

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 3, 2025



## Worship News

### **Rally Day! Sunday, September 7 at 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.

Coffee will also be available in the narthex for people to grab 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 Angela & Ben Seep in celebration of their daughter Denna's 15th birthday.

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

### **Saturday Evening Worship Service Update**

After much thought and many conversations, the Worship Styles and Formats committee made a recommendation to the Church Council to end the Saturday Evening Worship Service. The Church Council agreed it is time, and **the last Saturday Evening Worship Service will be on September 13**. It was a hard decision, as we have had this service for a long time and we enjoy the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. The attendance of the Saturday Evening Service has been very low, with less than ten people in the chairs/pews. We believe this is because people are choosing to livestream the Sunday Morning Service rather than come to Saturday Evening Service when they are unable to be present on a Sunday morning. We have asked the Strategic Planning Committee to look into the possibility of what a different service could look like and if there would be interest in it. We invite you to join us for one last Saturday Evening Worship Service at **5pm on Saturday, September 13** where we will thank those who have been serving at this service for so many years. There will be refreshments served after the service as well.

### **Strategic Planning Committee Update**

St. Philip completed its last strategic plan in 2020; and after five years, we have decided it is time to update it. For the past two months the St. Philip Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting, doing interviews and studies of the community and church. They have completed the preliminary groundwork and now it's your turn! As members of St Philip, we want to hear your input on where we are as a congregation and where we want to go as a congregation. We will do this by sharing the strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results (goals) of our church. We have scheduled three meeting dates and times for you to give the committee your ideas and thoughts. There will be a member of the Strategic Planning Committee in attendance at each meeting to guide us in this conversation and to answer any questions regarding the work that has already been done. The meeting dates are as follows:

- **Thursday, September 18 - 6:00pm in MC-4/5**
- **Wednesday, September 24 - 5:45pm in the Sanctuary**
- **Sunday, September 28 - 10:30am in the Sanctuary**

It is our hope that these dates and meeting times will align with the congregational members' varied schedules. If you are unable to join one of these meetings and would like to give your input, please reach out to Pastor Brad. We are looking forward to seeing you to discuss St. Philip as we develop a new strategic plan!

### **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!

### **Coffee or Lunch with Pastor Brad**

Have you ever wanted to ask Pastor Brad a question or just have a casual conversation with him? Now is your chance! (Well, you can actually contact Pastor Brad any time and he would be happy to meet with you.) Pastor Brad is specifically offering this opportunity in September to anyone who would like to meet with him. Maybe you have a theological question, have a prayer request, are struggling with something, have doubts or just want to get together. Contact Pastor Brad by phone or email with a few times that work for you and he will reach out to you.

### **Supper Club**

#### **Saturday, September 20 - Supper Club Chuckwagon Style @ 5:30pm**

Supper Club takes an outdoor turn with a potluck supper and campfire at the south end of the St. Philip Parking Lot. Bring your trailer, your pop-up camper or a tent if you would like to camp out overnight and go to worship together in the morning. (There are no hookups.) If you don't want to stay over, be sure and bring your chairs!

We will have Cornhole set up. If you'd like, bring your favorite outdoor game and come early to enjoy some fellowship and fun. Bring your own picnic supper and something to share—can be snacks, desserts, or side dishes—and after dinner we'll have a fire and some singing with our St. Philip guitarists Tom Silco and Anne Husted.

Please RSVP (especially if you're bringing your trailer or pop-up camper) to Juley Allee (303-915-3620). Have questions or ideas to enhance the experience? Just call or text Juley and let us know!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER SUPPER CLUB**

St. Philip Supper Club is reserved for **6:00pm on October 18** for Helga's Haus (14197 E. Exposition Ave. Aurora). An RSVP is required by or before Sunday, Oct 12. Please either text or call Juley Allee (303-915-3620). Please indicate carpooling if you are interested—driving or riding.



## **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 are sign-up links posted on the Narthex bulletin boards. Please reach out to Melinda to see how you can get connected!

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

### **Adopt a Highway**

Join us for a fun and meaningful day as we roll up our sleeves and make our community shine cleaning up trash along Platte Canyon Blvd. You will help to make a visible impact in just an hour or two. We will be cleaning up our highway on **Sunday, September 14 from 10:30am to noon**. All volunteers are invited to 303 Sports Grill and Restaurant, (8025 W Bowles Ave.) afterwards for fellowship, food and drinks. The more volunteers we have, the quicker we can finish and make a big difference in the community! Please sign up by emailing Liz Reed (bradlizreed @outlook.com) or sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex so we know how many people to expect.

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry**

What a glorious, sunny Thursday we enjoyed, serving **167** families (499 neighbors). For the coming week we can use: **canned fruit, tomatoes, and beans; dry pasta.** **We do not need additional egg cartons.** Thank you for your continued support.

### **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 an-



yone 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: [holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/](https://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 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!***

## **Bible Study/Small Groups (Ongoing)**

### **Monday**

#### **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)

#### **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).

#### **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.

### **Tuesday**

#### **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.

## **Wednesday**

### **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](mailto:ctyoungren@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study**

The Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9:30-11am in the Youth Room. For more information, contact Bill Colbenson at 720-381-3348.

### **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!



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# REJOICING SPIRITS

Sunday | Sept. 7 | 5-7PM

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**ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH**

7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128

**Join us for our Rejoicing Spirits Ministry!**

Rejoicing Spirits is a ministry for all; specifically, for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal, a faith story, a game of bingo and fellowship. We will then head to the Chapel to worship together with fun songs and Holy Communion.



For more information, contact Pastor Brad at [bdoty@stphilip-co.org](mailto:bdoty@stphilip-co.org)

<b>Preparing for Worship - September 7, 2025 RALLY DAY</b>	
<b>First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20</b>	
<b>Second Reading: Philemon 1-21</b>	
<b>Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33</b>	



<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, September 7, 2025</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jan Philpy
<b>Lector</b>	Jane Clausen
<b>Communion Servants</b>	Sandi Stevermer, Amy Rahne
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Monica Auch, Sandi Stevermer
<b>Greeters</b>	The Pollett Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Rogge, Mike Laboda
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Sept. 7: Mark Pixley</b>



# Calendar of Events

## September 3-14, 2025

<b>Wednesday, September 3</b> 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, FH-2, Chapel) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR, Chapel) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Tuesday, September 9</b> 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 1:00p – Mahjong Group (MC-1) 1:15p – SPLC Worship Planning (MC-3) 1:45p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – SPELC Board Meeting (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, September 4</b> 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 6:00p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Wednesday, September 10</b> 9:30a – Men's Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women's Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, FH-2, Chapel) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR, Chapel) 6:00p – Men's Pizza Night (MC-4/5) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday, August 29</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	<b>Thursday, September 11</b> 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 6:00p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Saturday, September 6</b> 9:00a – Rally Day Bluegrass Practice 9:30a – Art Quilting Guild (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	<b>Friday, September 12</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled
<b>Sunday, September 7</b> <b>RALLY DAY</b> <b>9:00a – Worship (Outside)</b> 10:30a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5; MC-3) 11:30a – Rally Day Lunch (outside) 5:00p – Rejoicing Spirits (FH, Chapel)	<b>Saturday, September 13</b> 8:30a – Second Saturday (MC-1) 9:00a – All State Choir Judges' Mtg (Sanc.) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 1:00p – All State Choir Board Mtg. (MC-4/5) <b>5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</b>
<b>Monday, September 8</b> 5:45a – Walk with Jesus 9:30a – Book Club (FS) 1:00p – Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	<b>Sunday, September 14</b> <b>God's Work. Our Hands.</b> <b>9:00a – Worship</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:30a – Adopt a Highway Clean Up

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# KEN CARYL CONCERTS



## HYMN SING

**Saturday, October 4, 2025 – 4pm**

Join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing spiced up with a few solos and small ensembles featuring our talented church musicians and friends. This is a free event suitable for all ages. A freewill offering will be collected to support our concert series as well as the Colorado Center for the Blind.



Ken Caryl Concerts

Presents a

**“HYMN SING”**

**Saturday  
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**Free Admission**

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# 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.*

## St. Philip Community

**Betty Welch, Dianne Bracken, Rob Murphy, Joanne Ermold, Phyllis Kemp**

## Family Members

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

**George** (Bill Colbenson'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

**Boone** (Clough)

**Julie DePaulo** (Stevermer)

**Cathy** (Anderson)

**Chip Sturgeon** (Nickels)

**Emily** (Anderson)

**Nicole** (Anderson)

**Kirsten** (Anderson)

**Danielle** (Anderson)

**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.**





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