

## Announcements April, 2017

## Holy Week Worship Schedule:

4/13/17—Maundy Thursday—Noon & 7:00 pm 4/14/17—Good Friday—Noon & 7:00 pm 4/15/17—Easter Vigil—7:00 pm 4/16/17—Easter Sunday—Regular schedule—8:45 & 11:00

**Palm Passion Sunday:** April 9<sup>th</sup> is Palm Passion Sunday. Weather permitting both services will begin outside with the blessing of the palms.

Easter Egg Hunt: All 2 year olds through 5th graders will have an Easter Egg hunt on <u>April 9th during the Sunday school hour (10-10:45)</u>. We will hunt for eggs with the usual candy found inside with a piece of the passion story too. This will be a fun way to learn about Christ's last three days! We'd love to see your child, and you—parents too, if you'd like to join in!

**Newcomer Orientation:** Are you interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church and the ministries of St. Philip? Are you interested in becoming part of this community of faith? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then attending a Newcomer Orientation is the thing for you! Two opportunities to attend the 2-hour Orientation are coming up: Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Newcomers will be received into membership at the service they attend on Sunday, May 146<sup>th</sup>.

Worship and Play Zone: Thanks to some seed money from Thrivent Financial we have set apart a place in our sanctuary for the littlest worshippers among us. This place is known as the Worship & Play Zone. It's located in the front left section (as you look at the altar) closest to the choir loft. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for a broader description.

## Faith and Politics: What does this mean?

You are invited to a Seminar on the Intersection between Faith and Politics. It is said that these are two things that should never be brought up in polite company because people often end up offended or confused. But instead of being the cause of quiet division, can Christians imagine the political as a source of hopeful unity? As Lutherans, we have a great theological heritage by which we can understand ourselves as the people of God publicly at work in the world.

With prayer, Scripture, theology, history and contemporary case studies as our guide, Dr. Chad Rimmer will lead us through a seminar on Political Theology that will culminate in a workshop where we will practice being a community of faithful moral reasoning around complex issues of our time.

The seminar begins on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 – 3:00. and continues in worship on Sunday until 2:30. We request that you be present both Saturday and Sunday, as an important part of the experience is building a group dynamic around shared commitments and conversations. A free will offering will cover the cost of the lunches provided on Saturday and Sunday. Please register by sending an email to <a href="mailto:admin@st-philip.org">admin@st-philip.org</a> or by calling the church office at 919-846-2992.

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