

The Epistle

St. Philip Lutheran Church Newsletter

March, 2017



Several Important programs are beginning this March and I write to encourage your participation in all of them. Yes, all of them!

First, the **Season of Lent** begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. This important time in our church year is intended to deepen our relationship with God and our neighbors. We will worship every Wednesday at noon and 6:30 p.m. The Ash Wednesday services will include an extended confession, the imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion. Then on March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 we'll gather at noon for a spoken liturgy of prayer and contemplation and at 6:30 p.m. where the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer will be our liturgy. Be sure to arrive at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights for a simple meal before worship. Worship during the Sundays in Lent will be simplified to reflect the tone of the season. My prayer is that you will make worship a priority during the Season of Lent as we journey together through the life and death of Jesus so that our celebration of his resurrection is filled with great joy and thankfulness!

Second, the launch of **Mission Table Night**. This exciting time in the life of our congregation begins on Sunday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. We'll begin the evening with a meal which will then be followed by conversations around five (5) different mission tables: invite, worship, nurture faith, nurture relationships, and serve. In these conversations, we'll discern strategies for how we can live more

fully as agents of reconciliation who share in God's mission of healing all creation. The conversations that begin on March 5th will continue the first Sunday of April, May, and June. Activities for children are being planned so that parents can participate in these conversations. My hope is that you will choose to take a seat at one of these tables.

Third, the launch of **Unbinding Your Soul**. Like our study of Unbinding Your Heart, this small group experience will immerse us in the faith practices of faith sharing and prayer. The study includes the use of a 40-day prayer journal which offers a scripture reading, reflection, and suggestion to try a different way to pray for each day. Small groups will gather on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning on March 7 and on Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m. beginning on March 8. Small groups are a wonderful way to deepen relationships with others in the congregation as we share in intentional Christ-centered conversations. Won't you make a commitment to participate?

With each one of these experiences our relationships with God and each other will be nurtured as we gather together in mutual conversation and worship. May I suggest that rather than giving something up for Lent that you add participation in these opportunities because there is a place for you!

The Lord bless you!

Pastor Pam

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Invite

You're Invited to Mission Table Night!

Sunday, March 5

Mission Tables will be set for each component of our Mission Statement: Invite, Worship, Nurture Faith, Nurture Relationships, and Serve.

At these Mission Tables, you'll have opportunities for conversation about ways that we can more fully live into our mission statement.

We'll gather for a lasagna & alfredo pasta dinner (provided) at 5:30 pm. A love offering will be collected to offset the cost of the meal.

Mission Table conversations will begin at 6:15.

Fun and supervised activities for children will be happening in the lower level of the Education Building after supper. Edwina Bruce is coordinating the following activity centers:

- ♦ Homework table
- ♦ Reading area
- ♦ Play your video games
- ♦ Movie area



*Come, take a place at the table
there are seats for everyone!*

Come, Join the Discussion

Across the NC Synod and here at St. Philip, members are discussing the material offered by the *Ever-Reforming* study.

The Faith & Fellowship Sunday School class would like you to join in the great discussions that are happening. Upcoming topics include Liturgy, why we do the things we do in worship and other origins of Lutheran roots. Come to Luther Hall at 10:00 Sunday mornings to join in!

The Gift of Community

It is hard to believe that I have submitted my midyear evaluation for internship already! If these last several months have been an indication of anything, the second half is going to go by quickly too. I have had countless people ask me how my internship is going and what I am learning while serving the congregation here at St. Philip. I have learned so much in the first half that it is hard to tell where to begin!

Growing up, I never quite understood what a pastor did all day. Even when I began classes at the seminary, I still didn't really know how pastors spent their time. It's impossible to cover everything that goes into serving a church in a classroom, but I have definitely taken a lot away so far from internship. Pretty quickly, I have realized that serving a congregation is collaborative work. Furthering God's mission in the world cannot happen alone.

Because of this, one thing from internship that sticks out to me is the importance of community. The church could not exist without the body of Christ that makes up the congregation. Of course we need community to carry out a lot of the ministries here – Brown Bag Ministry would be difficult with only one person, Ladies Lunch or Men's Breakfast would be lonely without a gathering of people, and Youth Group wouldn't be fun if you just met as one person. We need the community to help the church function. But deeper than that, the community is what holds the body of Christ together. Through the community, we can share our burdens and joys. We can lean on one other when going through a difficult time and laugh with each other to celebrate the good times. We pray, serve, worship, learn, and walk together.

The community at St. Philip is what has made my internship experience wonderful so far. I've greatly enjoyed serving this congregation which lives into the gift of community and all it has to offer. This community has embraced me, helped me grow, and nurtured me along the way. I thank God for the support I have received from each of you and I am excited to see where God leads us from here!

God's Peace,
Vicar Molly

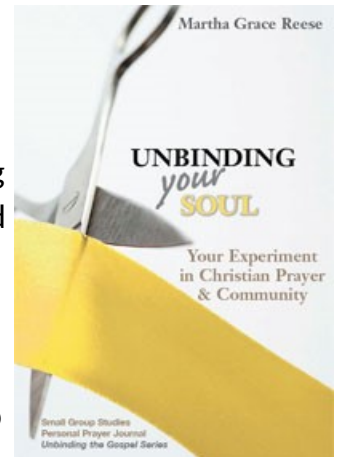
A Lenten Opportunity to Deepen Faith and Experience a Small Group

Lent 2016 was transformative for many people here at St. Philip as we immersed ourselves in daily prayer and intentional faith sharing conversations in small groups. The book "Unbinding Your Heart" provided us with lots to talk about as well as opportunities to practice a variety of ways to pray.

Now it's time to get ready for a new opportunity to deepen your faith through daily prayer and a weekly gathering in a small group. This Lent, we will be using the next book in the Unbinding the Gospel series by Martha Grace Reese titled "Unbinding Your Soul: Your Experiment in Prayer and Community" to guide our conversation in small groups and our daily prayer.

This book invites us to talk out loud about things that really matter to us: life, God, your hopes, your questions and your faith in a safe and loving small group community. As we share in these intentional conversations with others who are also willing to talk out loud relationships will deepen. The book also includes a prayer journal which provides a scripture passage, a reflection, and an invitation to experiment with a new way to pray for each day.

Because this is so important to our life together as a congregation, several opportunities are available for you to participate in this Lenten experience. Small groups will begin meeting the week of March 7th: Tuesday, 3/7@ 10:00 am and Wednesday, 3/8 at 7:15 pm for eight weeks. Choose the time that will work best for you. The Wednesday night groups will meet after our Lenten worship. You may indicate your choice of small group by signing up at the Welcome Center or by [clicking here](#) to complete the on-line registration form. The cost of the book is \$12.00. Make checks payable to St. Philip and note



Lenoir-Rhyne A Cappella Choir Announces Spring Tour

The Lenoir-Rhyne A Cappella Choir is coming to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary, on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. All performances are free and open to the public.

Dr. Ryan Luhrs is in his first year as conductor of the choir. The program is titled 'Ever-Present, Ever-Reforming' and has two primary goals," Luhrs said, "First, to pay tribute to music inspired by the Lutheran Reformation, and second, to celebrate the great diversity of music found in the ever-reforming global Church."





Worship

Season of Lent 2017

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and spans 40 days. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. For us, Lent is a time of repentance and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a season of self-examination and reflection with a focus on strengthening our relationship with God.

We will begin our Lenten journey together with **Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 & 6:30 on March 1.**

Midweek Lenten services begin on Wednesday, March 8th and go through Wednesday, April 5th. We will have two opportunities for worship on these Wednesdays. The afternoon service at **12:00** will use a contemplative prayer liturgy, and the later service at **6:30** will use Holden Evening Prayer. The Lenten theme will be "Experiencing God through Our Senses." At both services will be exploring how we can deepen our relationship with God through our own sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell. We will look at scripture to see how the Biblical narrative involves our senses as well as have a small hands-on experience with our senses as part of worship. It will be a unique opportunity to nurture your own relationship with God while growing spiritually in a different way. Whether you can come to only one service or all five services, there's a place for you in worship!

Lent
B E G I N S

Children in Worship

To the PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN...

- ★ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- ★ Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see & hear what's going on at the altar.
- ★ Quietly explain the parts of the liturgy and actions of the pastor, vicar, assisting minister, choir, etc.
- ★ Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- ★ Children, feel free to do your artwork on the back of the bulletin. We would love to see your masterpieces!
- ★ If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back! Sharon is in the nursery if your child would enjoy playing in there. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."
- ★ Pastor Pam just recently welcomed a new grandchild into her family – she understands the joys and frustrations of little ones!



To the MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH...

- ★ Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. Lend a helping hand to parents when you can. Many of you can relate to the stress of having young children.
- ★ Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this place of worship.

Unpacking the Season of Lent

The Season of Lent can be confusing for those who are not familiar with this time in the church year. These frequent Q&As are offered to deepen our understanding about this important time.

What is this season all about? Lent is a time of preparation before the Easter celebration. The principle themes of the season include: simplicity, somberness, repentance, the renewal of baptism, prayer, fasting, and service.

What does the word "Lent" mean? In Latin, the word *Quadragesima*, which means "fortieth" was used to refer to the fortieth day before Easter. This word is preserved in many other languages. In the Middle Ages, as sermons began to be given in the language of the people instead of Latin, the English word "lent" was adopted. The word "lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, or spring, the time of year when the days begin to lengthen.

Why 40 days and how are they counted? The forty days of Lent recall the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) and the 40 day fast of Moses on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28). Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Maundy Thursday. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" celebration of the victory of Jesus over sin and death.

Why don't we use Alleluias during Lent? Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice.

What about Holy Week? Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are known as The *Triduum* or The Three Days. The *Triduum* is considered as one single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection so each day of the Triduum is important in showing us the fullness of what Jesus has done for us and for our salvation. You are encouraged to make every effort to attend worship on each day of The *Triduum*.

How do I choose what to give up for Lent? The practice of giving something up for Lent is connected to the spiritual discipline of fasting. People who choose to give something up often do so as a sign of their repentance and sacrifice. Some who observe the Season of Lent choose to add a new spiritual practice instead of giving something up. Whether you give something up or add something new, choose something that will deepen your relationship with God and your neighbor.

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

On Sunday, March 5th, our newly trained Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at both services. These individuals have completed 50 hours of training in providing high quality, confidential, one-to-one, distinctively Christian care. They will be providing care for people in and around our congregation who are grieving, in long term care, facing hospitalization or medical treatment, or dealing with other difficult situations and changes in their lives. They do not replace the care provided by Vicar Molly and Pastor Pam. Rather they will extend and deepen that care as they intentionally and faithfully visit with a person in need of care.

We give thanks for these partners in ministry who have work hard to complete this training:

Laura Carlson
Kathy Cunningham
Dan Heyl
Sandy Glass
Lois Knauff
Vicar Molly



Please keep them in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to those who will receive their care.



Nurture

Children

BYG Camp

(Building Youth Groups)

April 21–23

For all 3–5th graders!

BYG camp offers a chance for younger kids to try out camp for a shorter amount of time and also provides time with our church family separately to begin building the relationships that grow into an active and productive and fun and meaningful youth group! A Christian weekend with games, music, crafts, skits & faith talk all led by Camp Agapé's cool counselors!

The cost will be \$65 per camper.

St. Philip will pay the remaining balance (\$75).

RSVP to Cathryn at Cathryn@st-philip.org



Agapé Day Camp at Grace! June 19-23

Who?	Rising 1st-8th graders
What?	Agapé Day Camp led by the most awesome camp counselors ever!
Where?	Grace Lutheran Church, Six Forks
When?	June 19-23, 9am-3pm
Why?	To learn about Creation, God, themselves. To enjoy the company of other young folks. To have fun singing, dancing, crafting, playing, serving...
COST?	\$70 (included t-shirt!)

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

First Communion Class

Saturday, April 8th

10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Children who are curious about or interested in receiving Holy Communion and their parents are encouraged to attend!

Speak to Pastor Pam if you have questions or would like more information.



**WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT,
CAMP IS IN!**

3rd-5th Grade Extravaganza

Who? 3rd-5th graders
What? Night of fun and fellowship with 3rd-5th graders from OTHER CHURCHES: Grace Lutheran, Christ the King, and Good Shepherd Lutheran
When? March 24th 6-10:30 (Pizza is served at 6:00.)
Where? We will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran for dinner and games.

Then off to Galaxy Fun Park for some fun bouncing around.

Back at Good Shepherd we'll end our time together with a snack and devotions.

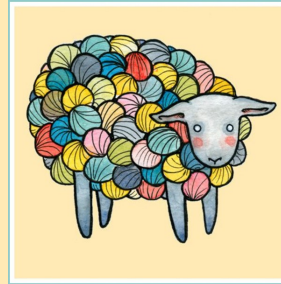
Cost? \$10.00

Please RSVP to Cathryn at cathryn@st-philip.org by March 22.



Preschool Vacation Bible School

June 19-22
9:30-11:30



"I Just Want to Be a Sheep" ... here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

PVBC serves children from 3's - rising Kindergartners, including those having completed PreK. All children must be potty trained!!

Registration deadline is June 14th!



CAMPFIRMATION AT CAMP AGAPE

WHO? Rising 8th grade GIFT youth
WHAT? Campfirmation led by awesome camp counselors as well as Pastor Pam, Vicar Molly & Cathryn!
WHERE? Camp Agapé
WHEN? June 25—30
COST? \$300.00
(St. Philip will pay \$119 of the total cost of the camp week).

Attention Young Adults

Mark your calendars for the fellowship opportunities happening in March!

You are invited to lunch on **Sunday, March 19th** at Carolina Ale House (4512 Falls of Neuse Road). We will meet there at 12:30, shortly after the traditional service ends. No need to RSVP to lunch, simply show up! We will also be getting together for a game night on **Friday, March 24th** at 7:00 at Philip and Mari's apartment. Snacks and refreshments will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite game to share with the group! Look for an email with more specific information or talk to Vicar Molly— if you have any questions or would like to be added to the Young Adult email group, contact Vicar Molly at vicar@st-philip.org. **Hope to see you all there!**

Senior Ministry Book Club

On Tuesday, March 28, the book club will meet in the Parlor from 10-11:30 am to discuss *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. Originally written in the mid-1950s, *Go Set a Watchman* was the novel Harper Lee first submitted to her publishers before *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The title comes from Isaiah 21:6: For thus hath the Lord said unto me: "Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." It alludes to Jean Louise Finch's view of her father, Atticus Finch, as the moral compass ("watchman") of Maycomb, and has a theme of disillusionment, as she discovers the extent of the bigotry in her home community. The book is available in the Wake County Public Library. Everyone is welcome to join in on the conversation on Tuesday, March 28th at 10:00 am



We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month and we rotate leading the discussion. Contact Kathryn Edwards itsmekge@gmail.com or Carol Williamson wilc321@aol.com for more information.

Saints & Sinners

Come join the Saints and Sinners at 11:30 on Tuesday, March 14th. We hope you will make plans to attend as there will be good food, good fellowship and a presentation by our own Pastor Pam about Stephen Ministry here at St. Philip.



Please RSVP to reserve your place for lunch by calling Carole Mason at 919 872-1518, by March 10th. Lunch is \$7.00

The Saints and Sinners meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Luther Hall.

Men's Breakfast Club

Will meet on March 21st 9:30 am at Big Ed's in Quail Corners Sh 5009 Falls of Neuse Road. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. To reserve your place contact Frank Bouknight @ 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com

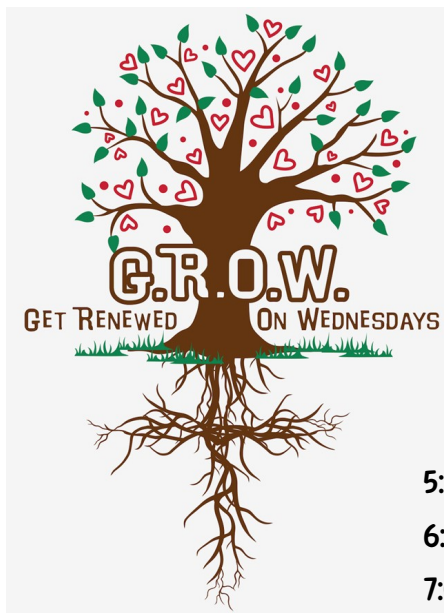


Ladies Lunch

The next lunch will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at Brigs Great Beginnings in Brennan Station, 8111 Creedmoor Rd. Lunch begins at noon. They serve a vast array of breakfast creations, cool salads, and hot sandwich platters. Please make your reservation with Claire Muller, 919-900-8443 or cmuller4@nc.rr.com.



Hope to see you there!



Join us for G.R.O.W.

(Get Renewed On Wednesdays)

Beginning at 5:45

For a midweek renewal through
a meal, music, youth groups, small groups and fellowship!!
Free will donations are encouraged.

Bring your friends! All are Welcome!!

- 5:45- 6:30 Meal (Luther Hall)
- 6:30-7:00 Lenten Worship Service
- 7:05-7:30 Joyful Noise Kidz Choir
- 7:15-8:00 MS & HS Youth Groups
- 7:15-8:00 Small Groups & Bible in 90 Days
- 7:30-8:45 Voices of Praise Adult Choir

Schedule during Lent

Women's Fellowship Group

We will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday,
March 28, 2017, and will meet at Relish.
The address is: 5625 Creedmoor Rd.

We gather together once a month inviting
women of the congregation to come for
good food, fellowship & conversation.
Contact Carol Rogers for more
information at parakayaker@gmail.com



Puzzle Get Together

Tuesday, March 28th at 12:30

Come, relax, and have fun completing a
puzzle. Questions? Contact Claire Muller
at 919-900-8443 or cmuller4@nc.rr.com
Hope to see you there!

Men's Softball

If you are interested in playing Men's
Softball, please email or call Mike Davis at
mdavis6364@gmail.com
or 321-356-6673.



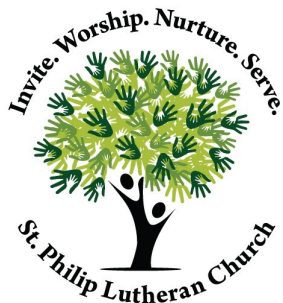
Men's Pub Ministry

Watch the weekly eNews email for our March meeting
date and place.

Men's Pub Ministry is an opportunity for men in the
congregation to meet and socialize once a month. We
select places where we can talk and have a beer or
other beverage and, perhaps, a meal.

All men are welcome, we hope to
see you there!





SERVE

ELMCROFT EVANGELS

Evangel: spreading the Christian Gospel by preaching and personal witness

- This is a monthly **MULTI-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY** opportunity
- Be an **ACTIVE** part of leading worship for Seniors at Elmcroft Senior Living,
600 Newton Road, Raleigh, NC
- Services held the **3rd Sunday** of **EACH** month at **3:00 p.m.**

All Friends and families of St. Philip Lutheran are invited to participate

Contact Director of Music Ministries, Marcia Klinder-Badgley,

for additional details at marciakb@st-philip.org



Summer Youth Mission Week

Our youth will once again be working at *Give Kids the World* in Kissimmee, FL., July 16-22, in whatever ways are needed in order to serve young people who are suffering from life-threatening diseases, difficult disabilities & their families.

Registration is now closed.



Sunday Mornings at St. Philip

8:45—Crossing Contemporary
Worship with Holy Communion

10:00—Sunday School for All Ages

11:00—Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion





SERVE



Quilters

The Lutheran World Relief quilters are looking for willing hands who can use scissors, tie a knot and who enjoy a warm blanket to help us every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level under Luther Hall.

In addition to putting donation quilts together we have many laughs while sharing our work and thoughts.

We need blankets full size and larger to use for the batting layer of our quilts. If you have donations please let Loni know. Thanks for your help.

Please consider becoming involved in this worthwhile endeavor. Questions: contact Barbara Burdette at bburd45955@aol.com



Sunday, March 5th
9:30 am—2:00 pm

To schedule your life-saving appointment visit:
redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: St Philip
or contact Emme Hooks at 919-880-9130 or
emmeline525@gmail.com

Senior Adult Ministry Meeting

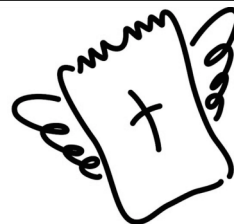
Please join us for our next meeting on
Wednesday, March 1st at 10:00 am
in the Library.

You do not need to be a member of the committee to attend. All are welcome.



Abundance Ministry:

Abundance Ministry meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday between 11:30 and 1:30 in Luther Hall to organize donations and host families who have needs. If you are interested in being part of Abundance Ministry, please contact Stacey Bell at raleighbells@yahoo.com.



Brown Bag Ministry

Meets every month on the 2nd & 4th Saturday morning at 10:00 in Luther Hall. We need your hands to help make and distribute 500 lunches.

This is a great opportunity to serve for the whole family!

Also as you are doing your weekly shopping, please keep Brown Bag Ministry in mind. Questions? Email Stacey Bell at raleighbells@yahoo.com

What Your Support Means

At Families Together we appreciate you and our member churches for being the pillars of our mission to end family homelessness in Wake County. Your ongoing support has accomplished some amazing things!

A total of 179 families (68 with continuing services after enrollment in the prior year and 111 new enrollees) received critical housing services such as short-term housing, intensive case management, financial literacy training, empowerment workshops, housing search and placement, children's enrichment and rental assistance.

More specifically, you made it possible for 26 families including large families and those with an older male child to remain together in our Short-Term Family Housing. These families were at highest risk of separation in the traditional shelter system and they were able to remain together as a family while a permanent home was located. In all, our Short-Term Family Housing provided a total of 7,208 shelter nights in 2016.

Your support helped 80 families receive temporary rental and utilities assistance along with landlord connections to permanent homes with 70% signing leases in their own names within 60 days of enrollment in our program. We are proud to report that 80% of families successfully graduate from our program by maintaining a lease in their own name for a year. You make it possible for families to break the cycle of homelessness.

Spring Events!

Volunteers and sponsors are being sought on behalf of Families Together. These are annual events that directly benefit our mission to end family homelessness and your help would make a huge difference!

3/25/2017-Families Together has been selected as a beneficiary of the St. Paddy's 8K. We need to provide 10 volunteers over the age of 21 in order to receive financial support from this event. Go to the link and sign up under Families Together. After the run, celebrate in the outdoor space behind the Raleigh Beer Garden with live Irish music and food! To sign up please go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848a5a92aa2f582017>

4/22/2017-Serve the Homeless is a group dedicated to having a blast playing volleyball while helping families experiencing homelessness in the Triangle. The event organizers are seeking volunteers and sponsors. For more information contact Christina Schmelzer at christinaschmelzer@gmail.com

Needs at Home

With so much coming up this spring, it can be easy to forget about needs on the home front. We need "Greenterns" to become part of our garden committee to harvest and maintain our onsite garden. Also our after school programs are in need of nonperishable snacks. Contact Meghan Olesen with questions and donations by phone at 919-212-1123 ext. 232 or by email at Meghan@famielstogethernc.org

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Congratulations! In 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits. **2016 Choice Dollars expire on March 31.** If you are a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Choice dollars, please consider directing them to St. Philip. Login at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>. Thank you!



The St. Philip Safety Team is forming and we need you!

A Safety Taskforce has already begun the work of developing a draft Emergency Operations Plan for St. Philip. The plan outlines some procedures that we would follow in the event of a medical emergency, a fire or explosion, a weather emergency, and an electrical utility outage.

The Congregation Council thanks those who worked hard to develop the first draft of the plan. Now it's time to move this forward by adding more specificity to the plan, educating the congregation, and implementing recommendations and safety drills. A Safety Team is being formed to oversee this process. It would be especially helpful to have someone from the medical community and those who do or have worked in safety and emergency operations in the past. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Pastor Pam.

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Finance Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
On behalf of the Finance Committee and Church Council, I would like to comment on the financial report for January. As you can see from the chart, our total income for the first month of the year was about \$3,400 less than the budgeted amount.

You may recall that, in faith, you approved a budget (spending plan) that was meaningfully higher than in previous years.

I am very pleased to report, that while giving was a little behind that plan, the total giving of \$44,381 was the best we have ever had for a January! And, we even lost a Sunday to ice and snow. Praise to God and thanks to you for your generous and faithful stewardship!

This was such a fine start to the year and so encouraging for our financial outlook, that we wanted to share and celebrate this success with you all.

God's Blessings,
Jim Beck, Finance Committee Chair




January 2017 Financial Summary

Giving	Actual	Plan	%
January 2017	\$44,381	\$47,764	93 %
Year to Date	\$44,381	\$47,764	93%

Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$41,232.	\$37,953	109%	\$41,232	\$37,953	109%
Other Income	\$3,149	\$9,811	32%	\$3,149	\$9,811	32%
Total Income	\$44,381	\$47,764	93%	\$44,381	\$47,764	93%
Expenses						
	\$43,002	\$48,531	89%	\$43,002	\$48,531	89%
Net Gain/(Loss)						
	\$1,379	\$(767)		\$1,379	\$(767)	

The Annual Budgeted Revenue needed to meet expenses is \$584,582



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 10:00 am Seniors' Ministry Team 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 12:00 pm Worship 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 pm Worship	2 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal	3 10:30 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	4 7:00 pm AA 8:30 am Property work day (shrubs)
5 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 9:30 am Blood Drive 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 1:30 pm RAFA 3:00 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm Handbell Choir 5:30 pm Mission Table Night	6 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Financial Peace University	7 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Small Group 11:30 am Abundance Ministry 7:00 pm Property Team 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	8 9:30 am Quilters 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 12:00 pm Worship G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 Worship 7:15 Youth Groups 7:15 Small Groups 7:15 Reading the Bible in 90 Days 7:30 Voices of Praise	9 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal 6:30 pm PLM Board 7:00 pm Finance & Responding Team	10 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	11 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 pm AA  Time to Spring Ahead
12 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Congregation Council	13 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scout Leaders 7:00 pm Financial Peace University	14 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Small Group 11:30 am Saints & Sinners 7:00 pm Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	15 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 12:00 pm Worship G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 Worship 7:15 Youth Groups 7:15 Small Groups 7:15 Reading the Bible in 90 Days 7:30 Voices of Praise	16 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal	17 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	18 7:00 pm AA
19 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 12:30 pm Young Adult Lunch 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 3:00 pm Elmcroft Evangels 5:30 pm Handbells	20 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Financial Peace University	21 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Small Group 11:30 am Abundance Ministry 6:00 pm Families Together 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	22 9:30 am Quilters 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 12:00 pm Worship G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 Worship 7:15 Youth Groups 7:15 Small Groups 7:15 Reading the Bible in 90 Days 7:30 Voices of Praise	23 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Crossing	24 10:00 am Al-Anon 6:30 pm Galaxy Extravaganza 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Young Adult Game night	25 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 pm AA
26 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:30 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm Handbells	27 10:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Bridge Group 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Financial Peace University	28 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Book Club 10:00 am Small Group 12:30 pm Puzzle Get Together 6:30 pm Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	29 9:30 am Quilters 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 12:00 pm Worship G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 Worship 7:15 Youth Groups 7:15 Small Groups 7:15 Reading the Bible in 90 Days 7:30 Voices of Praise	30 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal	31 	April 1st 8:30 am Property Work Day

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE!

All Classes Meet: 10:00–10:45

- **0-2 year olds:** Nursery is offered during SS.
- **2's-PreK:** Meet in the **blue room**, Ed. Bldg.
- **K-2nd:** Meet in the **red room**, Ed. Bldg.
- **3rd-5th:** Meet in the **purple room**, Ed. Bldg.
- **Confirmation (6th-7th):** Basement, Ed. Bldg.
- **Post-Confirmation (8th-12th):** Meet in the basement, Ed. Bldg. Real life faith talk in a spiritually and emotionally safe setting.
- **Augsburg Class (adult):** Library
The Augsburg class explores Bible study with rotating facilitators.
- **Faith & Fellowship (adult):** Luther Hall
Faith & Fellowship is a class geared around discussion, with rotating facilitators, focusing on varying topics throughout the year.



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