

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

August 27, 2025



***The church office will be closed Monday, September 1st
in observance of Labor Day.***

Worship News

Get Excited for Rally Day! Sunday, September 7 • 9am

Rally Day kicks off the season with a joyful start to a new year of ministry at St. Philip! It all begins with toe-tapping worship at 9am led by our very own Bluegrass Band! Worship will take place outside in the courtyard. After worship, dive into the new year of Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation—fun and faith for every age. The Sunday School kids will gather in the Fellowship Hall, and the adults will gather in MC-4/5 with Pastor Brad for a class on Life, Faith and Technology. We will talk about how we each grew up and compare that to how kids grow up today; looking at how technology has changed our world and affected our mental health and the mental health of children.

Coffee and water or lemonade will also be available in the narthex for people to grab a cup of coffee and join in some fellowship before LUNCH! The Men of St. Philip will be smoking pork shoulders and pork butts for a pulled pork lunch with all the fixings. Come for the music, the fellowship, and the joy of starting a new year together. Bring your family, bring your friends—everyone's welcome!

Walk in Faith September Sermon Series

This September, we invite you to join us for a special sermon series exploring the virtues of faith. Faith is more than belief—it is a way of life, shaping how we see God, how we love others, how we endure challenges, and how we live our lives. Each Sunday, we will explore how the virtues of faith take root in our lives and how they help us live as Christ's people in the world today as they shape the way we respond to hardship, the way we relate to one another, and the way we shine Christ's light in the world. Through the teachings and parables of Jesus, we will see that faith is never passive—it is active, resilient, and transformative. We pray the virtues of faith: Faith, Hope, Love and Trust will strengthen your walk with Christ and remind you that faith, nurtured by God's Spirit, produces a life of enduring fruit. Come, let us worship and grow together as we walk in faith.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming weekend have been given by Linda Tegeder in memory of her husband, Mike.

Sign up for altar flowers while you are here for in-person worship. There can be two bouquets per Sunday, but it isn't required. **The cost is \$30** and you can take your flowers home after the worship service. Please return the vase to church when you are finished. If you have any questions contact the church office.



Church News

Life, Faith & Technology Adult Faith Formation Class

Technology has changed our world and our lives. It has also changed the ways our children grow up and interact. Come explore how our life and faith have been affected by technology as Amy Rahne and Pastor Brad present the research and findings of Jonathan Haidt in his book "The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness". This class is great for parents deciding when to give their children cell phones and what apps to allow them to use. This class will be great for adults of all ages to explore how technology, their phones and social media is positively and negatively affecting their life and faith. **This is a three-week class on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15am in the Ministry Center (MC-4/5), starting on September 7.**

Sanctuary Choir and Ringing Brass Rehearsals

ALL ARE WELCOME! Music groups at St. Philip will be starting rehearsals soon and new members are invited to come and see what we are doing. Come and give it a try and see if you feel one of these groups is a place where you could serve our Lord through song and/or ringing.

The Sanctuary Choir will have their first rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30pm**. Even though we have a core group that are with us nearly every week, we DO have some members that do a lot of travelling and come when they are able. If you like to sing and fit into one of those categories, you would be welcomed with open arms! Ages high school through adult are invited.

The handbell choir (Ringing Brass) will have their first rehearsal the following week on **Tuesday, September 9 at 7pm**. The ability to read music is definitely a plus with this group, but we can certainly teach anyone who is willing to learn! Ages middle school through adult are welcome.

Please consider the gifts God has given you. If a love of music is one of those gifts, you are invited and needed!

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Every Tuesday Night beginning September 9 from 7-9pm

Meeting at the Selander Home (6338 S Harlan Way in the Leawood subdivision)

Or join us on Zoom. Call Paul at 303-241-0321 for the link.

Our study continues with the history, culture, and language of the Old and New Testaments. This year we will begin with Traditions in the Church as well as the Jewish Festivals and how they involve the Messiah. From there we will explore the Torah, starting with Genesis. Each week Rudy Swenson leads the discussion of these fascinating areas of study. Please come and join us whenever you can. Any questions call Paul at 303-241-0321.

Prayer Shawl Group

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the **2nd Monday of the month** at church in the Fireside Room at **1pm**. For more information contact Linda Tegeder.

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.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study will start back up **September 15**. We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from **9-11am** in the Fireside Room. We will be continuing the Matthew Bible study that we started last year. Study by Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Loyal-Following the King of Kings* (version that has the **dog** on the front cover). Contact Juli Cooley with questions. (jhcool519@gmail.com)

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at church from 9:30 to 11:00am. Our study will be the Book of John, which focuses on proving that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and Jesus's life and ministry. We hope you will join us. Contact Chris Youngren at 303-973-3096 or ctyoungren@gmail.com for more information.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Children & Youth Ministries gearing up for fall!

Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Youth Group, Puppet Ministry & More!

We are getting ready to begin all of our Fall Programs and Ministry Opportunities and would love to add some amazing volunteers. There are plenty of ways you can get involved, and volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Sunday morning volunteers are needed in Children's Sunday School and Youth Sunday School. Help us lead faith discussions, crafts, skits and more!

Wednesday Night Youth Group and Confirmation Classes: We need volunteers to provide dinner, help with confirmation classes, and hang out with our high school kids. Once a month our confirmation class will meet on **Sunday** for lunch and lessons – we would love volunteers to help provide the lunches.

You can volunteer once a month, once a quarter or just one time. But we hope you will have so much fun you will volunteer again and again! There will be sign-up links posted on the Narthex bulletin boards soon. Please reach out to Melinda to see how you can get connected!

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

On what may come to be known as the hottest Thursday of the year, our ever-cool volunteers banded together to serve **127** families (384 neighbors). For the coming week we can use: **pasta sauce, canned pasta, chili & baked beans, canned tomatoes, and canned soup.** **We do not need additional egg cartons.** Thank you for your continued support.

Adopt a Highway

Come join other St. Philip volunteers and do your civic duty at the same time! **Sunday, September 14 from 10:30am to noon**, we're doing our highway clean up along Platte Canyon Blvd. from Mineral south to Kendall. All volunteers are invited to 303 Sports Grill and Restaurant, (8025 W Bowles Ave.) afterwards for appetizers. The more volunteers we have, the quicker we can finish! Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the narthex so we know how many to expect.

Holy Hammers—Our Faith in Action!

This summer we've been working at Augustana Homes. It is a community of four 3 & 4 bedroom - 2 bath duplexes being built on land provided by Augustana Lutheran Church. All volunteers 16 or older are welcome - No experience is needed!

This will be the last Holy Hammers work date at Augustana Homes before the project is completed, so don't wait to sign up!

- **Saturday, September 20** - 2 slots available at the new construction site, Augustana Homes (5088 E Dakota Ave, Denver) **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!)

Volunteer Sign Up: holyyhammers.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 please let him know if you register for a date!

If you want to help but the Holy Hammers dates listed above 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, social, or service group to volunteer together - it's a great team builder!

Worship Servants for Sunday, August 31, 2025	
Assisting Minister	Sandi Stevermer
Lector	Jan Philpy
Communion Servants	Jan & Gary Philpy
Sacrament Servants	Mary Hatlestad, Carole Kessler, Carolyn Endecott
Greeters	Jim & Carolyn Smith
Ushers	Tim Young, Chuck Rogge
Key Keeper	Week beginning August 31: Tom Schnickel

Calendar of Events

August 27-September 7, 2025



Wednesday, August 27 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 4:00p – Worship Styles & Formats (MC-3) 6:00p – Men’s Pizza Night (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Youth Group (FH, YR) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)	Tuesday, September 2 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1 & 2) 1:00p – Mahjong Group (MC-1) 1:00p – SPLC Worship Planning (MC-3) 1:30p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 6:00p – Wed. Eve. Bible Study Mtg. (Chapel) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH)
Thursday, August 28 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Wednesday, September 3 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, FH-2, Chapel) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR, Chapel) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday, August 29 <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	Thursday, September 4 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 6:00p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Saturday, August 30 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	Friday, September 5 <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled
Sunday, August 31 9:00a – Worship	Saturday, September 6 9:30a Art Quilting Guild (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
Monday, September 1 Labor Day Church office closed No activities scheduled	Sunday, September 7 RALLY DAY 9:00a – Worship (Outside) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5) 11:30a – Rally Day Lunch (outside)



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Financial Statistics

As of the end of July 2025:

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	674,016	585,501	88,515
Expenses	606,436	593,030	-13,406
	67,580	(7,529)	75,109

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	269,525	225,931	43,594
Expenses	244,048	232,530	(11,518)
	25,477	(6,599)	32,076

Church Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	404,491	359,570	44,921
Expenses	362,388	360,500	-1,888
	42,103	(930)	43,033

Contributions

<i>(General Fund)</i>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
YTD Actual	347,454	329,869
YTD Budgeted	323,750	
	23,704	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
YTD Actual	\$1,068	\$1,367

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

Dianne Bracken, Rob Murphy, Joanne Ermold, Phyllis Kemp

Family Members

Family of Don Van Caster (Dianne Bracken's brother)

Lauren (Mary Flatley's daughter)

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

Julie DePaulo (Stevermer)

Cathy (Anderson)

Chip Sturgeon (Nickels)

Michael Peek (Werner)

Liz Everts (Bauch)

Matt (Collins)

Emily (Anderson)

Nicole (Anderson)

Kirsten (Anderson)

Danielle (Anderson)

Kathy Capra (Hoehler)

Kathy Buddy (Shibly)

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.



**Preparing for Worship - August 31, 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14



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***“At St. Philip Lutheran Church we
intentionally build relationships through Christ to
grow and serve.”***