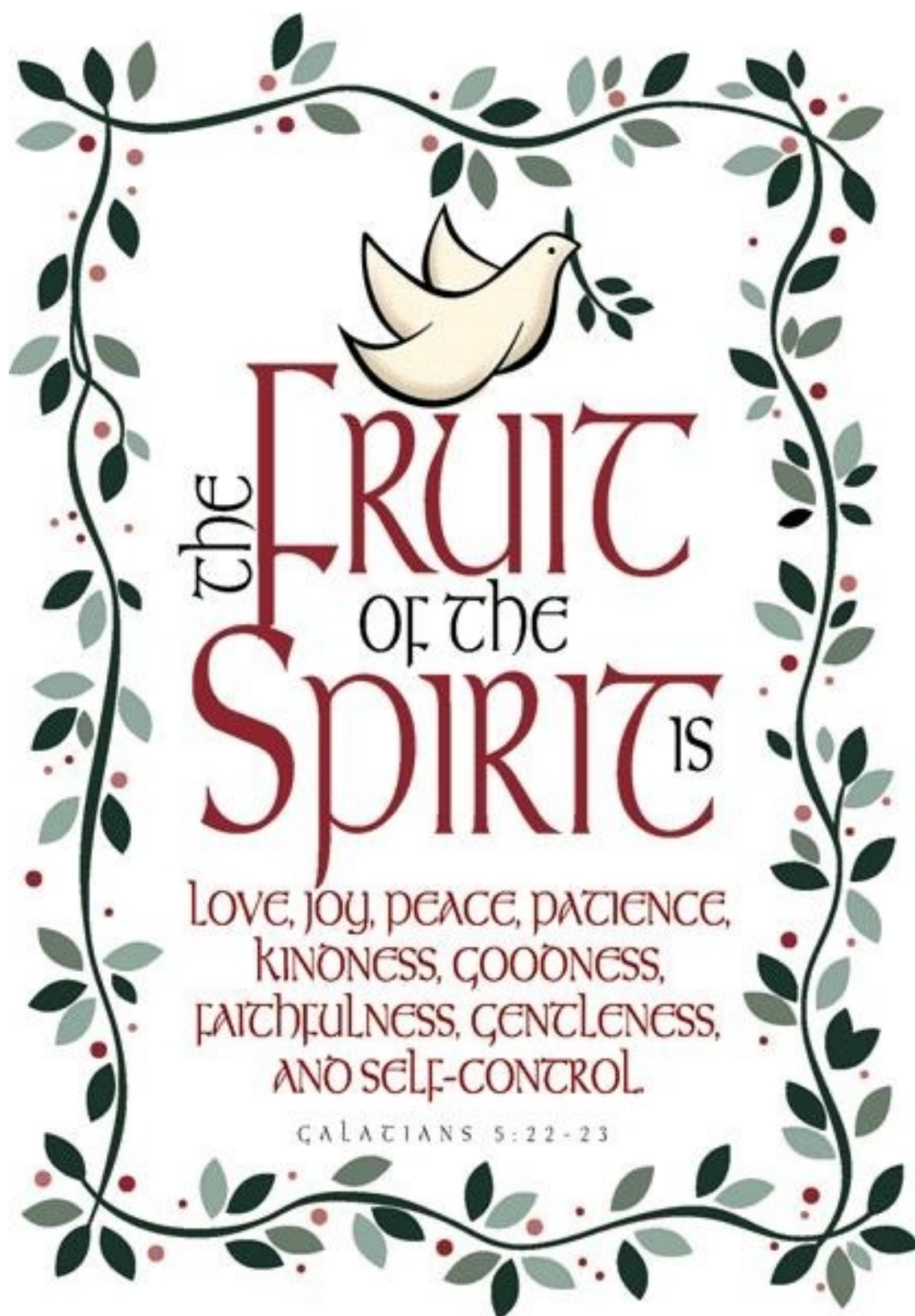
Calendar of Events

June 18-29, 2025

Wednesday, June 18 6:00p – Supper Club (offsite) 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR, FH, Chapel)	Tuesday, June 24 1:00p – SPLC Worship & Staff Meetings (MC-3) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH)
Thursday, June 19 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 9:00a – Summer Fun Day (FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Wednesday, June 25 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Men's Pizza Night (MC-4/5) 6:30p – Summer Youth Group (YR, FH, Chapel) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)
Friday, June 20 <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i> No activities scheduled	Thursday, June 26 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Saturday, June 21 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, June 27 <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i> No activities scheduled
Sunday, June 22 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Adult Forum-Seeds of South Sudan (MC-4/5) 11:30a – Church Council BBQ (offsite) 3:00p – Sedalia Spurs (MC-4/5)	Saturday, June 28 8:00a – CO Quilting Council Mtg (Sanc., Narthex) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-4/5, YR, Chapel) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:30p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)
Monday, June 23 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, June 29 9:00a – Worship



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