

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 17, 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

**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 this coming Sunday have been given by Sandi Stevermer in memory of her mother Jeanne Siegfried and in celebration of Michael Stevermer's 70th 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 Hab-

itat 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 Supper Club**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025 at 5pm**  
**Bandido's Mexican Restaurant, 4550 S. Kipling**  
**RSVP by or before Dec 19, 2025**

No one wants to cook on December 23! Make your reservation for St. Philip Supper Club! Bandido's is a neighborhood favorite and they have awesome chile rellenos! We have dedicated space for us (limit of 30 people), separate checks per family, gratuity will be added to each check, and we can order off the full menu. Everyone is welcome! Contact Juley Allee with your RSVP by or before Dec. 19. Please indicate if you would like a ride or if you are willing to drive a carpool. Text, email, call: 303-915-3620 or [jul-eyallee@gmail.com](mailto:jul-eyallee@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 5pm** at Zaika Indian Cuisine.  
Watch the SPIN for more details in January.

## **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**

### **Dipes and Wipes**

Please come join us at Dipes and Wipes here at St. Philip on **Saturday, December 20 from 9:30 - 11:30am**. We will be greeting parents coming in to get their diapers and praying with them. Please use the linked button below to let us know you are coming. Contact Penny Selden if you have any questions. (303-601-9525)

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

As the temperatures rose back into the 60's, more folks were able to venture out; we served **178** families (570 neighbors). We continue to be very well-stocked through the generous outpouring of donations and our only need for the upcoming week is **pasta sauce (no glass containers please)**. Thank you for your continued care of 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. 28. Work dates will be announced as soon as they are available.

**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](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 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***

The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will not meet for the rest of December. We will resume in January. Looking forward to seeing you then!



<b>Preparing for Worship - December 21, 2025</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16</b>	
<b>Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7</b>	
<b>Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25</b>	

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, December 21, 2025</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	George Rasmussen
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Tegeder
<b>Communion Servants</b>	Linda Tegeder, Barb Donaho
<b>Pew Communion Servant</b>	Jan Philpy
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Jane Clausen, Penny Selden, Lynn Mossbrucker
<b>Greeters</b>	Anne Husted & Jon Dierksheide
<b>Ushers</b>	Kyle Rogge, Will Rogge
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Dec. 21:</b> Chris White





# 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

Family & friends of Judy Marxhausen, Lora Stevens, Tom Booth, Riley Briggs, Betty Welch, Rob Murphy

## Family Members

**Brianna Van Gorder** (Marilyn Belford's grand-daughter)

**Lauren Person** (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)

**Clarissa Lee** (Sharon Peters' niece)

**Tim Booth** (Tom Booth's brother)

## Friends

**The Cleary Family** (Anderson)

**Susie** (Baker)

**Dave** (Anderson)

**Kassi Moy** (Hensley)

**Cathy** (Anderson)

**Nicole** (Anderson)

**Danielle** (Anderson)

**Kathy Buddy** (Shibly)

**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.



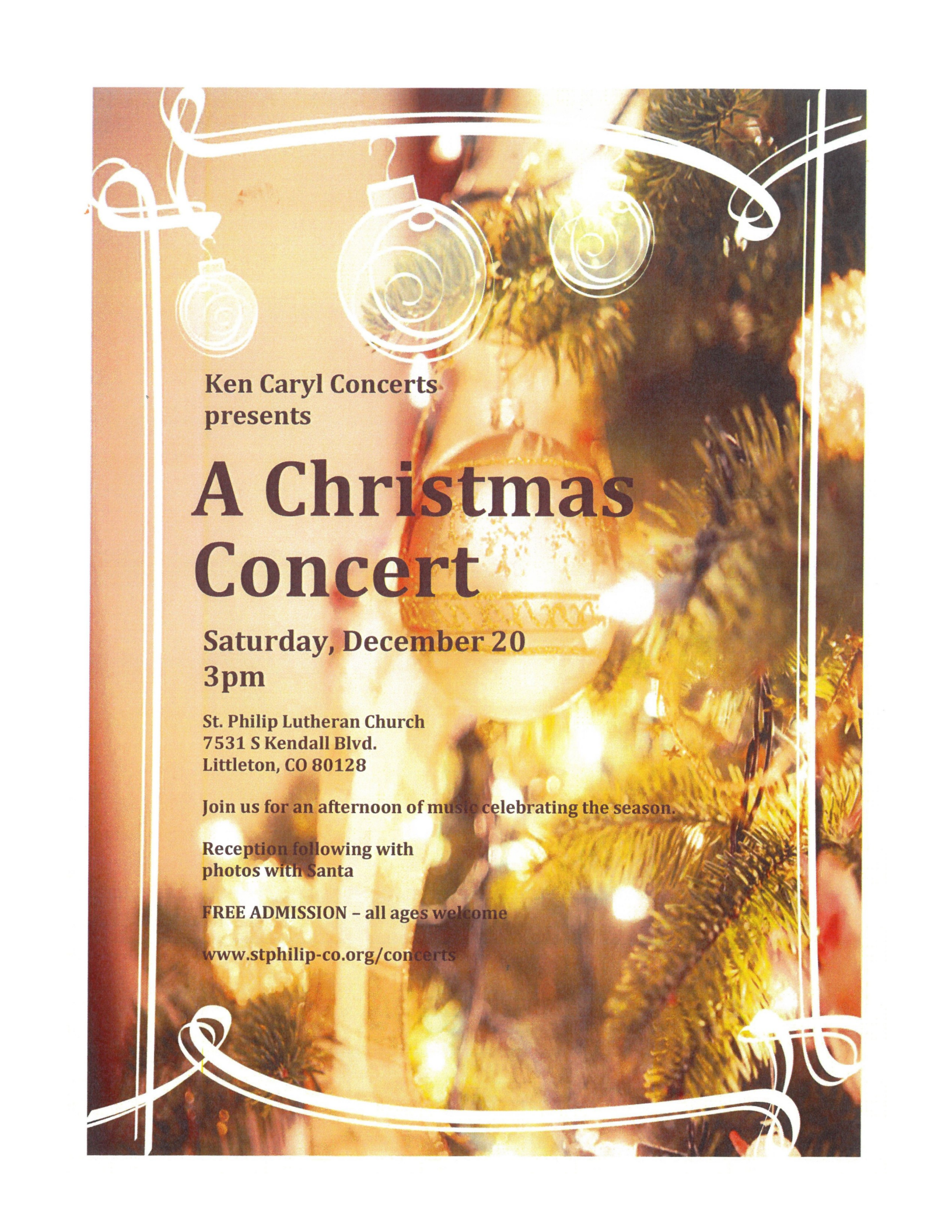
# Calendar of Events

## December 17-28, 2025

<b>Wednesday, December 17</b> 6:00p – Youth Christmas Party (FH, YR, Chapel) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)	<b>Tuesday, December 23</b> 1:00p – Mahjong Group (YR) 5:00p – St. Philip Supper Club (offsite) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, December 18</b> 7:30a – Men's Breakfast (offsite) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)	<b>Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve</b> 3:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.) 5:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.) 7:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.)
<b>Friday, December 19</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (FH)	<b>Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day</b> Church office closed No activities scheduled
<b>Saturday, December 20</b> 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (Narthex, MC-4/5, YR, Chapel) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 1:00p – KC Concert Rehearsal (Sanc.) 2:00p – Ken Caryl Concert "A Christmas Concert" (Sanc.)	<b>Friday, December 26</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled
<b>Sunday, December 21</b> <b>9:00a – Worship</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)	<b>Saturday, December 27</b> 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
<b>Monday, December 22</b> 5:45a – Walk with Jesus 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	<b>Sunday, December 28</b> <b>9:00a – Worship</b> 11:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5)







**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)**