

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

December 24, 2025



## Worship News

### Advent & Christmas at St. Philip

**Wednesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Services at 3pm, 5pm 7pm  
The 5pm service will be livestreamed.

**Thursday, December 25**

Christmas Day-Church office closed  
Merry Christmas!

### Altar Flowers

*Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Mike & Dorie Werner in celebration of their 25th anniversary.*

*Altar flowers have been given by Glenn & Louanne Isernhagen in celebration of their 60th anniversary and Louanne's 83rd birthday.*

Sign up for altar flowers for **2026** 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

### St. Philip Men's Group Sponsored Camp Out—Save the Date!

Our third annual camp out dates are announced! Mark your calendars for **August 7-10, 2026**. We are making it a 3-night stay for those who like the cabins. Details will follow in the months ahead.

### 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).



## Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

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

Last Thursday, we had a small army of volunteers who gathered to serve **173** families (548 neighbors) and restock our pantry. Distribution is on Tuesday this week and next week because the holidays fall on a Thursday.

### **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 24, 2025 Christmas Eve</b>
<b>First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7</b>
<b>Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14</b>
<b>Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20</b>



<b>Worship Servants for Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	3pm-Anne Casson; 5pm & 7pm-Sandi Stevermer
<b>Lector</b>	5pm-Rich Allee; 7pm-Jan Philpy
<b>Communion Servants</b>	3pm-Amy Rahne; 5pm-Erin White, Penny Selden; 7pm-TBD
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	3pm-Beth Clough; 5pm-Penny Selden, Sandi Stevermer; 7pm-Sandi Stevermer
<b>Greeters</b>	3pm-Hassman Family; 5pm-Allee Family
<b>Ushers</b>	3pm-Brian Lamb, Tom Flatley; 5pm-Chris White, Tim Young, Will Rogge; 7pm-Mike Werner, Charlie Petersen, Gaylen Rapp

<b>Preparing for Worship - December 28, 2025</b> <b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>
<b>First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9</b>
<b>Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18</b>
<b>Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23</b>



<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, December 28, 2025</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jim Smith
<b>Lector</b>	Jane Clausen
<b>Communion Servants</b>	Gary & Jan Philpy
<b>Pew Communion Servant</b>	TBD
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Carole Kessler, Nancy Schell
<b>Greeters</b>	Char Nauman & Lorren Ballard
<b>Ushers</b>	Will Rogge, Chris White
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning Dec. 28:</b> Tom Schnickel

# 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 John Bergren, Sarah Casson, Family & friends of Judy Marxhausen, Lora Stevens, Tom Booth, Riley Briggs, Betty Welch, Rob Murphy**

## Family Members

**Family & friends of Jack Thomsom** (Sandi Stevermer's cousin)

**Brianna Van Gorder** (Marilyn Belford's granddaughter)

**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)

**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 24, 2025-January 4, 2026

<b>Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve</b> <b>3:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.)</b> <b>5:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.)</b> <b>7:00p – Christmas Eve Worship (Sanc.)</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 30</b> 1:15p – SPLC Worship Planning (MC-3) 1:45p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)
<b>Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day</b> Church office closed No activities scheduled	<b>Wednesday, December 31-New Year's Eve</b> 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)
<b>Friday, December 26</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled	<b>Thursday, January 1-New Year's Day</b> Church office closed No activities scheduled
<b>Saturday, December 27</b> 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)	<b>Friday, January 2</b> <i>Church office open 9am-noon</i> No activities scheduled
<b>Sunday, December 28</b> <b>9:00a – Worship</b>	<b>Saturday, January 3</b> 10:00a – CO Quilting Guild (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)
<b>Monday, December 29</b> 5:45a – Walk with Jesus 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)	<b>Sunday, January 4-Epiphany Sunday</b> <b>9:00a – Worship</b> 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)





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