

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 3, 2025



## 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) with questions or to place an order. You can also fill out an order card at worship on Sundays and place it in the offering plate.

### Advent & Christmas at St. Philip

#### **Sunday, December 7**

9am-Children and Youth Christmas Program  
10:15am-Memory Tree Service  
10:15am-Journey to Bethlehem

#### **Sunday, December 14**

9am-Choir Cantata

#### **Wednesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Services at 3pm, 5pm 7pm

#### **Thursday, December 25**

Christmas Day-Church office closed  
Merry Christmas!

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for the coming weekend have been given by Jason & Kristen McCammon in celebration of their daughter Annika's 5th 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

### Voices of Advent Faith Formation Class

Join Pastor Brad after worship on Sunday mornings in Advent for a faith formation class on Voices of Advent. The class will go through the Bible stories that focus on Jesus's coming as a baby (in history), in our present experience (in mystery), and when God makes all things new (in majesty). We will hear from the voices of Jesus, John the Baptist, Mary and Zechariah, and Angels and Prophets. The class is based on Matthew Skinner's book "Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope."

### Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread House Competition 2025

Holy Hammers is the faith-based coalition for Habitat for Humanity-Denver. Rich Allee is the ministry leader for Holy Hammers at St. Philip. This is our third year of participating in the Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread House Competition—and once again Melinda Svenkerud and St. Philip's Youth surpassed all expectations with an incredible display! The village is an ode to our own congregation, and the wonderful ministries and events held at St. Philip. The gingerbread village will be on display in the narthex throughout December. Please take some time to take a look!



We need your help to win this competition! This holiday project is a festive way to create a little fun competition, have a great time working together, and raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. The voting runs from now through December 31, 2025. Vote for our St. Philip Gingerbread Build by donating to Habitat for Humanity this Christmas Season. (<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/team/holy-hammers-st-philip-lutheran-church-youth-group>). Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please contact Juley Allee with questions (303-915-3620).

## St. Philip Early Learning Center

### **SPELC Giving Tree**

This season, we invite our congregation to take part in our Early Learning Center Giving Tree, located in the Narthex. The tree is decorated with tags representing items our teachers would love for their classrooms. To participate, simply select a tag, purchase the item listed on the back, and place the item under the tree with the tag attached. Every donation—big or small—directly supports our teachers and enhances the learning experience for our students. Thank you for helping us spread generosity and joy throughout our school community this season!

## Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

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

Last Tuesday for our Thanksgiving distribution, we were blessed with an abundance of volunteers who gathered to joyfully serve **195** families (670 neighbors). We were also blessed with an overwhelming abundance of donations and our pantry is overflowing. We are deeply grateful for all of you who continue to support our neighbors.

### **Holy Hammers**

#### **Griffith Station is Coming Up!**

Our next project will be Griffith Station near I-70 and Wadsworth in Arvada. This is a 1.2 acre development of 20 affordable homes with 3 and 4 bedrooms. The official groundbreaking was on Aug. 28th and we expect to have work dates available in mid-November.

**In the meantime there are lots of other Habitat for Humanity opportunities indoors AND outdoors. We can also arrange a date for your work, social or service group to volunteer together - it's a great team builder! Get in touch with Rich Allee and we'll find something that works for you!**

**REMEMBER THE LITTLETON HABITAT RESTORE** at 7890 W. Quincy Ave. They stock a wide variety of new and gently used home improvement items, including furniture, appliances, building materials, tools, home decor, lighting and plumbing fixtures. If you have items to donate, you can drop them off - they will also pick up large items at your home. Go to [habitatmetrodenver.org/restore/donate/](https://habitatmetrodenver.org/restore/donate/) to schedule a free pickup. The Denver area Restores contributed nearly \$1 million to building affordable homes in 2024!



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

### **Monday**

#### ***Monday Morning Women's Bible Study***

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study meets 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***

We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm to discuss the book "A Beautiful Year in the Bible." Talk to Jane Clausen for more information.



<b>Preparing for Worship - December 7, 2025</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Children's Christmas Program</b>
<b>First Reading: Luke 2:10-11</b>
<b>Second Reading: Psalm 98:4</b>
<b>Third Reading: Romans 15:13</b>
<b>Fourth Reading: John 1:14</b>

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, December 7, 2025</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Anne Krause
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Smith
<b>Communion Servants</b>	Jim Smith, Amy Rahne
<b>Pew Communion Servant</b>	Jan Philpy
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Monica Auch, Beth Clough
<b>Greeters</b>	Rich & Juley Allee
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Dierksheide, Brian Lamb
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Dec. 7: Gaylen Rapp</b>

## **Financial Statistics**

**As of the end  
of October 2025:**

<b>All SPLC Ministries:</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Income	911,148	849,605	61,543
Expenses	871,365	862,120	-9,245
	39,782	(12,515)	52,297

<b>Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Income	372,228	336,255	35,973
Expenses	358,311	348,740	(9,571)
	13,917	(12,485)	26,402

<b>Church Only:</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Income	538,920	513,350	25,570
Expenses	513,054	513,380	326
	25,866	(30)	25,896

<b>Contributions (General Fund)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
YTD Actual	466,159	361,939
YTD Budgeted	462,500	
	3,659	

### **ELCA World Hunger**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
YTD Actual	\$1,271	\$1,391

# 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

Riley Briggs, Mario Barbosa, Betty Welch, Rob Murphy

## Family Members

<b>Jamie &amp; Matt</b> (Tom Silco & Dori Hammer's son-in-law and his brother)	<b>Ginger Schnickel</b> (LeRae & Tom Schnickel's sister-in-law)
<b>Emily</b> (Brad & Liz Reed's daughter)	<b>Barbara</b> (Karen Otto's niece)
<b>Jack Thomson</b> (Sandi Stevermer's cousin)	<b>Erik Hanson</b> (Martha Hanson's son)
<b>Scott Thomson</b> (Sandi Stevermer's cousin)	<b>Margy Crary</b> (Anne Krause's aunt)
<b>Marshall Cooper</b> (Paula Rogge's uncle)	<b>Laura Hughes</b> (Nancy Schell's daughter)
<b>Brianna Van Gorder</b> (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)	<b>Jim Flatley</b> (Tom Flatley's brother)
<b>Lauren Person</b> (Mary Flatley's daughter)	<b>Clarissa Lee</b> (Sharon Peters' niece)
	<b>Tim Booth</b> (Tom Booth's brother)

## Friends

<b>Dick &amp; Jill</b> (Philpy)	<b>Nicole</b> (Anderson)
<b>Ginger</b> (Werner)	<b>Danielle</b> (Anderson)
<b>Scott</b> (Reed)	<b>Kathy Buddy</b> (Shibly)
<b>Dave</b> (Anderson)	<b>Lisa Wycoff</b> (Burgess/Mossbrucker)
<b>Kassi Moy</b> (Hensley)	<b>Ryan Gaibler</b> (Thomas)
<b>Cathy</b> (Anderson)	

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

## December 3-14, 2025

<b>Wednesday, December 3</b> 11:30a – Silver Sages Christmas Fest (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Christmas Decorating (whole building) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 6:30p – Wed. Eve. Women’s Bible Study (MC-3)	<b>Tuesday, December 9</b> 9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3) 1:00p – Mahjong Group (YR) 1:15p – SPLC Worship Planning (MC-3) 1:45p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – SPELC Board Meeting (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, December 4</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 6:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 6:00p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (FH, MC-4/5) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Wednesday, December 10</b> 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 12:00p – ELC Christmas Program (Sanc., FH) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, FH-2) 6:00p – Men’s Pizza Night (MC-4/5) 6:00p – Senior High Youth Group (FH, YR, Chapel) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 6:30p – Wed. Eve. Women’s Bible Study (MC-3)
<b>Friday, December 5</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	<b>Thursday, December 11</b> 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 12:00p – ELC Christmas Program (Sanc., FH) 4:30p – Cub Scout Pack 47 Tigers (MC-4/5, FH) 5:30p – Cub Scout Pack 47 Lions (FH, MC-4/5) 6:30p – Piano Recital (Sanc.) 7:30p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)
<b>Saturday, December 6</b> 9:00a – CO Quilting Council Mtg. (Sanc.) 9:30a – Art Quilting Guild (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 12:00p – CO Quilting Council Luncheon (FH, kitchen) 12:00p – Take down quilts (Sanc.) 12:30p – Golden Eagle Concert Set Up (Sanc.) 2:00p – Golden Eagle Concert (Sanc.) 2:00p – Set up for Journey to Bethlehem (FH)	<b>Friday, December 12</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> 3:00p – CO Woodworkers Guild Holiday Dinner (FH, Kitchen)
<b>Sunday, December 7</b> <b>9:00a – Worship-Children’s Christmas Program</b> 10:15a – Journey to Bethlehem (FH) <b>10:15a – Memory Tree Service (outside)</b> 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5) 12:30p – Piano Recital (Sanc.) <b>5:00p – Rejoicing Spirits (MC-4/5, Chapel)</b>	<b>Saturday, December 13</b> 8:30a – Divorce Advice Group (MC-1) 9:00a – Cantata Rehearsal (Sanc.) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30p – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3)
<b>Monday, December 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, December 14</b> <b>9:00a – Worship-Choir Cantata</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

# REJOICING SPIRITS

Sunday | December 7 | 5-7:00PM

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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, games 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)





**Ken Caryl Concerts  
presents**

# **A Christmas Concert**

**Saturday, December 20  
3pm**

**St. Philip Lutheran Church  
7531 S Kendall Blvd.  
Littleton, CO 80128**

**Join us for an afternoon of music celebrating the season.**

**Reception following with  
photos with Santa**

**FREE ADMISSION – all ages welcome**

**[www.stphilip-co.org/concerts](http://www.stphilip-co.org/concerts)**



**GOLDEN EAGLE  
CONCERT BAND**



# HOLIDAY HITS FOR THE NICE LIST

with special guest:  
**Santa Claus**



*Two concerts! Bring the kids for great music, a Christmas Carol singalong, and take your own photos with Santa.*

**Saturday, December 6, 2025  
2:00pm**

**St. Philip Lutheran Church  
7531 S Kendall Blvd  
Littleton, CO 80128**

**Saturday, December 13, 2025  
2:00pm**

**Wheat Ridge United Methodist  
7530 W 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033**

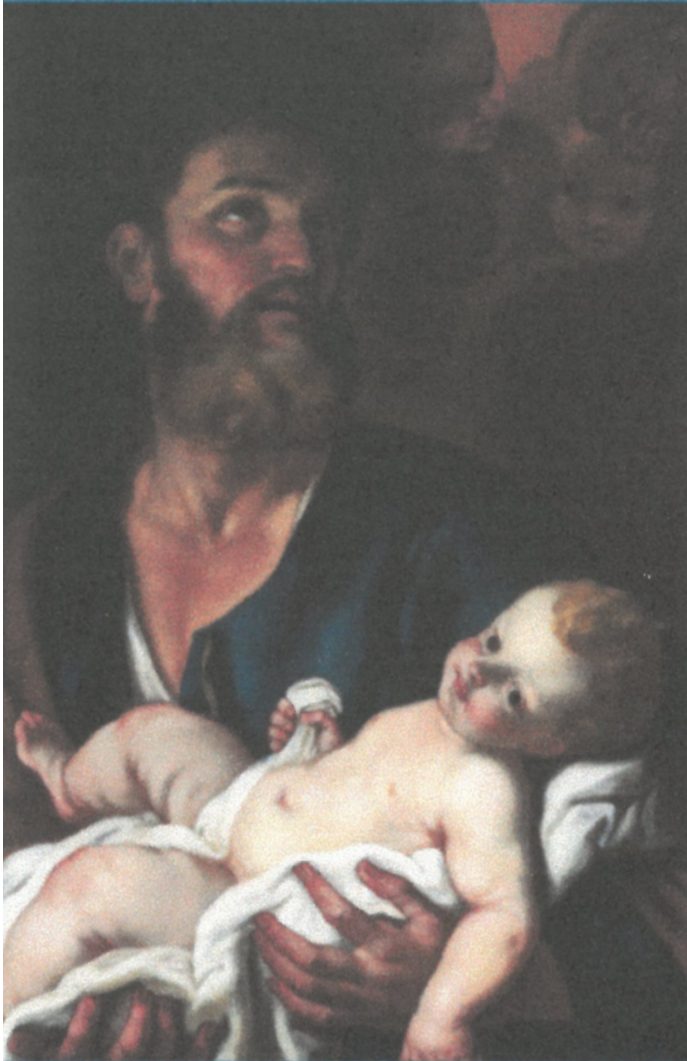
*No ticket needed; suggested donation of \$10 per person  
We accept cash, check, or Zelle only*



**[www.GoldenEagleConcertBand.org](http://www.GoldenEagleConcertBand.org)**



# FREE CONCERTS



## WELCOME JOYOUS SEASON!

"The Hands That First Held  
Mary's Child"

Sunday  
December 7, 2025

2:00 pm

**Concordia Lutheran Church**

13371 W Alameda Pkwy.  
Lakewood, CO

5:30 pm

**Covenant Living of Colorado**

9153 Yarrow St  
Westminster, CO



## The Lutheran Choral

We are not selling tickets but appreciate your free will offerings.

Visit [www.thelutheranchorage.org](http://www.thelutheranchorage.org) for more information.





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