

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 10, 2025



Worship News

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming weekend have been given by Chris & Andy Hancock for Andy's mother's 90th 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.

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.

Church News

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!

Adult Faith Formation Class on Psalms

Jesus knew and sang the psalms. In our study of the Book of Psalms, you will have the opportunity to learn about the different types of prayer-songs, consider the background of the psalms and their connections with Jesus, and explore how some of the songs and hymns you sing reflect themes found in this intriguing collection of poems, songs and prayers. Class is taught by Janet Shibly in MC-3 Sundays after worship.

Creative Caring Quilters

The Creative, Caring Quilters made 18 quilts since March. It's a new record! We donate these quilts to Lutheran World Relief. LWR has been in existence for 80 years and has donated 23 million quilts all over the world to people in distress. If you are interested in joining our ministry, just show up on the third Saturday of each month beginning September 20 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at **9am to 12pm**. (We do not meet the month of December.) Join us to tie knots, drink coffee, share ideas and good conversation. Bring a "Sew N Tell" if you can. SEWING IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

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.

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

On the first Thursday of September, our distribution traffic was much lighter than expected, as we served **146** families (487 neighbors). For the coming week we can use: **peanut butter, dry pasta, dry macaroni & cheese, canned beans, and canned soup. We continue to be well stocked with egg cartons with no room to store more for the time being.** Thank you for your continued care of our neighbors.

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** - 1 slot 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!



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; or Beth Faerber at 570-574-5243 or 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 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 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!

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study

You are invited to join your sisters in Christ at the Wednesday Night Bible Study where we will continue with *A Beautiful Year in the Bible*. We meet at **6:30pm starting September 17**, and will be led on Lesson 14 by Sheila Jordan. **What's New:** Discussions on the weekly lessons will work for you if you've read all, some, or none of the lessons. The leader will present questions for the group to ponder and talk about. Each lesson stands alone so if you can attend only occasionally, that will work! **What's The Same:** You can join us as a new member any time. We treasure the presence of each woman in the group. We value this time together to grow in faith. Please contact Juley Allee, Erin White or Jane Clausen if you have any questions.

Preparing for Worship - September 14, 2025 God's Work. Our Hands.
First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14
Second Reading: I Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Worship Servants for Sunday, September 14, 2025	
Assisting Minister	Jim Smith
Lector	Juley Allee
Communion Servants	Linda Tegeder, TBD
Sacrament Servants	Jane Clausen, Beth Clough
Greeters	The Lee Family
Ushers	Mike Laboda, Gaylen Rapp
Key Keeper	Week beginning Sept. 14: Juley & Rich Allee

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

Donna Dice, Betty Welch, Rob Murphy, Joanne Ermold, Phyllis Kemp

Family Members

John Hirst (Michelle Hinz's father)
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

Matt Wolbert (Hammer/Silco)
Jack Cooksey (Hammer/Silco)
Boone (Clough)
Cathy (Anderson)
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.



Calendar of Events

September 10-21, 2025

Wednesday, September 10 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.)	Tuesday, September 16 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1 & 2) 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 – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
Thursday, September 11 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 6:00p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5, FH) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	Wednesday, September 17 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, FH-2, Chapel) 6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group (FH, YR, Chapel) 6:00p – Wed. Eve. Women's Bible Study (Chapel) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday, September 12 <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	Thursday, September 18 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 6:00p – Strategic Planning Meeting (MC-4/5) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
Saturday, September 13 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) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)	Friday, September 19 <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (FH)
Sunday, September 14 God's Work. Our Hands. 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship-6th-12th grades (YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5; MC-3) 10:30a – Adopt a Highway Clean Up	Saturday, September 20 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 3:00p – Supper Club (parking lot)
Monday, September 15 5:45a – Walk with Jesus 9:00a – Women's Bible Study (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	Sunday, September 21 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith & Fellowship-6th-12th grades (YR) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5; MC-3)

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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.

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performance

