

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

January 22, 2025



Worship News

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Ron & Jane Clausen in celebration of granddaughter Charlotte Sisk's 10th birthday.

Sign up for altar flowers for 2025 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

Saturday evening worship takes place on the **2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month at 5pm** in the sanctuary with the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Following the service we will have wine and cheese fellowship with other light refreshments with water and juice.

Church News

Creative Caring Quilters

The Creative, Caring Quilters will meet on **Saturday, January 25 from 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Our ministry is creating quilts to be sent worldwide for people in distress through Lutheran World Relief. We presently have completed 13 quilts and hope to complete more by March when we take them to the Ingathering downtown. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. We enjoy good conversation, coffee, treats, and sewing tips. Bring a "Sew N Tell" to share or any other craft that you have created and would like to share.

January Dance Lessons - Saturday, January 25, 2025

Grab a partner and come dancing! Our amazing instructors will teach us to foxtrot and swing our way around the dance floor. Just in time for Valentine's Day! We'll start dancing at **6pm**. Come a bit early to get settled. Cost is \$40 per couple. Our lesson will last for 90 minutes - we'll have a break midway to rest and have some snacks. Talk to Anne Husted to sign up.

Troop 554 Pancake Breakfast

Troop 554 will be hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast on **February 2** immediately after the worship service. This is provided as a THANK YOU to St. Philip for over 50 years of support as our charter organization and in recognition of Scout Sunday. Come enjoy the FREE breakfast including pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee, cooked and provided by scouts.

An Evening of Hearts

Friday, February 7, 2025 from 6:30 – 9:00pm

Hosted by: Michael & Sandi Stevermer at Anne & Jeff Krause's home
(2660 W. Long Circle Littleton)

Please join us for a fun night of Hearts. Even if you don't know how to play, it's easy to learn, and many of you probably have it on your computer. We're happy to give you a quick lesson/refresher before we begin playing at **7pm**. We have room for 48 players (12 tables), so we hope you'll join us for an evening of fellowship. We are asking everyone to bring either a snack, beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), or card table/chairs. If you have any questions, get in touch with Sandi at 303-928-9010. Please sign up using the link below or the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACA62CA0FB6-54507870-anevening>

Who Built the Ark? ART SHOW

Sunday February 9 at 9am

Join us for a special Sunday celebrating the ARTS. The children will sing in church. The puppets will be in church to share the anthem. And we will have a wonderful Art Show presented by the children, the youth, and the kids from our early learning center. All of the artwork displayed will be available for purchase. The artwork is being created by all of the children and youth of St. Philip Lutheran Church and Early Learning Center. The funds raised will go to VBS & Puppets (from the children's artwork), summer trips for youth (from the youth artwork), and SPELC (from the early learning center artwork). Join us for this fun event and help us celebrate art and our kids! See you there!

17th Annual Men of St. Philip Chili Cook-Off

Mark your calendars now! Saturday, February 22, 2025

You won't want to be anywhere else when the Seventeenth Annual St. Philip Chili Cook-Off commences! Come, savor the tasty concoctions and marvel at the culinary skills of the closet chefs in our congregation as they compete in preparing a variety of chili dishes! And to add to the fun, not only will this be a chili cook-off, but it will combine with our New Member Dinner! This will be the perfect opportunity to eat AND greet! (Attendance and participation is free, but a freewill offering will be welcomed.) Prizes will be offered for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, plus a special award for the Best Named Chili. Winners are determined by popular vote of the audience, so be sure to encourage all your family and friends to attend!

The cook-off rules are simple: Members of St. Philip are invited to create a chili and enter the contest; all entries must be ready to eat by 6pm. Chili is defined as: a spicy stew containing chili pepper, other seasonings, meat and often tomatoes and beans.

Sign up at the kiosk today! Due to space constraints only 50 contestants will be allowed. Sign up NOW!

Call or talk to Paul Selander (303-241-0321) for all the details!

Supper Club

Due to circumstances beyond our control, January's Supper Club was canceled--but we are trying again! Please join us for fellowship and dinner at The Athenian Restaurant (15350 E Iliff Ave, Aurora) **at 6pm Friday, February 21, 2025**. Please RSVP by or before Monday, February 17 so that we may secure a reservation for our group.

Please contact Juley Allee if you are interested in carpooling. (303-915-3620) Also--we plan to mix up the days of the week in the future, so if a particular day is better for you, let Juley know and we can schedule on that day for March. (We are avoiding Wednesdays due to so many church activities on Wednesdays.)

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Dipes and Wipes

Dipes and Wipes is this coming **Saturday, January 25!** We are welcoming volunteers to come help with the distribution. Please join us by **9:30am** to help set up and we will have a prayer before the distribution starts.

Please use the sign up link below, or you can contact Penny Selden to let her know that you are planning to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AE2DA75-54496775-dipes#/>

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Last Thursday felt like a sunny spring day and lots of folks came out for food; we served **257** families (811 neighbors). For the coming week we can use: **pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned pasta, baked beans, chili, clean plastic grocery and newspaper bags, and egg cartons.** Thank you for your continuing support.

You may be familiar with the **USPS Stamp Out Hunger** drive that takes place in May. Over the years we have discovered that significantly more food is donated if there are bags handed out ahead of time. So, we are looking for a sponsor—if you know of a company or group that would sponsor the bags, please contact Jan Philpy.

King Soopers and Sharing with Sheridan: The King Soopers at 3100 S Sheridan Blvd. (just north of 285 on Sheridan) has again selected Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry to benefit from the Fight Hunger bag program. For the month of January, whenever a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger bag is purchased at this King Soopers, \$1 will be donated to our food pantry. Stop by!

Put Your Faith into Action!

New Holy Hammers Work Dates Added - No Experience Needed

If you want to help but the Holy Hammers dates listed below 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 or social group to volunteer together - it's a great team builder!

The New Construction Site work dates below will be at Augustana Homes which is a community of four 3 & 4 bedroom - 2 bath duplexes being built on land provided by Augustana Lutheran Church. *There is no experience needed!*

- 3 spots on **Saturday, April 26** at the New Construction site, Augustana Homes (5088 E. Dakota Ave., Denver) **from 8:50am-4:30pm.**
- 4 spots on **Saturday, May 10** at the New Construction site, Augustana Homes (5088 E. Dakota Ave., Denver) **from 8:50am-4:30pm.**

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!)

- 3 spots on **Saturday, March 29** at the Production Shop (430 S. Navajo St., Denver) **from 9:00am-4:00pm**

Future Holy Hammer indoor work dates will be listed here - No experience is needed. Contact Rich Allee for more information.

Get Signed Up!

The link for registration and sign up for all of the above work dates is: holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/. Go to Volunteer Website. In upper right corner click on Create Account. 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. Volunteers must be 16 or older – Volunteers for the Production Shop or the ReStore can be 14 or older. *No experience is needed*. Contact Rich Allee if you have any questions and please let him know if you register for a date!

Bible Studies/Small Groups **Monday**

Monday Women's Bible Study

Monday Women's Bible study meets on the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 9-11am** in the Fireside room. Contact Juli Cooley at jhcool519@gmail.com for information.

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.

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

2024 Family Bible Study

Every Tuesday Night from 7-9pm.

Meeting at the Selander Home (6338 S Harlan Way in the Leawood subdivision)
All adult members of our congregation are welcome to attend.

Our study continues with the relationship of the Old and New Testaments. This is an in-depth study of ancient text interpretation by Rabbinic and modern-day scholars. This year we will be centering around Prophet Daniel. Each week Rudy Swenson will lead a different discussion of this fascinating book of the Old Testament. Please come and join us whenever you can. Any questions call Paul at 303-241-0321.

Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30—11:00am

We are reading and discussing the book "Forgiveness—A Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson. The book is available at Barnes & Noble or at Alibris Books online. We hope you will join us. Please contact Chris Youngren for more information at 303-973-3096.

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study

We are blessed! The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday February 5 at a new time – 6:30 to 7:30pm** – so that women dropping off young people for Wednesday night activities at church can join us.

We will be studying *A Beautiful Year in the Bible* a Study for Women. To allow for breaks, we expect to spend more than a year completing the book which is available for \$20. We have a few copies at church or you may order a book by contacting Jane Clausen at (562) 477-8288 – call or text.

It is not necessary for you to attend the Bible study every week if your schedule does not permit. You can drop in when it is convenient and still be part of the group. We will see you in the Chapel on February 5, and if you have the book, please begin reading the week before. The lessons are not lengthy but will allow for a good discussion.

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!

Worship Servants for Sunday, January 26, 2025	
Music: Sanctuary Choir	
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen
Lector	Sue Counterman
Communion Servants	Jan & Gary Philpy
Sacrament Servants	Mary Hatlestad, Carole Kessler, Beth Clough
Greeters	The Nottingham Family
Ushers	Brian Lamb, Gaylen Rapp
Key Keeper	Week beginning Jan. 26: Chris White



Lutheran Disaster Response

The destruction in Los Angeles due to the multiple wildfires is heartbreaking and devastating. These fires have affected so many people, from those who lost homes to those who mourn the loss of loved ones; from those who have been affected by smoke to those who haven't been able to work. We pray for all of those impacted by the wildfires and we especially pray for those who have and who continue to fight the wildfires. May God's healing presence bring them peace and hope in their time of need and give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. They will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities for months and years to come. If you would like to give a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response, it will equip them to respond to communities affected by wildfires and related disasters. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" (give.elca.org/page/77859/donate/1) will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

Preparing for Worship - January 26, 2025 Third Sunday after Epiphany
First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21



Jesus Teaches at
the Synagogue
in Nazareth

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.

Members

Carl & Rita Kuenne, Margaret Rusch, Brad Reed, Marcia Wagner, Carolyn Smith, Phyllis Kemp

Family Members

Lauren (Jeff & Angy Lyslo's daughter-in-law)
Lauren (Tom & Anne Henning's niece)
Lauren & Tara Person (Mary Flatley's daughters)
Erik Hanson (Martha Hanson's son)
Shelley Krause (Anne Krause's cousin)
Margy Crary (Anne Krause's aunt)
Matthew Hall (Marilyn Belford's grandson-in-law)
Ada Mishkind (Joanne Ermold's granddaughter)
Anna (Liz & Brad Reed's granddaughter)

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

Lisa Wycoff (Burgess; Mossbrucker)
Makayla King (MOSAIC)
Ruth (SPELC)

Ryan Gaibler (Thomas)
Family & friends of Conrad (Anderson)

Prayers for those affected by the wildfires in California. We pray for the evacuees, firefighters, first responders, and the victims' families.

Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.

Prayers of strength, hope, and peace for caregivers and healthcare workers.

Prayers for healing and comfort for those suffering with physical and mental injuries, anxiety, and depression.



Calendar of Events

January 22-February 2, 2025

<p>Wednesday, January 22 9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR) 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1) 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen, YR) 6:00p – Youth Group (FH, YR) 6:00p – Men’s Pizza Night (MC-4/5) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 28 10:00a – SPLC Staff Meetings (MC-3) 1:00p – Mahjong Group (MC-1) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>Thursday, January 23 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:15p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5, FH) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 29 6:00p – Confirmation (FH, kitchen, YR) 6:00p – Youth Group (FH, YR) 7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)</p>
<p>Friday, January 24 <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i> 4:30p – SPELC Parents’ Night Out (FH)</p>	<p>Thursday, January 30 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>
<p>Saturday, January 25 8:00a – CO Quilting Council Mtg. (Sanc., Narthex) 8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH) 9:30a – Dipes and Wipes (MC-4/5, YR, Chapel) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.) 6:00p – Dance Lessons (FH)</p>	<p>Friday, January 31 <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i> No activities scheduled</p>
<p>Sunday, January 26 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5) 11:30a – Church Council Meeting (MC-4/5) 3:00p – Sedalia Spurs (MC-4/5) 5:00p – Piano Recital (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Saturday, February 1 9:00a – Quilts of Valor (FH) 9:30a – Art Quilt Bee (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)</p>
<p>Monday, January 27 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)</p>	<p>Sunday, February 2 9:00a – Worship 10:00a – Pancake Breakfast (FH, kitchen) 10:15a – Sunday School (FH-1) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)</p>

Financial Statistics

As of the end of December 2024:

All SPLC Ministries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	1,060,200	1,027,194	33,006
Expenses	1,068,621	1,077,017	8,396
	(8,421)	(49,823)	41,402

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	406,160	423,744	(17,584)
Expenses	427,713	430,297	2,584
	(21,553)	(6,553)	(15,000)

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	654,040	603,450	50,590
Expenses	640,908	646,720	5,812
	13,132	(43,270)	56,402

Contributions

<i>(General Fund)</i>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
YTD Actual	580,115	544,887
YTD Budgeted	550,000	
	30,115	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
YTD Actual	\$1,790	\$4,338



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