

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

March 5, 2025



## Worship News

*In this season of Lent, we will be exploring the ways Jesus is our Savior, Servant, and Friend. It is a time to marvel at the many blessings we received when Jesus laid down His life for us on the cross and then rose victorious from the grave. Throughout the season of Lent, we will dwell on the different aspect of Jesus as our encourager, comforter, protector, listener, forgiver and healer. We pray these worship services will draw you closer to God as we truly see Jesus as our Savior, Servant and Friend.*

### Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

We will observe **Ash Wednesday today, Wednesday, 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**. The service will also be livestreamed.

### 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.

### Altar Flowers

*Altar flowers for this coming Sunday have been given by Eric & Ericka McDaniel in celebration of their 33rd anniversary. Altar flowers have been given by Diane Bracken in memory of Roger.*

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

### 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](mailto: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!

### **Celebrating Our Graduates!**

On **Sunday, May 11**, we will celebrate our high school graduates during the church service. We'll recognize our college/advanced degree graduates as well. We look forward to acknowledging these amazing accomplishments! Heather Varnell is the new coordinator of this ministry and would love to have a co-coordinator. One of the duties is to reach out to families of high school graduates to gather letters of support to present to the graduate in a book, along with a blanket made by church members, at the Sunday service. There is also a poster board with graduate pictures/future plans to put together and providing the coffee cart treats the Sunday of the graduate recognition. Please reach out to Heather if you'd like to be a co-coordinator. If you'd rather help with a part of the preparation/celebration, that would be great too. Please contact Heather at 303-596-9582 or [heather.varnell@yahoo.com](mailto:heather.varnell@yahoo.com).

### **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 noth-

ing 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.

### **Creative Caring Quilters**

The Creative, Caring Quilters sent 21 completed quilts to Lutheran World Relief this month. Over 690,000 quilts have been sent to 16 countries around the world this past year. North Carolina were recipients this past fall after Hurricane Helene destroyed many homes there. We will meet **Saturday, March 15 from 9am-12pm** in the Fellowship Hall to cut squares, sew tops and tie knots. Everyone is welcome to join us for good conversation, coffee, treats, and devotions. Bring a "Sew N Tell" and any sewing tips to share. Sewing mends the soul!

The Creative, Caring Quilters were donated a White-brand serger. It is in good shape and works well. It is probably over 20 years old. We do not have a use for it. It comes with a manual and thread. Please contact LeRae Schnickel at 303-579-6853 if you are interested.

### **Silver Sages "Let the Good Times Roll"**

If you're 55 and older, join us for a fun afternoon on **Monday, April 7, from 11:30am to 2:00pm** at church. A Subway lunch and beverages will be served. Cost is \$10 per person. Hope you see you there! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Contact Sandra at 720-545-3003 or Chris at 303-973-3096.

### **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 ([msevenkerud@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 ([msevenkerud@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

Last Thursday we had a full crew and an abundance of sunshine and produce as we gathered to serve **212** families (648 neighbors). For the coming week we can use: **chili, canned pasta, baked beans, dry mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, and clean newspaper 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.*

*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](mailto: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](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 Teheder or Ana Tolentino.

**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.

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, March 9, 2025</b>	
<b>Music-Sanctuary Choir</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sandi Stevermer
<b>Lector</b>	Sandra Fishko
<b>Communion Servants</b>	Jan & Gary Philpy
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Penny Selden, Beth Clough
<b>Greeters</b>	The Keltner Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Burgess, Charlie Petersen
<b>Key Keeper</b>	<b>Week beginning March 9:</b> Carolyn Rapp

**Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study**

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

**Wednesday Night Women’s Bible Study**

The Wednesday Night Women’s Bible Study will not meet on March 5 - Ash Wednesday - or on March 12 - an all church event. Please join us in MC-3 on **Wednesday, March 19** when Anne Krause will lead us in Week 5, *Year in the Bible*. Dinner with the youth is at 6pm with the study starting at 6:30pm.

**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!

**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](http://AugustanaArts.org/tickets/music-of-the-americas).

<b>Preparing for Worship - March 9, 2025 First Sunday in Lent</b>
<b>First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11</b>
<b>Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13</b>
<b>Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13</b>

# Calendar of Events

## March 5-16, 2025

<p><b>Wednesday, March 5</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>            11:30a – Prayer Stations (Chapel)            5:00p – Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)            5:30p – Ash Wed. Dinner (FH, kitchen)  <b>6:30p – Ash Wed. Worship Service (Sanc.)</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 11</b>            9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3)            1:00p – Mahjong Group (MC-1)            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 – SPELC Board Meeting (MC-4/5)            7:00p – Tues. Night Bible Study (offsite)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 6</b>            7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite)            5:30p – Camp Gladiator            6:00p – CHCA Meeting (MC-1)            6:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc)            6:15p – Cub Scout Pack 47 (MC-4/5. FH)            7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 12</b>            9:30a – Men’s Bible Study (YR)            9:00a – Women’s Bible Study (MC-1)            6:00p – Potluck &amp; Video Presentation (FH, kitchen, Sanc.)</p>
<p><b>Friday, March 7</b>  <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i>            No activities scheduled</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 13</b>            7:30a – Men’s Breakfast (offsite)            5:30p – Camp Gladiator            7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc)            7:30p – Prayer Team (Zoom)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 8</b>            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)  <b>5:00p – Saturday Evening Worship (Sanc.)</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, March 14</b>  <i>Church office open 8am-12pm</i>            3:30p – CMTA Set Up (FH, kitchen)</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 9</b>  <b>9:00a – Worship</b>            10:15a – Sunday School (FH-1)            10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades)            10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 15</b>            8:30a – CMTA Achievement Day (Sanc., Narthex, FH, Kitchen)            8:30a – Creative Caring Quilters (FH-2)            10:00a – Littleton Gem &amp; Mineral (MC-4/5)            10:30a – Al-Anon (MC-3)</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 10</b>            9:30a – Book Club (FS)            1:00p – Prayer Shawl (FS)            6:35p – Pub Theology (offsite)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 16</b>  <b>9:00a – Worship</b>            10:15a – Sunday School (FH-1)            10:15a – Faith and Fellowship (6th-12th grades)            10:30a – Adult Faith Formation (MC-4/5)</p>



# 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

**Cyndi Perry, Joanne Ermold, Roni Pixley, Kay Mosier, Jim Brumage,  
Carl & Rita Kuenne, Marcia Wagner, Phyllis Kemp**

## Family Members

**John Kemp** (Larry Kemp's father)  
**Michael** (Tom Flatley's brother-in-law)  
**Tom & Amie Kopcho** (Monica Auch's goddaughter)  
**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)  
**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.**







“Trust & Luck”

# REJOICING SPIRITS

Saturday | March 8 | 4:00-6:30PM

**ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH**

7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128

**Join us for our Rejoicing Spirits Ministry!**

We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study and a game of bingo, then head to the Sanctuary to join the later part of the Saturday evening service (or feel free to attend the full service). After Worship, come back to the Fellowship Hall for a taco dinner!



Please RSVP to Pastor Brad - [bdoty@stphilip-co.org](mailto:bdoty@stphilip-co.org)

Sunday, March 9,

# SPRING FORWARD



DAYLIGHT  
SAVING  
TIME BEGINS!

[+ 1 HOUR]





## The pleasure of your company is requested at the Scottish Fiddle Club of Colorado's Spring Concert!

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 29, 2025

**WHERE:** St. Philip Lutheran Church

7531 South Kendall Blvd., Littleton, CO 80128

(Near West Ken Caryl Avenue and South Kendall Blvd.; please MapQuest this)

**TIME:** 2:00

**COST:** FREE

Come enjoy the fiddle, dance and vocal music of Scotland, Ireland and America performed by some of the best professional, amateur and student fiddlers in Colorado!



[www.scotsfiddle.org](http://www.scotsfiddle.org), [www.facebook.com/ScotsfiddleColorado/](https://www.facebook.com/ScotsfiddleColorado/)

Please direct any questions to Ken McIntosh at [kenmcintosh@idcomm.com](mailto:kenmcintosh@idcomm.com) or 303-234-0469.



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