The Epistle

St. Philip Lutheran Church Newsletter

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5)

Dear partners in ministry,

"See everything has become new! A glance around the church property and you'll see the dogwoods and azaleas in bloom. There is new growth and a plethora of beautiful colors. Watching the new buds emerge on what once looked dead brings hope and excitement into each new day. Watching what God is doing to make all things new fills me with joy.

"See, everything has become new!"

We're going deeper in our faith and in our relationships with one another through the Faith Building Groups. Three groups are currently meeting each week. There are additional group shepherds who are ready and waiting to begin a group so it's not too late to become part of this new thing that God is doing.

We're celebrating a variety of milestones this month: New mother blessing, first camp blessing, and graduate blessing. Each milestone marks a new beginning with hope, excitement and maybe even a little bit of trepidation.

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We're reinvigorating Stephen Ministry with two newly trained Stephen Leaders. They are preparing to train new Stephen Ministers who will expand and enrich how we care for one another.

We're preparing for an exciting summer of worship. We'll gather together in one worshipping assembly at 9:30 am. We'll be using a variety of musical styles as we tap into our rich Lutheran heritage and tradition.

We're preparing for new adventures with our children and youth. This summer there will be Day Camp, Preschool Vacation Bible School, Campfirmation, and a Senior Youth Mission trip, plus a variety of other fun and exciting experiences.

We're preparing to welcome a seminary intern who will spend the 2016-2017 school year among us. You can learn more about Vicar Molly in an article in this newsletter.

"See, everything has become new!" I give thanks to God for all that God is doing in and among us to make all things new! Thank you, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for partnering together to meet God where God is already at work and to share in the work that God gives us to do.

Your partner in ministry, Pastor Pam



Stephen Ministry is Returning to St. Philip!

We give thanks to Kathy Blum and Linda Bossert who have just completed a week of Stephen Leader training in St. Louis, MO. This intense week of training prepared them to join Pastor Pam as Stephen Leaders for St. Philip.

Pastor Pam was trained as a Stephen Leader in 1999 and then completed a refresher course in 2014. She has launched Stephen Ministry in two congregations and has trained more that 18 Stephen Ministers to provide distinctively Christian care.

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caregiving ministry named for Stephen, one of the first seven laypeople called by the church to assist the apostles in caring for others. You can read Stephen's story in Acts 6 and 7.

In the next few months, our Stephen Leader Team will begin training some of the members of our congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

Stephen Ministry is truly ministry—that is, service to others, caring for others in Jesus' name, doing the work that God has both called and gifted his children to do. Do you feel a calling to care for others who are hurting? Do you desire the personal joy that comes from sharing Christ's love with people?

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, speak to one of our Stephen Leaders: Kathy Blum at 919-641-2742 or <u>kathyblum821@gmail.com</u>; Linda Bossert at 703-216-5046 or <u>lbossert52@verizon.net</u>; or Pastor Pam.

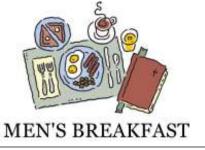


Saints & Sinners meets Tuesday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. Lunch is \$6.00 per person. Our speaker will be Sargent Kyle Snyder from the North Carolina National Guard who will be speaking about **Operation Coming Home** which involves veterans helping veterans. Please call Carole Mason by Friday, May 6 for reservations. This is our last meeting until September 13, 2016.

Men's Breakfast Club

Join us at 8:30 am on Tuesday, May 24th for The Men's Breakfast Club at Big Ed's in Quail Corners Shopping Center, 5009 Falls of Neuse Road. Enjoy good food and fellowship. To reserve your place; talk to, call, or email Frank Bouknight (919-302-1812 or

bouknightf@yahoo.com).



The next Ladies Lunch will be held at Nantucket Grill, 1145 Falls River Avenue, on May 5th, <u>first Thursday in May</u>, beginning at noon. Mark your calendar now. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone after the sabbatical. Sign up with Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038 or <u>sankelly55@hotmail.com</u>. Also, let Sandy know if you need transportation.



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Puzzle Get-Together is scheduled for May 24th. Come, relax, enjoy good conversation, and help complete a puzzle. Come for lunch or bring your own lunch at 11:30 or come at noon to begin the puzzle. Contact Claire Muller,

919-900-8443 or <u>cmuller4@nc.rr.com</u> to sign up or if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.



The St. Philip Senior Ministry Book Club will meet to discuss <u>Mullah's Storm</u> by Thomas W. Young, a novel set in Afghanistan on Tuesday, May 24, from 10:00-11:30 A.M. in the Parlor. This book is available through the

Wake County Library. All are welcome to any book club meeting. Contact Kathryn Edwards or Carol Williamson if you have questions.

Sr. Ministry May Bus Trip

Mark your calendars and make your reservation NOW!! On Thursday, May 12th, we plan to travel to Sanford, enjoy lunch, and after lunch, travel to Temple Theatre for a 2:00 pm showing of *"Smoke on the Mountain: Homecoming".* The play is set in the sanctuary of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina. It is Saturday night, October 6, 1945, two months after VJ Day. The war is over. Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe is giving his last service. He's been called to preach in Texas, and he's already bought a ten-gallon hat and is preparing to ride into the sunset with his wife June, who is eight months pregnant. Tomorrow morning, young Dennis Sanders takes over as Mount Pleasant's pastor. Join the Sanders Family as they send Mervin and June off in style, with hilarious and touching stories and toe-tapping Bluegrass Gospel favorites. Bus will leave at 10:45 am from the church. Cost

of the trip is \$30.00. If you have questions or to make reservations, call or email Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038 or <u>sankelly55@hotmail.com</u>. Tickets are limited.





Meet the Intern

Hi there! My name is Molly Markley and I will be serving as your Vicar for the next school year! I am so excited to be out of the classroom and into a church to love and serve God's people at St. Philip. I know it will be a year full of learning and growth.

I am originally from Mooresville, NC and have grown up Lutheran my entire life. After high school I moved to Raleigh and attended Meredith College. Needless to say, I am thrilled to be returning back to the beautiful city of Raleigh in a few short months! During undergrad, a lot of my time was spent on the volleyball court. I played varsity volleyball all four years while at Meredith College – it really kept me busy! I greatly enjoy the camaraderie and competitive aspect of the sport. Volleyball is a huge part of my life. While at Meredith College I became very involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and there is where I felt most called to enter seminary. After graduating from Meredith College with a degree in Sociology and Criminology, I started at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC that next fall.

I really am enjoying my first two years at seminary so far, whether it is preparing with my team for the LutherBowl (a flag football tournament in Gettysburg, PA that happens every fall between the ELCA seminaries), hanging out beside a bonfire after a long week of classes, or reading one too many commentaries about a particular Gospel lesson, I find joy in it all. As Vicar, I am looking forward to exploring all different types of ministries and getting to know the congregation throughout my time at St. Philip. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us!

A Word about Internship

This August we will welcome Vicar Molly to serve as the intern at St. Philip. Each seminarian preparing for ordination in the ELCA is required to complete a full year of internship in either their 3rd or 4th year of seminary. The title Vicar, which means to serve as an agent of another, is used to set the intern apart in a unique relationship with the congregation. During her time at St. Philip, Vicar Molly will be working alongside Pastor Pam. She will attend committee meetings, visit the sick, shut-ins and those in the hospital, preach, lead worship, teach, and learn more about the day-to-day administration and rhythms of congregational life. You'll be hearing much more about what hosting an intern is all about over the next several months.

In hopeful anticipation of hosting an intern, the congregation voted, at our February annual meeting, to increase our spending plan for 2016 by \$17,000. With the placement of Vicar Molly as our intern, its time to step up your giving in order to fund this new aspect of our ministry. You may either increase your giving to the general fund or give designated contributions to the internship fund.

Save the Date	
	Upcoming Newcomer Orientation
SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH 5:00 PM.	 Are you interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church and the ministries of St.
AN INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK SUPPER WILL BE HELD.	Philip?
	 Have you been worshipping at St. Philip and are
AND THE DONATIONS COLLECTED WILL BE FOR OUR NEW VICAR WHO WILL BE JOINING US IN THE SUMMER.	considering becoming part of this community of faith?
US IN THE SUMMER.	If you answered "yes" to either of these questions,
Let's all put our thinking caps on and come	then attending a Newcomer Orientation is the
up with some creative food and dessert	thing for you!
dishes we can all share from our ethnic,	The next Newcomer Orientation is a 4 session
nationality backgrounds.	class that will be held on the following Sunday
IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE COOK OR BAKE AND	mornings <u>May 1, May 8, May 15, and May 22 at</u>
IF NOT, PLEASE BUY AN ITEM FROM YOUR BACKGROUND OR YOUR FAVORITE DISH.	10:20 am (during Sunday School). Mark these
	dates on your calendar and make plans to attend!
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW	Newcomers will be received into membership at
LOOKING FORWARD TO A FUN,	the service they attend on Sunday, June 5.
TASTEFUL EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP	
Thank you.	If you have questions or need more information
Paula Metivier	please contact Pastor Pam.
401-499-4857 mobile	

Financial Report for March 2016

Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$49,256	\$35,909	137%	\$118,714	\$107,72 7	110%
Other Income	\$6,222	\$6,782	92%	\$12,776	\$20,346	63%
Total Income	\$55,478	\$42, 691	130%	\$131,490	\$128,07 3	103%
Expenses						
	\$41,191	\$42,707	96%	\$117,859	\$128.12 1	92%
Net Gain/(Loss)		-			-	
	\$14,287	\$ (16)		\$13,631	\$ (48)	

gogive3@gmail.com

March resulted in a net gain of \$14,287 against a budgeted loss of \$16. This better than expected performance is due to giving being over what was expected and expenses being under the expected plan.

Year to date we continue to be over our financial plan with a gain of almost \$13,700 against a planned loss of \$48. Income is over 130% of the plan while expenses are at 92% of the plan.

A view from the other side of the pew...

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in

Christ Jesus." (I Corinthians 1:4, <u>NIV</u>)

As a child, one of my earliest learning moments came directly from my parents who instructed me to <u>always</u> say **"Thank You"** to anyone—relative, friend, neighbor, etc.—who did something for me or gave me a gift regardless of how large or small. I was taught to <u>always</u> acknowledge these unexpected acts of kindness and to extend gratitude to those givers.

In Contemporary society, it often seems as if those two small words:

"Thank You"

are extinct; thankfulness appears to be absent in much of daily life. This lack of thanks in our fastpaced modern civilization is not new, however. Turn to your Bible and read the seventeenth chapter of Luke and the story of Jesus and the lepers. Although ten were cleansed and their lives forever transformed, only one leper turned back to give thanks to our Lord.

Weekly, there are multi-generations of individuals who give so very much of their time, talent, enthusiasm and plain hard work here at St. Philip, to further God's mission and further ministry of His kingdom.

Writing as your Director of Music Ministries and, with the regular choir season ending at month's end in May, I invite each of you to prayerfully consider the role that music holds in worship life. Please think about thanking those singers, ringers, and instrumentalists for their musical offerings during the liturgical year.

May we be a congregation that always offers up a **"Thank You"** for the many blessings God has bestowed upon St. Philip Lutheran Church!

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21, <u>NIV</u>)

Soli Deo Gloria,

Marcia Klinder-Badgley Director of Music Ministries

Summer Worship 2016

Begins on June 12 at 9:30 am Worshipping through Time and Place

This summer, we'll have opportunities to make connections with one another as we gather to worship in one service at 9:30 am. By worshipping God together in a single service we'll recognize and celebrate our unity as the people of St. Philip.

Our worship services with include all of the elements of worship: confession and absolution, scripture readings, preaching, professing the Apostles' creed, prayers of intercession, sharing the peace, collecting an offering, the Lord's Prayer, and the celebration of Holy Communion. While these elements will not always be in the same order or in the order we might be used to, they will all be present in these unique worship experiences.

Stretching from Germany, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland to the vastness of the United States; from the Middle Ages to present day our worship of God will be enriched through the diversity of our rich Lutheran and musical heritage. Here's the basic schedule:

June 12 and June 19 – using the variety of hymnals in the Lutheran tradition, these services will include elements from the black Common Service book, the red Service Book and Hymnal, the green Lutheran Book of worship, the blue With One Voice, the burgundy Now the Feast and Celebration, the multi-colored Worship and Praise, and the cranberry Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship.

June 26 – in this acoustic service we'll sing some "good-ole" camp songs and even learn some new ones. Weather permitting, this service may take place outdoors.

July 3 – in a patriotic service we'll give thanks and pray for our nation with songs and litanies.

July 10, 17, and 24 – these Chicago Folk Services will bear the content of a Lutheran liturgy but in a slightly different order and set to different arrangements led by acoustic instruments.

July 31 – in a global service we'll worship celebrating the rich diversity of music from different places around the world.

Aug 7, 14, and 21 – these worship services will incorporate elements of jazz, blues, and gospel through song arrangements, harmonies, and instrumentation.

Aug 28 and Sept 4 – these worship services will celebrate our Celtic heritage as we give thanks for God's presence through prayers, litanies, music, and silence.

Sept 11 – the ELCA marks "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on this day. We'll worship at 9:30 and then engage in a variety of outreach service projects.



New Mothers Blessing

Join us on May 8th to celebrate and gift our new mothers. We will celebrate this milestone at the 9:10 service. First Camp Experience Blessing Attention rising third graders!!! Beginning this summer, you are now old enough to attend sleep away camp at Camp Agape with St. Philip! Camp is an experience that leaves lasting memories in faith development. At camp youth get to learn more about themselves and their faith while enjoying the blessings of an intentionally Christian community, new friendships, Creation, games, music, devotions, swimming, hiking, crafts and on and on and

Graduate Milestone Celebration May 15th at the 11:15 Service

Let us gather together to celebrate our graduates as they prepare to enter the next phase of their lives. We will bless and gift our graduates on May 15th at I the 11:15 service. Join us!!



on. We would like to bless and gift our rising third graders on May 22nd, at all three services, to mark this milestone!!







Who?	Rising 1st through rising 8th Graders
What?	Agape Day Camp led by the most awesome camp counselors ever!
Where?	St. Philip, Luther Hall
When?	June 20-24, 9am-3pm
Why?	To learn about creation, God, and themselves. To enjoy the company of other young people. To have fun singing, dancing, crafting, playing
Cost?	\$130 (Includes t-shirt!)

Hi Everyone! My name is Taylor Fagan and for my confirmation project I am collecting diapers for the Diaper Train, which gives diapers to lower class families that cannot afford good diapers. If you are interested in donating diapers sizes 0-5, there are collection bins in the narthex and by the giving tree in Luther Hall. Please make your donations by the deadline, May 8.





With the support of this congregation our children and youth are able to experience faith building activities like camp, mission trips, Vacation Bible School, service in the community, retreats, unique learning experiences and so on and so on and so on. It has always been clear that the children and youth of this congregation are valued, invested in, and supported!

For the whole month of May we will be inviting your continued support in a new kind of fundraiser. You will see a wall of envelopes labeled from \$1 all the way through \$200. We invite you to choose an envelope and donate the amount on the front to our children's and youth programs.



Inside each envelope you will also find the name of a child in our faith family and what they may be up to in the coming year at St. Philip. Our hope is that you might keep this child in your prayers! With your continued financial and prayer support, the sky's the limit for the experiences we might provide for our youngest faith walkers!!

All of the money raised will be used for scholarships, retreats, mission trips, camps, National Gathering; in other words, for faith building experiences for our children and youth! Our hope is that financial stress never gets in the way of faith experiences!

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Child's Name:				
Home Address: _				
What preschool	experience does	your child have?		
In case of emerg	gency, contact:			
Mother: _			_ Best Number:	
Father:			Best Number:	
Other:			_ Best Number:	
Allergies or Othe	er Conditions: _			
Name of ONE fr	iend your child	might like to be with	during PVBS:	
T-Shirt Size:	YXS Y	S YM	YL	
	snacks, craft su	upplies, and t-shirts.	n of \$25 to help offset the costs of Please make checks payable to you for your support of this ministry!	
Please check here if you do NOT give consent for St. Philip Lutheran Church to use photos of this youth for promotional purposes (brochure, website, displays, etc.)				

Mail your registration form and donation to Cathryn Hewett at: St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7304 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC 27615. Or drop it in Cathryn's registration folder outside the Gathering Room (across from the library). Please contact Cathryn with any questions at cathryn@st-philip.org.

Join us for some great events to support the "*HOPE BEGINS WITH A HOME*" Annual Campaign!

May marks the second and final month of our Annual Campaign, *"HOPE BEGINS WITH A HOME."* Mark your calendars to be part of the events scheduled for this month:

MAY 21: SERVE THE HOMELESS VOLLEYBALL IS

BACK: Seeking sponsors

In its sixth year, Serve the Homeless Volleyball Tournament is a fun time for a great cause. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000 for Families Together. Sponsorship is an excellent way to support the cause and gain some valuable visibility at this large event. Please reach out to Peter Zierz

(<u>peter@servethehomeless.com</u>) if you or your organization would like to be a sponsor. *[Event details: Southern Sands Volleyball Courts, 6175 Old Jenks Rd., Apex, NC 27523]*



FAMILIES TOGETHER a PLM organization

OTHER MAY HAPPENINGS:

MAY 4 – Open House, Skin & Cosmetic Solutions, Raleigh (8:00 a.m-8:00 p.m) MAY 9 – Happy Hour at Trophy Brewing-Maywood in Raleigh, 5:30-7:00 p.m. MAY 11-13 – Charity shopping days at CT WEEKENDS in Cameron Village

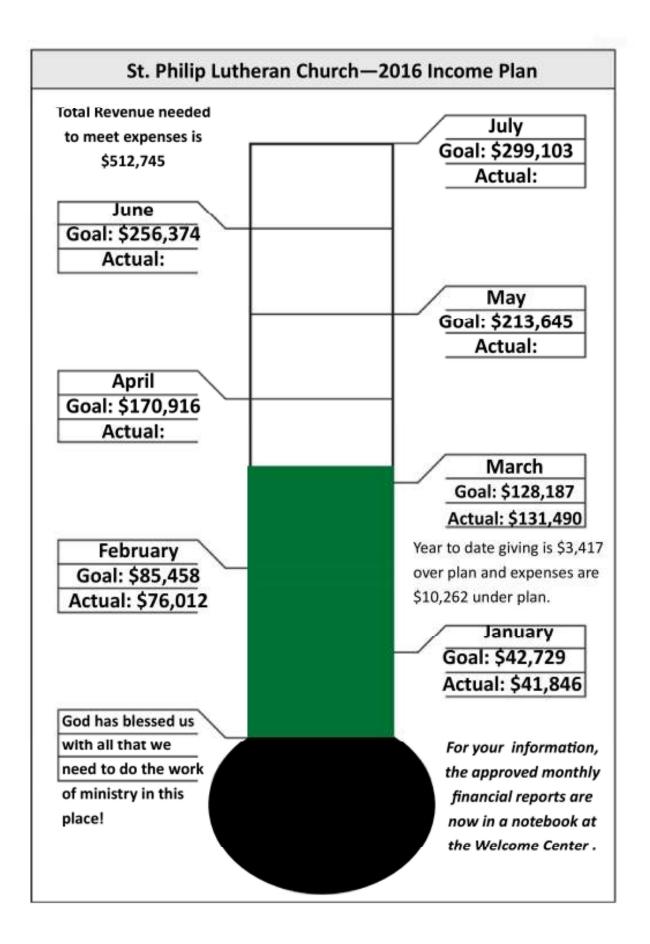
Help us meet the match!

Between now and June 1st, your contribution can be matched through our Stewards Fund Matching Grant if we meet the \$19,000 goal. For those who have contributed, thank you for helping us expand our work in the community to end homelessness for families with children. To give, visit the campaign web page at <u>www.FamiliesTogetherNC.org/HOPE</u>, and look for your church's team page to directly support your team's goal!

NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN TAKES SHAPE:

Thank you to the volunteer work crews from Resurrection and Christ the King Lutheran Churches for helping to start our new project – a community garden onsite at our offices and short-term apartments. This new project will provide learning opportunities for children and fresh food for families. Visit and "like" our Facebook page for updates! (<u>facebook.com/</u><u>families2gether</u>).

Contact our ST. PHILIP TEAM LEADER: Julie Helmey (jhelmey@earthlink.net)



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 Keith & Edwina Bruce
 5/29/1982

Happy Birthday

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Christopher Kavcsak	5/4	Barbara Burdette	5/22
Robert Schaaf	5/7	Loretta Bragg	5/23
David Barham	5/9	Thomas Andrews	5/24
Josephine Lindstrom	5/9	Jim Beck Sr	5/24
Merri Swartz	5/9	Bill Bunte	5/24
Kameron Kalk	5/10	Jennifer Cesare	5/24
Jennifer Bateman	5/11	Emme Hooks	5/25
William Hensley	5/14	Abby Mahl	5/27
Jean Barger	5/15	Mario DePollo	5/28
Allison Edwards	5/15	Glenn Smyre	5/28
Ken Grumbine	5/15	Jennifer Bryan	5/29
Becky Shermer	5/15	Matt Casadonte	5/29
Richard Lindemeyer	5/19	Caitlyn Bell	5/31
John Wolfe	5/20		







Men's Softball Schedule

Men's Softball Schedule is below. All games start at 6:30pm

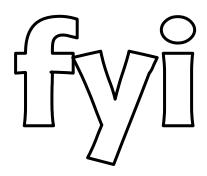
May 5 v Bayleaf #2 @ Bayleaf June 6 v Greater Love @ Bayleaf

May 10 v Mt. Vernon @ Bayleaf June 13 v N. Raleigh Presbyterian @ Honeycutt Park

May 26 v Bayleaf #1 @ Bayleaf June 20 v Greater Love @ Honeycutt Park

Please call Mike Davis at 321-356-6673 or email him at mdavis6364@gmail.com.





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Like us on <u>Facebook</u> Deadline for the June Epistle is <u>Monday, May 16</u>. Submissions should be sent to Natalie at <u>admin@st-philip.org</u>. Submissions received after the 16th may be sent out in the weekly E-News.

Deadline for E-News and BBN is Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service 9:10 a.m. Crossing Service in Kepley Hall 10:20 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Traditional Service

Office Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm Website: www.st-philip.org

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