



The Epistle

November 2015

Give Thanks

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1)

Giving thanks to the Lord for his abundant love, grace, and faithfulness is an essential spiritual discipline. The phrase that is quoted above appears 11 times in the Old Testament indicating that it was an important proclamation of God's faithfulness by the Hebrew people.

Giving thanks to God was

important to Jesus as he acknowledged the work of God through him and when he celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples. Paul, in his writings, gives thanks to God 29 times for his coworkers in the Gospel who labor with him and for the salvation accomplished in Jesus.

⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Giving thanks is central to

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Give Thanks *(continued)*

our human experience in the month of November. We begin the month with All Saints Sunday (Nov 1), giving thanks for the saints who have gone before us in the faith, for the saints that are among us, and for the saints who are yet to come.

In the middle of the month (Nov 22) we will give thanks to God for Jesus who is our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Also on Nov 22, we'll celebrate the conclusion of the Pony Express Run with one service at 10am followed by lunch together.

On Monday, Nov. 23, we'll give thanks together at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service which will be held at Millbrook Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. I'll be preaching that night and will look forward to seeing all of you there.

Then on Nov 26 we will gather with our families and friends to give thanks for the bounty of God's creation and the many gifts of God.

Finally, on Nov 29, we begin the new church year and transition to the season of Advent where we give thanks for the fulfillment of God's promises even as we wait for Jesus to come again.

I give thanks to God for this congregation and for all of you, my brothers and sisters in the faith. I give thanks for your generosity as you give so much of yourselves, your time, and your resources to ensure that ministry happens in this place. I give thanks for the ways that you care for one another, for your willingness to try new things, and for your desire to reach out into the community in which we live. God is doing a mighty thing here at St. Philip within us and through us to extend the Kingdom of God. Giving thanks to God for you and with you!

Pastor Pam



Developing a Closer Relationship with God through Prayer, Caring Conversations, and Faith Sharing

Lent will be a very unique time for our congregation. It'll be unique because we will actually immerse ourselves in a spiritual journey before Lent officially begins. It'll be unique because rather than giving up some random thing, we'll intentionally focus on the spiritual practices of prayer, caring conversations, and sharing our faith.

The resource we'll use is called *Unbinding the Heart* by Martha Grace Reese. Martha writes that this is all about "untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives in the Spirit. It's about unbinding the Good News that God adores us and everyone else, that God has shown this to us through Jesus Christ" (p. 3 of *Unbinding Your Heart*). Every one of us needs to hear this Good News time and time again!

Prayer is an important aspect of *Unbinding the Heart*. Prayer is the way we stay in love with God. Prayer is the way individuals, small groups, and congregations grow and become vivid. Prayer involves effort, habit, and focus; but it results in lightness and energy and excitement. Through this study you'll be invited to try a variety of prayer practices in hopes that you'll discover new ways to deepen your prayer life.

To help us make room in our busy lives for this intentional time, many of the committee and other small group meetings will take a break from meeting during the season of Lent (late January – Easter Sunday). By

removing these meetings and activities we'll create the space that we need to intentionally focus on developing a closer relationship with God and each other. Be sure to check with your committee and small group leader to see how this sabbatical from meetings will impact your group. This will probably challenge us a little bit but it'll be worth it as we nurture our relationships with each other and center our faith community life on God.

We'll immerse ourselves in *Unbinding Your Heart*. Small groups will be offered at a variety of times during the week in order to include as many people as possible. Sunday school for adults, youth, and children will incorporate a study of the concepts related to *Unbinding Your Heart*. Worship will include a preaching series and the hymns we sing and the music we hear will be related to this experience.

We encourage everyone to participate in this unique encounter with God by signing up to be part of a small group, reading the book, doing the prayer exercises, and attending worship. Registration materials will be available on December 6th.

My brothers and sisters, give yourself a gift this Christmas and sign up to participate fully in this intentional time of developing a closer relationship with God and each other through prayer, caring conversations, and faith sharing!

Overview of Unbinding Your Heart

Unbinding Your Heart (UYH) is a nine-week whole congregation study of prayer and faith sharing. The book includes 40-days of individual prayer exercises coordinated with each chapter and a personal prayer journal.

Purpose

Enrich the faith community;
Develop and deepen our relationship with God;
Provide opportunities to practice a variety of ways to pray; and
Teach us how to talk about our faith.

The Vision

Imagine all of us reading the same book, trying out different approaches to prayer, and reflecting on the experience every day.
Imagine gathering together in small groups to share insights from what we're reading, to talk about how God is showing up in our lives, and to pray together.

Dates

Whole congregation study: begins in mid-January 2016 and ends the week of March 13, 2016;
Sign up: December 6, 2015 - January 10, 2016.

Activities

Daily reading, prayer and journaling activities;
Weekly small group meetings; and
Full integration with Sunday morning worship including hymns, readings, and preaching.

Small Groups

Facilitators of the small groups will be members of the congregation who have worked through the study already. The facilitator's role is to help the group establish a safe and open environment for conversation and prayer. They will convene the group, manage time, and keep the group focused on the topic.

Small Group Meeting Times

Monday mornings from 10 - 11:15 am

Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Other times as needed to involve every member of the congregation.

Unbinding Your Heart - FAQs

Is Unbinding Your Heart really about “evangelism”?

Yes and no. No, it isn't the 'evangelism' most of us have come to associate with this word. It isn't about pressuring people about God. It isn't about increasing our church's membership. It isn't about putting a new coat of paint on an old building.

Rather, it's about taking our faith seriously. Yes, it is about experiencing a genuine connection to the One who created us. It's about re-kindling our love for God and one another. And finally – it's about what naturally springs from experiencing a deeper relationship with God which is the desire to tell others – in plain words, who God is and what God has done in your life.

Why is Unbinding Your Heart important?

Our world is full of people, many of them right outside our doors, who need to hear the very message we sometimes take for granted. It is important because not only do we need to be revitalized in our own walk with God – but because there are others who desperately need God's healing and wholeness in their lives and we may be the very ones God is calling to help make that happen. Our church will certainly be blessed by Unbinding Your Heart – but more importantly, you will be blessed personally – and YOU are where it all begins.

Will I have to do a lot of reading?

After a week of getting to know each other in your small group, you will read one chapter for each of the following seven weeks – easily read in one sitting, but better enjoyed over the course of each week. The last session, in week nine, is a time for the group to enjoy fellowship and conversation about the entire experience.

What are the requirements for participation?

The level of your participation is entirely up to you. Each Sunday morning will be a culmination of the reading and devotional time of the week leading up to it – but a person will not have to have read the book or participated in a small group in order to enjoy or be inspired by our worship.

For those who choose to participate fully, the things I believe need to be present include: an open and willing heart, mind spirit; a copy of Unbinding Your Heart; participation in a small group; and daily prayers and devotions (provided in the book).

How will children and youth participate in this study?

Youth who desire to may sign up to participate in a small group with adults. Children and youth will also engage in this study on Wednesday nights and during Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

Is there a cost to participating in the congregation-wide study of Unbinding Your Heart?

The cost of the books pre-purchased by our church is approximately \$10 per copy. We are asking for a donation of \$10 to help cover this cost – understanding there will be some who cannot afford this expense and some who can cover the expense of books for themselves and many others. Book payments will be collected when you register. Please make checks payable to St. Philip and note UYH on the memo line. If you're able to donate additional funds that will help cover the cost of the books for those who are unable to purchase a book for themselves, it would be greatly appreciated. Regardless of one's financial position, we encourage every member to take a copy of Unbinding Your Heart.

Multiple people in my household are participating in the study, do we each need to purchase a book?

Because the book includes the 40 days of prayer and journaling, you're encouraged to purchase a book for each member of your household who is participating.

Can I be in the same small group as my family members?

When you register, you'll have the opportunity to indicate the type of small group that you prefer. Some may be single gender groups while others may be mixed gendered. Some may include couples or family groups while others may be comprised of singles. Some may include people from various generations while others may include people from the same generation. Be sure to indicate your preference on the registration form.

Will there be a variety of opportunities for me to be in a small group?

Yes. Small groups will be meeting at different times during the week. You will have the opportunity to sign up beginning on December 6. Indicate the group meeting time that will work best for you. If none of the options are convenient, suggest another time and we'll see what we can do to organize a group for that time. Once you start in a small group, we ask that you to stick with that group rather than switch between groups in order to establish a small group community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate the Conclusion of the Pony Express
November 22

One service at 10:00 am
Followed by lunch in Luther Hall.
Bring a dessert to share!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Monday, November 23 at 7:00 pm
Millbrook Baptist Church
Pastor Pam will be preaching

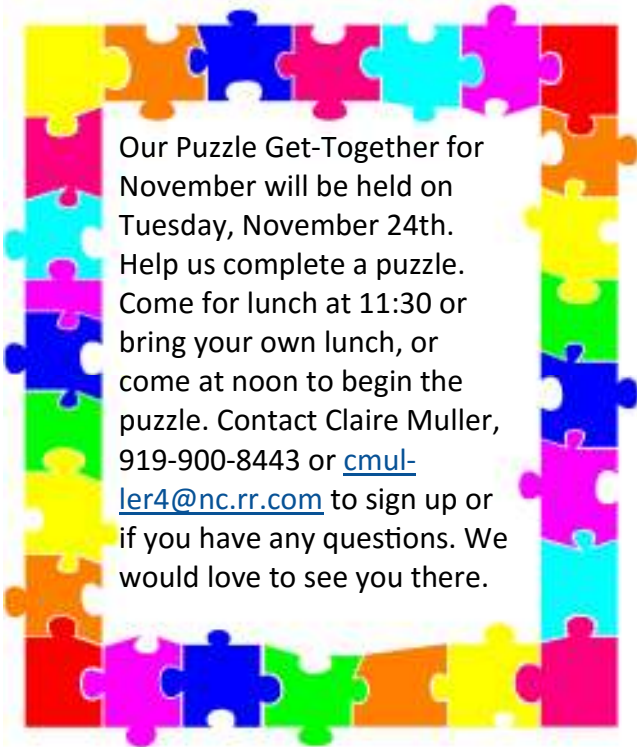
A Called Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 10:15 am in Kepley Hall for the purpose of approving the Spending Plan for 2016. Please make plans to attend.

A Blue Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 pm. For some, the Christmas season is very challenging due to grief, illness, depression, and loneliness. The Blue Christmas service is designed to bring comfort and hope to those who may feel "blue" during the Christmas season.

Mark your calendars now!
Christmas Eve Worship Services
4:00 pm – Family Candlelight
7:00 pm – Contemporary Candlelight
9:00 pm – Traditional Candlelight

You're invited to Bible Study

Beginning on Monday, Nov. 9 at 10 am and Wednesday, Nov 11 at 6:45 pm our weekday Bible studies will study the assigned readings for the upcoming Sunday. We'll read and discuss the Old Testament reading, Psalm, Epistle reading, and the Gospel reading. This will be a great opportunity for you to go deeper into these texts as you prepare for worship the next Sunday. Plus you may get a preview about the direction of Sunday's sermon. No need to sign up in advance or purchase any materials. Just bring your Bible and join in the conversation.



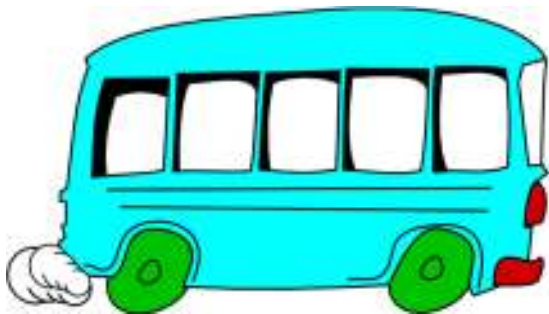
Our Puzzle Get-Together for November will be held on Tuesday, November 24th. Help us complete a puzzle. Come for lunch at 11:30 or bring your own lunch, or come at noon to begin the puzzle. Contact Claire Muller, 919-900-8443 or cmuller4@nc.rr.com to sign up or if you have any questions. We would love to see you there.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Please join us for Men's Breakfast Club at Big Ed's in Quail Corners Shopping Center, 5009 Falls of Neuse Rd, November 24, 8:30 a.m. (Big Ed's offers a senior discount). To reserve your place, contact Frank Bouknight, 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com Everyone is welcome!!

Move over boys! The ladies are coming to Big Ed's. The next Ladies Lunch is at Big Ed's in Quail Corners Shopping Center (5009 Falls of Neuse Rd) on November 12 beginning at noon. Big Ed's offers a senior discount. Sign up with Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038 or sankelly55@hotmail.com. Also, let Sandy know if you need transportation.



The next BUS TRIP is scheduled for Friday, December 4. We will leave at 10:15 am from the church. Our destination is the Meymandi Concert Hall for a Baroque Christmas Concert presented by the NC Symphony. There will be a talk given at 11:00 by a symphony representative about the concert music and composers. Concert is at noon. We will walk across the street for lunch at McDonald's after the concert. Cost of tour is \$20.00. Come and enjoy the music of Handel and Bach including the Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah. All ages are welcome to join us. Treat a friend, who is difficult to buy for, to an early Christmas gift. This will be our last bus trip until late Spring. Don't miss it! Sign up early with Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038 or sankelly55@hotmail.com.



“HEADING HOME” CAMPAIGN – HELP US END HOMELESSNESS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

This holiday season, we ask you to consider the phrase *“I’M HEADING HOME!”* You might use it casually all the time. But what if you didn’t have a home? What if your children were looking up at you asking, “Where are we sleeping tonight”? At PLM Families Together, our goal between now and the end of the year is to raise \$50,000 to help families who are living in shelters, in motels or in cars know the joy of “heading home.” Did you know there are approximately 4,000 children who experience homelessness each year in Wake County? Together we can take steps to change that.

To help our campaign succeed, The Stewards Fund has pledged a \$19,000 all-or-nothing challenge match. So if you’re a current supporter who wants to give more, a new donor, or we haven’t heard from you in at least 18 months, your gift can be doubled. Your “Heading Home” donation will be used to help a family return to an affordable home of their own, and will support our long-term work with them. [Please visit our website to give (www.plmft.org), or reach us by mail at PLM Families Together, P.O. Box 14395, Raleigh, NC 27620.] Questions? Email Jennifer@plmft.org or 919-212-1123 ext. 231. We are sincerely grateful for any help you are able to provide.

Holiday Smiles – thank you!

Thank you to the churches and individuals who’ve offered to help one or more families in our program with presents for the Christmas holiday. We are overwhelmed with your generosity.

Share and help us get the word out

Do you use Instagram? Connect with us (PLMFT). You’ll also find regular updates on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PLMFT), and on Twitter (@PLMFT).



Imagine you fell on hard times and were left homeless, then PLMFT offered you temporary housing and a chance to get back on your feet. You walk into your new apartment and it looks like someone just moved out. I'd be grateful but I'd feel less appreciated as a human. But if your new apartment was clean, you'd feel like you have a chance at a new life, that someone believed in you and cared. An hour or two of your time can make that world of difference to someone. Please sign up to help clean these apartments. We are not Serv Pro, we vacuum, wash kitchens, bathrooms, and get rid of the cobwebs. How easy is that?

Email me, Sandy Glass, at mark.glass@gmail.com to be a part of this wonderful, behind the scenes ministry.

Abundance Ministry

About Abundance Ministry – This is a new ministry that grew out of a need we saw through developing relationships with those we serve through Brown Bag Ministry. Many of us have an abundance, more than enough. In fact, our *stuff* sometimes complicates our lives. This ministry creates a win-win situation! We bring in our stuff (gently used clothes, housewares, shoes, strollers, highchairs, etc.) and then the families we serve at Cedar Point, families in need, can come and ‘shop’ for what they need.

Needs for Abundance Ministry- In addition to your ‘abundance’ we need YOU! Anyone who has the asset of organization, we need you! Not great with organization, but have the assets of compassion and patience? We need you on our ‘shopping’ days! Please contact Christine Grantham (christine.grantham@me.com) or Stacey Bell (raleighbells@yahoo.com) for details.

Refugee Tutoring Ministry

About the Ministry – This program is run by Amy Griffith in the Community Center at the Cedar Point Apartments (the same folks we serve through Brown Bag Ministry and Abundance Ministry). The homework help program started August 24th. They have homework help for **elementary and middle school students Monday through Thursday from 3-5pm** and **high school help on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm**.

Ministry Needs – Do you love to teach? Help equip these youth to succeed and develop a love of learning! Check out the tutoring times and determine where you can fit in!

Upcoming Opportunities– Miss the interest meeting, but want to be a part of this awesome opportunity? No problem! Show up when you can. A lot of kids are showing up for help and would LOVE your support! If you have questions, you can either contact Stacey Bell at raleighbells@gmail.com or Amy directly at aes3305@nc.rr.com

Did you know...

WIC and Food Stamp programs do not cover diapers.

Diapers can cost a family \$100 month per child.

1 in 3 parents has had to choose between buying diapers and food.

Without diapers babies cannot attend daycare or participate in early childhood education.

Those of you who have built relationships with the folks we serve through Brown Bag Ministry and Abundance Ministry know that diapers are a big deal to the families we serve! The good news is that we have partnered with The Diaper Train to supply diapers on a monthly basis! Together we can do something tangible for families that are struggling at the moment! Come be a part of solution! We will hand out the diapers on the 4th Saturdays of Brown Bag Ministry. Questions? Contact Stacey Bell.



Going GREEN At St. Philip (New Contribution Envelopes Coming)

We have all thrown away pink envelopes at one time or another. I know I have. Did you realize that as a congregation we are actually throwing away around 8,600 envelopes a year. Each of those envelopes is being sent at a cost of around 10 cents per envelope. I know that 10 cents doesn't sound like a lot, but we are basically throwing away around \$860 a year. Think of the wonderful things we can do at St. Philip with \$860. That is a lot of GREEN we can use towards our various ministries.

With the current process we are using through Cathedral we have no choice but to send each contributor a weekly envelope plus special observances each year regardless of what you use. We will be implementing a new process where you will receive what you need. If you need 52 envelopes a year, 12 envelopes a year, 10 at a time, or no envelopes we will be able to tailor the program so each person gets just what they request.

Look forward to information coming out about this new program as we Go GREEN at St. Philip. If you have question or comments, please feel free to let me know. I'm all ears! Janis Lawrence JanisTango@nc.rr.com [919-845-1684](tel:919-845-1684)

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE PROJECT INFORMATION

– Call for Volunteers for Habitat Build –

Please signup, you'll be glad you did!

The Building Independence Project is about to begin! Be a part of something special. This project is building affordable housing for 9 low-income adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Construction is scheduled to begin November 19
Site address is 2610 Lake Wheeler Rd Raleigh 27603

For more information please contact

Mark Glass (336) 212-3714 mark.glass@gmail.com

Area Lutheran churches are providing volunteers for this build
St. Philip build days are Sat, Nov 21 and Dec 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sign up!

The Building Independence Project budget is \$459,174. The Project partners Lutheran Services Carolinas, The Serving Cup and Habitat Wake are collaborating to raise funds. Thrivent Financial is providing \$76,529 and area Lutheran churches are raising \$76,529+.

Sign-up link: <http://vhub.at/lakewheeler>



Dear Members of St. Philip—

I would like to thank the congregation for the huge turnout I got on my confirmation project. I got way more than I expected, which was over 50 lbs of pet food, treats, and cleaning items. The SPCA of Wake County was very grateful for everything when I dropped it off last weekend, and so am I. Together, we have helped many dogs and cats to have as many supplies as they need before they are adopted to a caring home. It was a very humbling experience, mostly in part to your donations, and it is very appreciated. Thank you for what have done to make my project what it is!


-Matt Wiener

Grace Kindl and Braeden Bell here!

For our confirmation project we are helping to collect, organize, and hand out winter coats to the families we serve through Brown Bag Ministry (BBM). Please bring in any gently used winter coats and drop them off in the BBM closet in Luther Hall. For the past couple of years we have given out close to 400 coats per year so we need all the donations we can get. Please ask friends, family, co-workers, sports teams, etc to donate their coats as well. Together we can make this happen! Thanks so much for your support.



MUSIC NOTES



Thank You—On behalf of the Music Ministry of St. Philip, sincere thanks to everyone who laundered choir robes in preparation for October celebrations of Reformation and Confirmation. Your efforts and your willingness to help are most appreciated!

—Marcia Klinder-Badgley, Director of Music Ministries

Let Heav'n and Nature Sing—Are you interested in sharing your gift of song with the St. Philip choirs for the 2015 Advent/Christmas season of worship services? Please accept this invitation to bring your voice to a Wednesday rehearsal in the Sanctuary!

6:45 p.m. Kids Choir (any ages)

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir (any ages :-)



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture

IN A NUTSHELL

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) teaches that there is one God and one humanity created by God, as expressed in Scripture. Our oneness in Christ, the one who breaks down dividing walls, connects all people. The whole church looks forward to God's future when people will come from everywhere to eat together in the reign of God (Luke 13:29).

This church names racism as sin and affirms that the diversity of cultures throughout history is a God-given gift and a glimpse of the future. Plurality of culture (the attitudes and patterns of life) is a blessing to be appreciated, not absorbed by assimilation. The ELCA opposes discrimination, supports legislation that guarantees equal rights, and promotes international respect for human rights.

AIMS OF THIS 3 WEEK GUIDED DISCUSSION

To utilize this statement as a tool to guide conversations on race relations, ethnicity, and culture; and what it means to be a public church that values all people.

To confront the cost of narrowness, racism, and exclusivity with repentance and appreciate and celebrate the benefits of racial and cultural diversity in the Church.

To seek ways to help the congregation commit to a celebration of racial and cultural diversity, a valuing of all people and an action on behalf of and in support of social justice for all.

When and Where: Nov 1, 8 and 15 at 10:20 AM, Luther Hall

<http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/RaceSS.pdf>

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Freed In Christ Race Ethnicity Culture BriefSummary.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Freed%20In%20Christ%20Race%20Ethnicity%20Culture%20BriefSummary.pdf)



Y O U T H E V E N T S

K - 5th Grade Lock In December 11th

We'll be making blankets for Cedar Point residents and baking cookies to take out caroling on December 19th!! Drop Off - 7PM in Luther Hall Come already fed and bring your warm jammies and sleeping bags! Pick up is 8:00AM Saturday morning in Luther Hall

YouthQuake - November 14th

- ◉ What? YouthQuake is a day retreat for 3rd-5th graders across the North Carolina Synod. We will gather for music, crafts, games, worship, pizza and fun.
- ◉ Who? 3rd-5th Graders
- ◉ When? November 14th from 9:30-3:30
- ◉ Where? Holy Trinity, Raleigh
- ◉ Cost? \$20 which includes t-shirt, lunch, and craft supplies

Please RSVP to Cathryn at cathryn@st-philip.org!

Let's Go Christmas Caroling!!!

Save the date! On December 19th, let us all gather to spread joy and raise our voices to lift up the spirits of homebound members of St. Philip along with folks in local nursing facilities. We will meet in Luther Hall at 10:00 a.m. to get organized. Then we'll go out in groups to make singing visits. Please let Marcia know if you are interested in joining us at marciakb@st-philip.org.



High School/College Youth Lock In December 28th, 7pm - 29th, 9am

All high school and college aged youth are invited to come hang out during Christmas break! There will be NO painting! I repeat, NO painting!! Come late, leave early, enjoy the whole thing! We'd love to see you and to get reconnected!!! RSVP to Cathryn at cathryn@st-philip.org!





November Birthdays


Puente, Alex	11/1	Hensley, Jennifer	11/13
Wiener, Cindy	11/1	Heath, Hayden	11/17
Zeok, Suzie	11/3	Ridenhour, Jerri	11/17
Hopwood, Bill	11/4	Downey, Karen	11/20
Iverson, Harry	11/4	Halferty, Alyssa	11/24
Halferty, Olivia	11/6	Weinzapfel, Tim	11/24
Gifford, Karen	11/8	Northrup, Pam	11/25
Thompson, Krissy	11/8	Wrisley, Bob	11/28
Baird, Eddie	11/11	Northrup, Bob	11/29
Casadonte, Paul	11/11	Pongracz, Ethan	11/29
Werner, Ernst	11/12	Rodabaugh, Anneliese	11/30
Harrell, Warren	11/13		



November Anniversaries

Jason & Jennifer Bryan	11/1/2003	12
Gary & Dorothy Tharrington	11/5/1983	32
Jim & Sandra Kosmar	11/16/1974	41
Julius & Carolyn Cesare	11/17/1963	52
Tom & Loni Dapp	11/18/1972	43
Glenn & Grace Smyre	11/18/1989	26
Eddie & Anne Wessell	11/26/1972	43

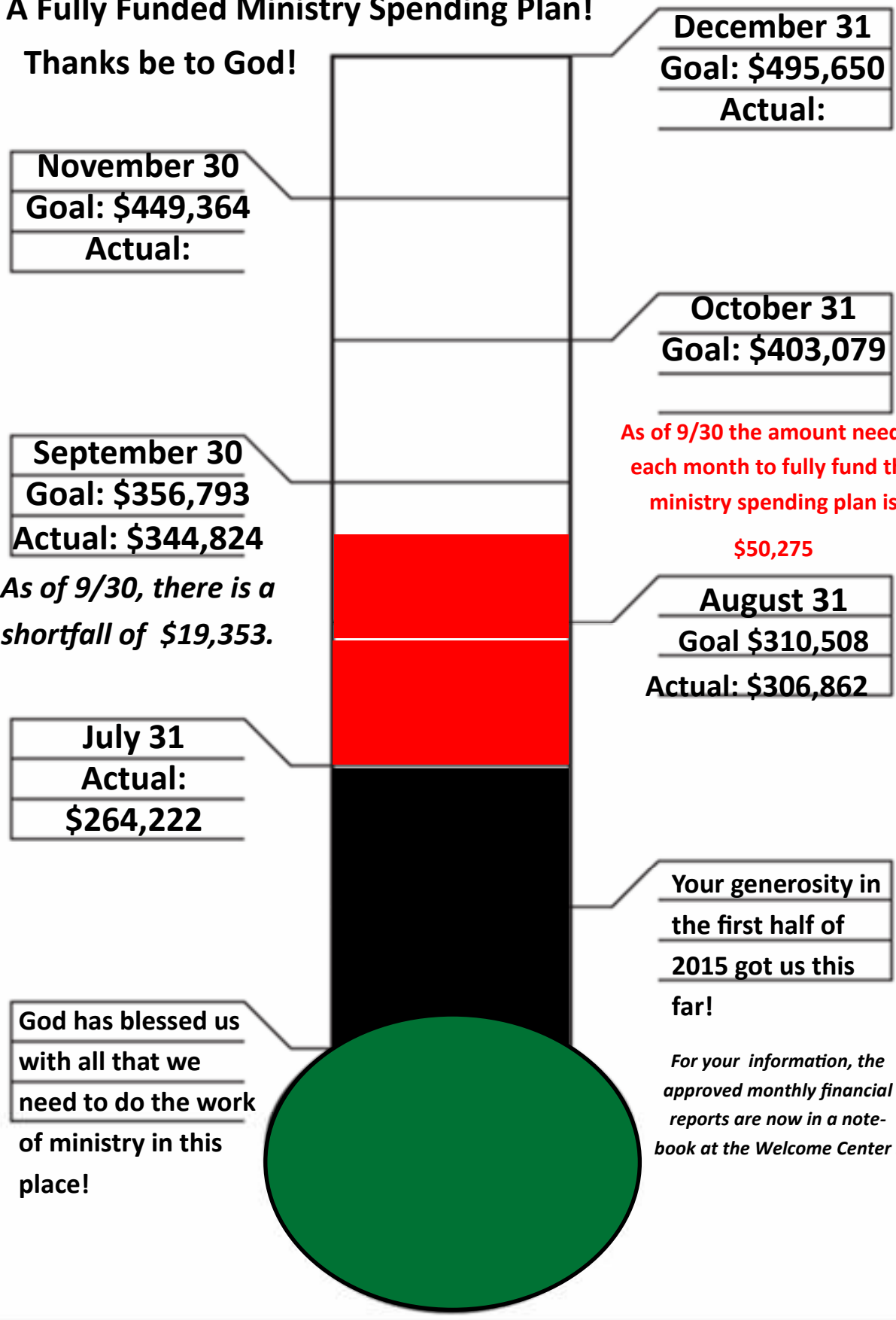
NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 9:10 AM Crossing 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Worship Service with Communion 1:30 PM Flute Choir 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Forward Together	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Unbinding Your Heart	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM TEC 7:00 PM Worship & Music	4 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 6:00 PM GROW Meal (Luther Hall) 6:30PM MS & HS Youth Groups 6:45 PM Children's Choir 6:45 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Choir	5 6:30 PM Crossing Team 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Finance	6 10:00 AM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA	7 10:00 AM SHAPE 1:00 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony 7:00 PM AA
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22 Christ the King Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 11:30 AM Pony Express Celebration Lunch	23 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service	24 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Puzzles 6:30 PM Women's Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25 9:30 AM Quilting NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	26 THANKSGIVING 	27 10:00 AM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA	28 10:00 AM Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 PM AA
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St. Philip Lutheran Church—2015 Spending Plan

A Fully Funded Ministry Spending Plan!

Thanks be to God!



November 30
Goal: \$449,364
Actual:

December 31
Goal: \$495,650
Actual:

October 31
Goal: \$403,079

September 30
Goal: \$356,793
Actual: \$344,824
As of 9/30, there is a shortfall of \$19,353.

As of 9/30 the amount needed each month to fully fund the ministry spending plan is \$50,275

August 31
Goal \$310,508
Actual: \$306,862

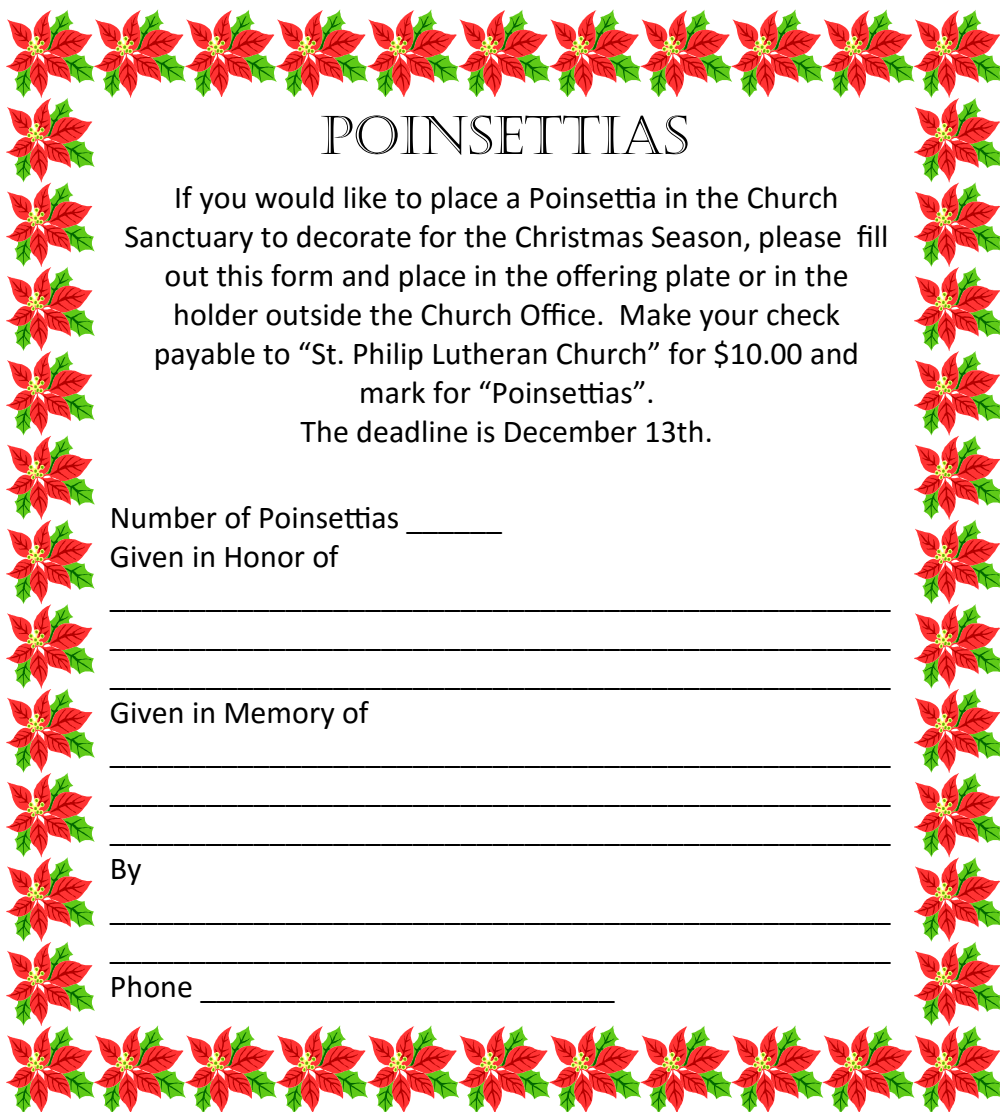
July 31
Actual:
\$264,222

Your generosity in the first half of 2015 got us this far!

God has blessed us with all that we need to do the work of ministry in this place!

For your information, the approved monthly financial reports are now in a notebook at the Welcome Center.

It's time to think about ordering Poinsettias for Christmas. Orders will be accepted from November 29 through December 13. Please use the following order form or one from the bulletin. You can send your order to the office or place it in the offering plate on Sundays. Many thanks to our volunteers who so beautifully decorate the church for Advent and Christmas every year.



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a Poinsettia in the Church Sanctuary to decorate for the Christmas Season, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate or in the holder outside the Church Office. Make your check payable to "St. Philip Lutheran Church" for \$10.00 and mark for "Poinsettias".

The deadline is December 13th.

Number of Poinsettias _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given in Memory of _____

By _____

Phone _____



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Deadline for the November Epistle is **Tuesday, October 20.** Submissions should be sent to Natalie at admin@st-philip.org. Submissions received after the 20th may be sent out in the weekly E-News.

Deadline for E-News and BBN is Wednesday 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

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