

St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

February 26, 2025



Worship News

This coming Sunday, March 2, is Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday and we will have a guest preacher. Rev. Mark Will is a retired pastor who served congregations in Northeast Montana, Orange County California, and Anchorage and Valdez Alaska. He also taught for the University of Alaska. Let's welcome him warmly.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Ron & Jane Clausen in gratitude for their dear friends Mark & Kathleen Will.

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.

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Lent is approaching rapidly, as we observe Ash Wednesday on March 5. From **11:30am-1:30pm** we will have "drop-in" prayer stations in the chapel where you can also receive ashes. At **5:30pm** we will have a pasta bar dinner in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the youth. Our traditional worship service in the Sanctuary is at **6:30pm**.

Church News

Join us for a Pasta Bar Dinner!

Wednesday March 5 starting at 5pm

Followed by Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:30pm

Suggested donation: \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

This dinner will be a fundraiser for our high school youth who will be traveling to North Carolina for their mission trip this summer! Pasta Bar – Salad – Bread – and a Dessert Bake Sale (bring your dollars for yummy desserts!)

St. Philip Supper Club

March 7 at 6pm at 303 Sports Grill

St. Philip Supper Club's culinary trip around the world continues! This month it is American cuisine! Let's have supper together at our very own St. Philip members Neil & Cyndi Perry's 303 Sports Grill! Did you know that the 303 is no ordinary sports grill!? That's right—they have a scratch kitchen and smoke all their own meats. They have graciously reserved The Whiskey Room for us! Please contact Juley Allee—email: juleyallee@gmail.com or call/text 303-915-3620 to reserve your spots. All are welcome! Carpooling can be arranged—just let Juley know if you're interested. Here is the website: <https://303sportsgrill.com/> They are located at 8025 W Bowles Ave, Littleton and will accommodate separate checks. See you there!

BUILDING HOPE: Ending Homelessness Film and Panel Presentation

St. Philip invites you to be part of a film showing and panel presentation about homelessness in our world today. The showing of the film *BUILDING HOPE: Ending Homelessness* will take place on **Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30pm**. We will begin the night with a soup potluck, starting at **6pm**.

BUILDING HOPE communicates that there is hope to ending the suffering of homelessness. The film begins with the story of Aneyva, a 30-year old woman with two children, a former early childhood educator with two college degrees. The pandemic caused her to lose her job, her home, and her children and she now lives in Tent City, homeless.

We invite you to watch the film trailer at <https://www.kanelewis.com/building-hope-homelessness>.

After the film, we will have a panel of speakers to talk about homelessness in and around Denver and what is being done to help those in need.

BUILDING HOPE explores these stories and more of those caught in the daily crisis of homelessness. With the help of leading state advocates, many have risen above their circumstances to find housing and jobs and are becoming productive members of society. Others, due to chance, mental illness and substance use disorder, have yet to succeed.

Today, it is even more difficult due to the dearth of affordable housing and the influx of asylum seekers taking up so many of the beds at our cities' shelters. The film explores the whys and hows our society can heal the suffering. Maine's Speaker of the House Rachel Talbot Rosstalks about her own vulnerabilities growing up, and, with the \$30 million dollars that she has led the state legislature to invest in affordable housing, there is hope. Maine's Independent U.S. Senator Angus King addresses the inadequacies of our minimum wage and the government tax incentive bills he co-sponsors to give confidence to developers to create affordable housing and emergency shelters. Developers Collaborative's Kevin Bunker, the force behind building anew Homeless Services Center and Asylum Seekers Center, talks about the root causes of inequality in our system. Preble Street's Mark Swannlaments over his city's sweeps of encampments, yet his hope "springs eternal." Community Housing director, Cullen Ryan, makes crystal clear the damage that is done both to individuals without housing and to our society as a whole, and yet, "there is hope".

A "voice from poverty", Dr. Donna Beegle, closes the film with the plea: "There's nothing that matches making a difference for your fellow human beings. ... Let me use what's in my hands ... to see if I can't leave you in a better place. We can all make a difference. There is hope.

Part-time Work Available – Nursery Workers on Sunday mornings from 8:30-10:30am

We are looking for a few adults interested in making some part-time money. Must enjoy kids (babies), be over the age of 18, and be willing to do a background check. We are hoping to open a Sunday Morning Nursery soon! Nursery workers would be on duty from 8:30 – 10:30am. Please reach out to Melinda ([msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org](mailto:msevenkerud@stphilip-co.org)) if interested. Depending on how many workers we hire, you could work every Sunday or two Sundays a month (depending on schedule and availability).

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Communion Lesson Series for Children – March 9 - April 6

All children age 3 years and up are invited to join us in Sunday School to learn about communion. These classes will be **March 9 – April 6 from 10:15 – 11:15am**. This lesson series is designed to teach the children all about communion and what it means to participate in taking communion. At the end of this lesson series, if parents feel their child is prepared and ready to take their first communion, they will be invited to do so on **Maundy Thursday (April 17) at the Seder meal**. All children are invited to participate in this lesson series even if they have already taken first communion. The activities and lessons are an important part of building their faith foundation – so all children are welcome to attend. Please reach out to Melinda ([msvenkerud@stphilip-co.org](mailto:msevenkerud@stphilip-co.org)) if you have questions or want more information.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Service

Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

Oh what a day we had last Thursday, starting out sunny and frigid and ending cloud and wet as our fearless volunteers gathered to serve **248** families (791 neighbors). For the coming week we can use: **chili, baked beans, canned pasta, meal soups, clean plastic newspaper and grocery bags**. We are well stocked with egg cartons for the time being and we do not have any additional storage at this time. Thank you for your continuing support.

Put Your Faith into Action!

St. Philip/Holy Hammers Work Date on June 21st No Experience Needed

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!*

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

- Registration is full—Waitlist Only 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 Volun-

teer 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!

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 or social group to volunteer together - it's a great team builder!

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.

Prayer Shawl Group

Prayer Shawl usually meets the second Monday of every month at 1pm in the Fireside room. However, in February we will meet **Monday, Feb. 17 at 1pm.**

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 the book of Revelation. Each week Rudy Swenson will lead a different discussion of this most fascinating book of the Bible. Please come and join us whenever you can. Any questions call Paul at 303-241-0321.

Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 9:30-11am**. We are reading and discussing the book "Forgiveness—A Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson. The book is available 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

Women of St. Philip - please join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study. Dinner is at 6pm with the youth and the study begins at 6:30pm in the chapel. We will be studying Week Four in *A Beautiful Year in the Bible* and we will be led by Penny Selden. Please join us. Newcomers are welcome! *There will be no meeting March 5 (Ash Wednesday) or March 12 (church-wide event). We will reconvene on Wednesday, March 19.*

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!



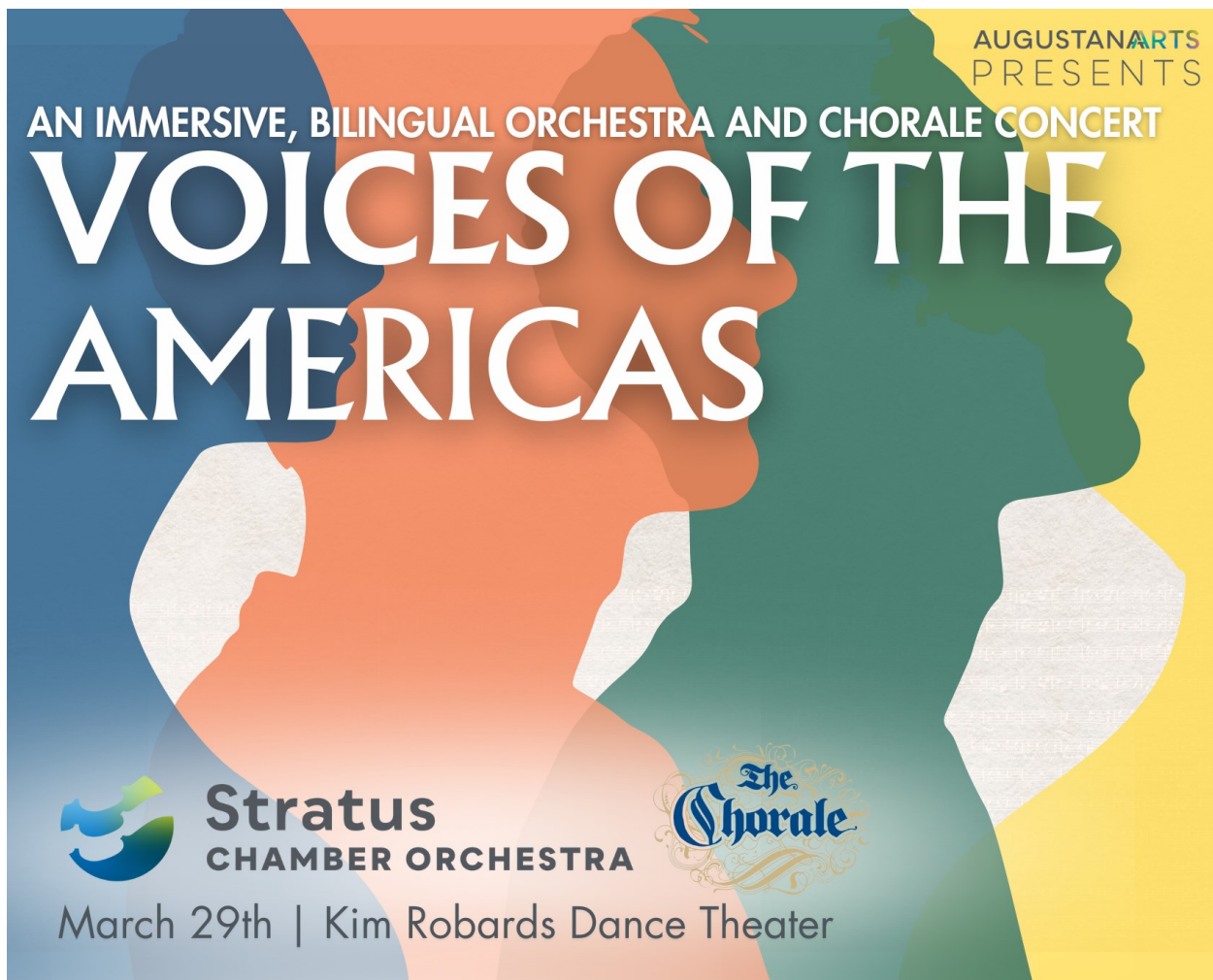
Worship Servants for Sunday, March 2, 2025	
Guest Preacher-Mark Will; Music-Sanctuary Choir	
Assisting Minister	George Rasmussen
Lector	Sue Counterman
Communion Servants	Linda Tegeder, Jim Smith
Sacrament Servants	Sandi Stevermer, Jane Clausen, Nancy Schell
Greeters	Muriel Johnson, Kathy Starrs
Ushers	Chris White, Mike Burgess
Key Keeper	Week beginning March 2: Juley & Rich Allee

Events

Augustana Arts-Stratus Chamber Orchestra

On **March 29 at 7pm**, Stratus Chamber Orchestra will be joining forces with the Colorado Springs Chorale for *Voices of the Americas*, an immersive-seating, collaborative concert. Audiences will be immersed in sound, seated amongst over 100 orchestra musicians and singers, bringing some of the rich musical traditions of the Americas to life around you. The performance will feature music by North and South American composers, from Mexico, to Argentina, to the United States, including the Denver premiere of a new work for orchestra and choir by Wyoming-Colorado composer Anne Guzzo. The concert will be narrated in both English and Spanish. Join us before the concert for a question and answer session with Anne Guzzo and Stratus Chamber Orchestra conductor Adam Torres.


Stratus Chamber Orchestra: Voices of the Americas will be performed at the Kim Robards Dance Theater in northwest Denver. Register online with Pay What You Can tickets at AugustanaArts.org/tickets/music-of-the-americas.




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 *The Chorale*

March 29th | Kim Robards Dance Theater

Calendar of Events

February 26-March 9, 2025

<p>Wednesday, February 26 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) 6:30p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 6:30p – Women’s Night Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00p – Littleton Gem & Mineral (MC-3)</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 4 9:00a – Grateful Threads (FH-1 & 2) 1:00p – Mahjong Group 1:00p – SPLC Worship Planning (MC-3) 1:30p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-3) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p>Thursday, February 27 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday 11:30a – Prayer Stations (Chapel) 5:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 5:30p – Ash Wed. Dinner (FH, kitchen) 6:30p – Ash Wed. Worship Service (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Friday, February 28 <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i> No activities scheduled</p>	<p>Thursday, March 6 7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite) 5:30p – Camp Gladiator 6:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1) 6:15p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5. FH) 7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc) 7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 1 9:30a – Art Quilt Bee (MC-4/5) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 3:00p – Violin Recital (Sanc.)</p>	<p>Friday, March 7 <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i> No activities scheduled</p>
<p>Sunday, March 2 9:00a – Worship 10:15a – Sunday School (FH-1) 10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades) 10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)</p>	<p>Saturday, March 8 8:30a – Second Saturday (MC-1) 9:00a – Brunch Fundraiser (FH, kitchen) 10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3) 11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3) 4:00p – Rejoicing Spirits (FH) 5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</p>
<p>Monday, March 3 9:00a – Women’s Bible Study (FS) 6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)</p>	<p>Sunday, March 9 9:00a – Worship 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 January 2025:

All SPLC Minis-tries:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	94,763	95,943	(1,180)
Expenses	82,135	92,185	10,050
	<u>12,628</u>	<u>3,758</u>	<u>8,870</u>

Early Learning Ctr/ SPELC Only:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	48,904	44,933	3,971
Expenses	35,959	41,105	5,146
	<u>12,945</u>	<u>3,828</u>	<u>9,117</u>

Without SPELC:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	45,859	51,010	(5,151)
Expenses	46,176	51,080	4,904
	<u>(317)</u>	<u>(70)</u>	<u>(247)</u>

Contributions

(General Fund)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
YTD Actual	42,023	48,085
YTD Budgeted	<u>46,250</u>	
	<u>(4,227)</u>	

ELCA World Hunger

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
YTD Actual	\$156	\$79

**Preparing for Worship - March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of Our Lord**

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Second Reading: II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-43



Transfiguration OF THE LORD

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

Joanne Ermold, Roni Pixley, Kay Mosier, Jim Brumage, Andy Stevens, Dori Hammer, Suzanne Peterson, Carl & Rita Kuenne, Marcia Wagner, Phyllis Kemp

Family Members

Josh Stanley (Mitchell Clough's brother-in-law)
Mike (Anne Henning's uncle)
Lauren (Anne & Tom Henning's niece)
Carol Thomas (Juli Cooley's sister)
Ginger Schnickel (LeRae & Tom Schnickel's sister-in-law)
Gail (Karen Otto's sister)
Don (Karen Otto's brother)
Barbara (Karen Otto's niece)
Amber (Karen Otto's niece)
Erik Hanson (Martha Hanson's son)

Margy Crary (Anne Krause's aunt)
Matthew Hall (Marilyn Belford's grandson-in-law)
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

Jini Jamison (Mosier)
Family & friends of Bob Denning (Hassman)
Cacilia & Lisa (Henning)
Sara & James (Henning)
Family & friends of John Flynn, Sr. (Stevermer)

Bob & Sterling (Henning)
Derry (Otto)
Lisa Wycoff (Burgess; Mossbrucker)
Ruth (SPELC)
Ryan Gaibler (Thomas)

Prayers for all those suffering through domestic violence.

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.





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