

The Epistle

St. Philip Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2016

The Start of Something New

For many this has been a wonderful summer of worship and fellowship. We've enjoyed a rich variety of worship styles, have made new friends, and have shared in some awesome fellowship. Our children and middle school youth experienced Agape Day Camp, engaged in some local mission work, and the rising 8th graders shared in a great week of Campfirmation. Preschoolers enjoyed their very own Vacation Bible School and our Senior High Youth traveled to Orlando for a week of mission work at Give Kids the World.

And now that late August and September are upon us new things are happening: vacations are ending, students and teachers have gone back to school, team sports are beginning, after school activities are ramping up, and homework and projects are ever-present.

This same phenomenon is happening at St. Philip: committees are beginning to meet again, Sunday school and confirmation are returning, GROW dinner and Wednesday night activities are ramping up. Stephen Ministry is launching a new class. Faith Building Groups are organizing. Youth groups, vocal and bell choir practices and Bible studies will begin soon.

My hope and prayer is that as you are re-establishing your routines and starting new ones, that participating in the faith community of St. Philip will become a high priority for you and your family. We've missed seeing many of you this summer and look forward to reconnecting this fall.

If you see something on the calendar that interests you, please just show up!

If you have an idea for a new ministry or activity, please just speak up!

If you'd like to try something new: make new friends, take a bus trip, sing in a choir, ring a hand bell, serve in worship, teach Sunday school, become a Stephen Minister, complete a puzzle, tie knots in quilts, help out with a property task, pack and deliver brown bag lunches to Cedar Point, please just step up!

My sisters and brothers in Christ, the Body of Christ at St. Philip needs your participation, needs your engagement, needs your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to do the work that God gives us to do. Remember, my friends, there is a place for you HERE!

In Christ's peace and love,

Pastor Pam

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Sharing in Ministry

Wow! It's hard to believe that I have officially started my internship here at St. Philip. When I first committed to seminary, internship seemed forever away – and yet, here we are!

After my installation, things quickly hit the ground running. Meetings stacked up, my office started to come together, boxes were unpacked in my new apartment, and I finally remembered the code to the front door of the church! Even through the hustle and bustle of starting internship, I have had time to reflect on my first few weeks. Through this reflection, I have found myself very grateful to be sharing in ministry with St. Philip this year.

From the start, St. Philip has been very welcoming. Even before my first Sunday, I could tell how much people cared about my well-being. When I pulled up to my apartment, people were already standing outside ready to help me unload my Uhaul. It was awesome to see people so eager to help! Shout out to all the movers – it went faster than I imagined! I thought it couldn't get much better than that...until the pantry pounding that Sunday. I was incredibly overwhelmed by the generosity of the people here at St. Philip. Thanks to everyone who contributed – I greatly appreciate it! Throughout the following weeks people continued to greet me, embrace me, and help me get settled at the church.

It is obvious that the body of Christ at St. Philip is alive and active. I can already tell just by seeing everyone pulling together and welcoming a new Vicar! I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us together this coming year!

God's Peace,
Vicar Molly



Sunday Mornings

One service at 9:30 in September

Sept 4 – 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 together and then engage in a variety of outreach service projects.

Sept 18 - Rally Day! Worship will be filled with Milestone Blessings and Praise.

Be sure to invite a friend or neighbor to worship!

EVER-REFORMING: A REFORMATION 500 CROSS-GENERATIONAL STUDY

The 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation will be celebrated on Oct. 31, 2017 but we are not waiting until then to begin our observance. We observe Reformation as an ongoing reminder that because Christ is alive and loose in the world, God in Christ is still creating, still evoking, still calling forth new life. We are always reforming. Always being made new!

Beginning on Sunday, September 25th in Luther Hall, during the Sunday School time, the Faith and Fellowship class will be using a resource provided by the NC Synod called Ever-Reforming. In four-week segments, this discussion based forum will tackle topics like: Church History, Martin Luther, Luther in the Home, Lutheran Theology, Liturgy and Why We Do What We Do in Worship, Music and Hymnody, and Lutheran Ethics.

There is a place for you in the conversation!



M = Music Ministry
U = Utilizing
S = Song
I = In
C = Christ's Community

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working,
but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."
I Corinthians 12: 4-6, NIV*

Consider exploring your musical gifts this fall!

No age limit! No experience necessary!

Only...a heart willing to serve through God's incredible gift of Music Ministry!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14th

6:15-6:45 p.m.—Middle School/High School Youth Choir (Music Room)

6:45-7:15 p.m.—Children's Choir (Music Room)

7:30-8:40 p.m.—Adult Choir (Sanctuary)

QUESTIONS??? Contact Marcia K-B, Director of Music Ministries at

marciakb@st-philip.org



Handbell Choir

Are you interested in learning a little bit more about handbells? Have you been yearning to understand more about how to read the music we sing during the services? Are handbells something you're nervous to do because you're afraid you don't know enough about music?



If so, fear not! Come join us for a few beginner lessons, led by Allie Bruce, before the bell season gets fully underway.

Enjoying these lessons doesn't mean you need to join the bell choir but perhaps you will want to! Returning bell members please come also.

Sundays, September 11 & 18 @ 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary..... Bring a friend!

Forward Together Taskforce Completes Its Task

In September 2015, a cross-generational group of men and women from all three services began meeting as the Forward Together Taskforce. Members included: Natalie Bowman, Mike Davis, Joe Edwards, Sydney Hewett, Claire Muller, Carol Rogers, Greg Scarborough, Betty and Dave Wahlstrom, and Pastor Pam. Tasked by the Congregation Council to develop a Mission Plan for St. Philip, the group used a model known as “The Three Great Listenings” to shape its work together. This included: listening to God; listening to our neighbors; and listening to each other.

We listened to God as we grounded our work in prayer and Bible study. Our studies included: Acts 2:1-4, 40-47; Acts 4:1-22; and Acts 1: 6-14. Each one helped us explore who we are as the church; why the church exists; and who is our neighbor.

We listened to our neighbors by reviewing demographic information for a 5-mile radius around the church. We identified key partners within this 5-mile radius and others nearby and then went out to talk with them. This included the Interfaith Clergy Group, Elmcroft Assisted Living Facility, North Raleigh Regional Library, West Millbrook Middle School, North Ridge Elementary school, Millbrook High School, and the North Raleigh Police Department. These conversations were centered around what these partners saw as the greatest need in this area and how we could partner together to address that need.

We listened to each other as we reflected on who we are as a congregation – our strengths and our challenges; as we shared our learnings from those interviews; and as we began to think about God’s call to be the church known as St. Philip. Then on Sunday, May 1, we invited those in worship to share in this discernment. First, worshippers were asked to choose, from a list of value words, 3-5 words that describe what’s important to St. Philip. Then, we took an imaginary hot-air balloon ride as we hovered over St. Philip to look at what we hoped to be about in 3-5 years.

There were 718 selections of value words from the provided list. The top 12 and the number of times each was selected are:

Serving – 77	Relationships – 33
Worship – 69	Giving – 32
Community – 65	Learning – 31
Welcoming – 47	Friendship – 29
Love – 46	Hope – 27
Caring – 35	Inclusiveness - 27

The hot-air balloon ride generated over 400 observations about St. Philip in the future. The most often repeated items included:

Serving the community/Reaching Out – 144	Worshipping and Praising God – 60
Growing in faith – 75	Being caring and loving – 32
Being welcoming and inclusive - 66	Fellowship and community - 30

Using your responses and insights gleaned through Bible study, prayer, and conversation a new mission statement, vision statement, core values, taglines, and guiding principles have emerged for St. Philip. Over the next year, we will go deeper into what these mean to us and how we can more fully embrace who we are and who we are becoming as a partner in God's mission to bless and love the world.

St. Philip Lutheran Church Mission Plan

Adopted by the Congregation Council on Aug. 14, 2016

OUR MISSION *(Our purpose, why we exist and what God is calling us to do.)*

Rejoicing in God's grace, our mission is to invite, worship, nurture, and serve.

OUR VISION *(What we are striving to become.)*

We are a welcoming community where all people are included and where the Good News of Christ is explored and proclaimed as we demonstrate our faith through service to our neighbors so that all will come to know they are embraced by God's grace.

OUR VALUES *(Defining traits that identify what's vitally important to our life together.)*

1. Extravagant welcoming
2. Engaging worship
3. Life-long faith formation
4. Caring community
5. Compassionate service
6. Generous giving

OUR TAGLINES *(Slogans that remind us about who we are and what we're called to do.)*

1. Come and See. Go and Serve.
2. Building up the Body of Christ to the Glory of God.
3. There's a place for you here.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES *(Statements of our core beliefs.)*

1. We exist for the sake of the world.
2. We are the church.
3. We are Lutheran.
4. God's saving grace embraces everyone.
5. Jesus is the center of our mission and proclamation.
6. The Holy Spirit freely gives us gifts to share.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Men's Breakfast Club

Join us at 8:30 am on Tuesday, September 27rd for the Men's Breakfast Club at Big Ed's in Quail Corners Shopping Center, 5009 Falls of Neuse Road.

Come into the air conditioning and enjoy good food and fellowship.

To reserve your place contact Frank Bouknight @ 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be held at First Watch, 6320 Capital Blvd., on September 1st at noon.

They have great soup and sandwiches—and breakfast all day! Please make your reservation with Sandra Kelley as soon as possible at 919-247-1038 or sankelly55@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!



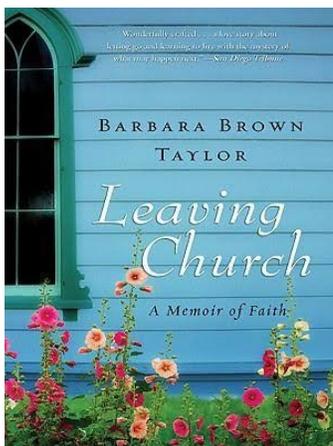
Puzzle Get Together



Tuesday, September 27th at 12:30 in the Music Room.

Come, relax, enjoy good conversation, and help complete a puzzle. Questions? Contact Claire Muller at 919-900-8443 or cmuller4@nc.rr.com

Hope to see you there!



Book Club

The book club will meet again on Tuesday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. The next book for discussion is *Leaving Church* by Barbara Brown Taylor. You may also want to read *An Altar in the World* to learn more about her theology. Contact Kathryn Edwards itsmekge@gmail.com or Carol Williamson wilc321@aol.com if you need more information.

Saints & Sinners

**Put 9/13/16
on your calendar today!**



So you won't miss the luncheon meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 11:30 in Luther Hall.

Come for good fellowship, good food, and an interesting program brought to us by Stephen and Barbara Burdette. Stephen is going to share his experience in the field of grain harvesting.

The Saints and Sinners meet on the second Tuesday of the month. REMEMBER to reserve your place for lunch by calling, Carole Mason at (919) 872-1518, by September 9th.

We hope you will be joining Saints and Sinners in September!

Beginning on
September 14th!



[Register for a Faith Building Group](#)

[by clicking here](#)

Join us for G.R.O.W.

(Get Renewed On Wednesdays)

Each Wednesday evening
at 5:45

For a midweek renewal through
a meal,

music, youth groups,

Faith Building Groups and fellowship!!

Free will donations
are encouraged.

Bring your friends!

All are Welcome!!

5:45-6:30	Meal (Luther Hall)
6:15-6:45	Youth Choir (Music Room)
6:45-7:15	Joyful Noise Kidz Choir (Music Room)
6:45-8:00	MS & HS Youth Groups (Basement)
6:45-7:45	Faith Building Groups (TBD)
7:30-8:45	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)

Calling all

COOKS, SET-UPPERS AND CLEAN-UPPERS

to support G.R.O.W. meals-

contact Edwina Bruce 919-846-0142, asbcebecb@aol.com or

Deb Coccarelli 919-870-7076, deborah.coccarelli@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE!

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



Confirmation Rehearsal & Milestone Blessing

Parents of 8th grade confirmands are asked to join with their kids in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour on **October 23rd**, for confirmation rehearsal.

The confirmation milestone blessing will be celebrated on October 30th during worship.

We will make sure that you and the youth know where to be when and what to do where!

Are you or is your child entering the world of permitted driving?
Join us to bless *newly licensed drivers and their parents* on Sunday, September 18th during 9:30 worship. Let me know if we are expecting you at cathryn@st-philip.org.



Boy Scout Troop 342

The Troop meets on Tuesdays
at 7:00 in the basement.

Contact:

secureoperationst342@gmail.com or
Troop342.TeamSnap.com



Men's Pub Ministry

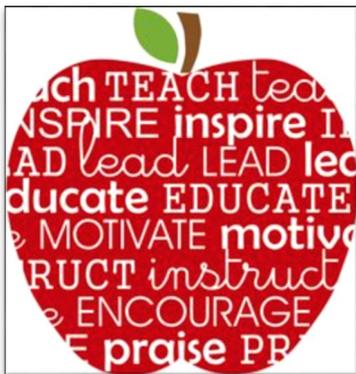
Men's Pub Ministry is an opportunity for men in the congregation to meet and socialize once a month. We select places where we can talk and have a beer or other beverage and, perhaps, a meal. We also provide service to the church and community.

The September get together will be on Thursday September 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Yard House, 4208 Six Forks Rd c110, Raleigh. It's menu is at (<http://places.singleplatform.com/yard-house-37/menu?ref=google>).

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



Blessing of Teachers



Join us on September 18th at the 9:30 worship service as we bless and thank all of our faith formation teachers as well as ALL those who teach!

Bible Blessing



Sunday, September 18th at 9:30

St. Philip Senior Adults Bus Trip



Our next bus trip is Wednesday, September 21. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:15 am

Then it is a short drive to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church where we will be given a tour of the church, information about their theology, and opportunity for questions.

After lunch at The Pickled Onion we will learn how that letter you sent to Aunt Ethel travels from your house to her house. We will tour the US Postal Service's Distribution Center in Raleigh.

Since we are not traveling very far, it should be a relaxing trip. Cost is \$15.00. Contact Sandra Kelly 919-247-1038 or sankelly55@hotmail.com to reserve your seat on the bus. We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 21, at 10:15 in the church parking lot!

Faith Building Groups are Starting Up Again!

During the week of September 19th continuing through November 14th, small groups will begin meeting for one hour each week.

Group meeting times include:

- ◇ Mondays at 12:30 pm
- ◇ Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- ◇ Sundays concurrent with contemporary worship
- ◇ Sundays concurrent with traditional worship
- ◇ If none of these times work for you, please suggest other times.

Please [click here](#) to sign-up for a time that works for you or fill out the lavender paper form available in the narthex.

Just as a refresher...

Purpose: To intentionally nurture and improve our relationship with God and with each other.

Definition: A small group of people who gather intentionally to read scripture, pray, discuss, and share their faith experiences with each other using material provided by our pastor, Pastor Pam.

Description: A faith-building group provides a simple way to gather with others, pray, read scripture, reflect on its meaning and share our insights with one another. One way that we grow as followers of Jesus is to read and pray the scriptures with others. Since the goal of our time together is not “studying” but just sharing our faith experiences, no one needs to be an expert on the Bible or on doctrine. We are each an expert on how we live our Christian faith. So we learn from one another as we share our own unique Christian journey and how our Christian beliefs and values influence our everyday lives. The point is not just to learn about our faith (the “what”) but to find ways to make that faith effective in our lives (the “so what”). All of our learning is ultimately for developing a better relationship with Christ and with others with whom we share the journey.

Essential Elements:

Each group will be led by a trained lay “shepherd” using the Discussion Guide created by Pastor Pam and Vicar Molly, and will meet weekly for 1 hour.

Covenant: I will abide by the following group agreements:

- ◆ **Attendance** - I will attend whenever possible. Meeting with the group is a priority for me. If I cannot attend, I will let the shepherd or someone who is attending know.
- ◆ **Participation** - I will encourage all to share their faith experiences and insights, and I will respect both the insights and the person sharing them.
- ◆ **Confidentiality** - I agree to keep what is shared in the group confidential at all times.

During the meeting time:

- ◆ A member reads the appointed scripture aloud
- ◆ A member reads the questions from the “Discussion Guide”
- ◆ Group discussion and sharing of their experiences and insights
- ◆ The group hears each member’s personal prayer request, which is for themselves - not someone else
- ◆ The group lifts up these prayer requests in verbal prayer.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Pam at pastorpam@st-philip.org or call 919-846-2992



Quilters

Giant thanks to the generosity of St. Philip's members and friends for donating fabric and sheets for Lutheran World Relief Quilts. At this time we have enough supplies to complete our planned number of quilts for this year, however, we can always use extra hands to put these quilts together.

Please feel welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the lower level under Luther Hall. Questions call: Barb Burdette



Senior Ministry Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, September 7th at 10:00 am, in the Music room.

Want to help plan future bus trips?



FAMILIES TOGETHER
a PLM organization

Vehicle Needed for Children & Family Enrichment Program

We've been fortunate to have a donated minivan for the past several years. Now we're in need of a replacement. The van will be used to transport children and families to special events and opportunities in the community. Ideally, we would like a 15-passenger vehicle. Is this something you can help with, or do you have a connection in the community who would be willing to make this much-needed donation? Please contact Meghan Olesen to discuss.

Meghan@FamiliesTogetherNC.org; 919-212-1123 ext. 232)

Please keep in touch with Families Together by liking our Facebook Page (facebook.com/families2gether)

When you share our story, the whole community benefits.

*Thank you again.
Lisa Rowe,
Executive Director*

Volunteer with us at Oktoberfest 8K Run

In August, we were helped by the 2,000-member *nOg Run Club* when they held a charity night in support of Families Together. Now we're returning the favor by providing volunteers for their annual Oktoberfest 8K run. Come on out for the fun! Signup is easy, just [Click Here](#) choose the activity you'd like to help with on the day of the race, and indicate "FAMILIES TOGETHER" in the "shirt size and charity" box. The more the merrier!



Blessing of newly licensed drivers and their parents

Are you or your child a teenager who has recently earned their driver's license?

St. Philip will offer a *blessing of new drivers and their parents* on Sunday, September 18th during 9:30 worship.

Let me know if we are expecting you at cathryn@st-philip.org.



Dear Members of St. Philip Lutheran:

You are cordially invited to attend the inaugural concert of the

2016-2017

Music at Good Shepherd Concert Series

featuring

CLIFFORD BADGLEY

Director of Music and Worship,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
&

MARCIA KLINDER-BADGLEY

Director of Music Ministries,
St. Philip Lutheran Church

Saturday, September 24th, 2016

4:00 p.m.

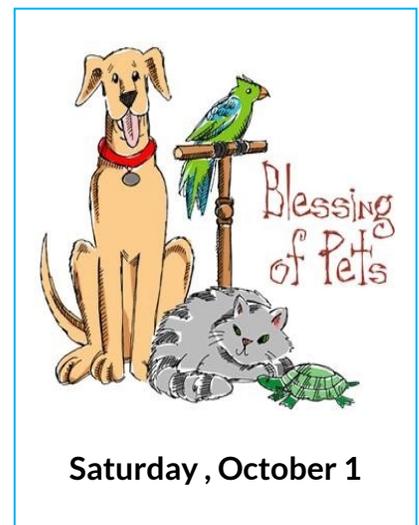
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sanctuary

7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC

This Piano Duet program will feature

Classical, Romantic, Jazz, and Gospel Music

Free admission





Join us on Sunday,
September 18th
to welcome the beginning of
another great year at St. Philip!

There will be LOTS going on:

* **Milestone Blessings:**

- Bible blessing for our 2-3 year olds, 3rd, and 6th graders.
- Blessing for new permit drivers and their parents.
- Blessing for newly licensed drivers and their parents.

* **Ministry Fair** - Check out all the active ministries that are a part of St. Philip look for *a place for you!*

* **Augsburg Fortress Bookstore**

500th anniversary of the Reformation Bookstore. The book store will offer a variety of books about the history of the Reformation, Martin Luther's writings, and their impact on Christianity today. You'll receive 50% off and free shipping for books purchased at the Bookstore. Be sure to visit the book store on Rally Day.

**LET'S ALL RALLY TOGETHER
AND RECONNECT AFTER
OUR BUSY SUMMERS!**

Stephen Ministry: Do It All in Jesus' Name

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others—listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister.



A training class is starting on September 18, 2016. For more information, contact Kathy Blum 919-641-2742, kathyblum821@gmail.com, Linda Bossert 703-216-5046, lbossert52@verizon.net, or Pastor Pam 919-846-2992, pastorpam@st-philip.org right away.

Giving			
	Actual	Plan	%
July 2016	\$40,428	\$44,432	91%
Year to Date	\$276,490	\$307,542	90%

July 2016 Financial Summary

Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$35,577	\$35,909	99%	\$251,023	\$215,454	117%
Other Income	\$4,851	\$8,523	57%	\$25,467	\$92,088	28%
Total Income	\$40,428	\$44,432	91%	\$276,490	\$307,542	90%
Expenses						
	\$40,952	\$43,542	94%	\$286,349	\$299,784	96%
Net Gain/(Loss)						
	(\$524)	\$890		(\$9,859)	\$7,758	

The Annual Budgeted Revenue needed to meet expenses is \$529,755

My name is Jonathan Mahl for my confirmation project I will be volunteering at an event on September 18th from 12 to 4:00 pm at ACME Pizza in Holly Springs (204 Village Walk Drive), to support Zach's Toy Chest. There will be food, games, and raffles.

Come see me and help kids with childhood cancer!!

Zach's Toy Chest is a non-profit organization that collects toys and raises money for kids fighting cancer. Zach's family began this effort after Zach fought and won his battle with Neuroblastoma.



This charity is important to me because when I was in first grade my friend William passed away from Neuroblastoma. William fought hard to complete his first grade year. He had good and bad days. He also missed a good deal of school because of his cancer treatments. The toys collected by Zach's Toy Chest are donated to North Carolina hospitals for children to play with while they are undergoing treatment.

If you cannot come but would like to donate a toy, we will have a collection box in the narthex.

The toy chest needs toys for:

Infants (rattles, crib mobiles, activity centers, infant mirrors, teething toys, musical toys)

Teens (Uno, activity books, word find, play-doh, bead kits, sand art, art and craft kits, wooden model kits).

Other toy requests include: puzzles, bubbles, books, board games, blocks, hand held electronics, etc...

All Toys need to be new to keep the germs out!

For more information about Zach's Toy Chest, or for a complete lists of toys needed, please visit their website at <http://www.zachstoychest.org>.

Please come out and help me support this cause on September 18th.

Thank you so much for your support!



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!

Summer is a tough time in general for the Food Bank (where we get a bulk of our food), so as you are doing your weekly shopping, please keep Brown Bag Ministry in mind. Questions? Email Stacey Bell at raleighbells@yahoo.com

Abundance Ministry:

"Always a Bridesmaid"Abundance Ministry is now expanding to accept donations of gently used formal/semi formal wear for our community of young women that need homecoming dance dresses, winter formal dresses, and prom dresses. Please bring/hang your formal wear in the specially marked area in the Abundance Ministry room.

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.



**God's work.
Our hands.**



God's Work. Our Hands. The synod-wide service day is Sunday, 9/11/16.

Please save the date and join as a community to do God's work!

We will start with a worship service at 9:30 in the Sanctuary, then participate in your choice of a variety of service opportunities!

There will be things to do for all ages, abilities, and preferences.

Contact Stacey Bell with questions at raleighbells@yahoo.com.

† As a part of God's Work. Our Hands.

We want to reach out to our St. Philip Senior community.....are there chores you just can't do on your own and would love to have our members come and help? My mother is 85 and every year her church community comes to help. They have helped her with everything from cleaning up her yard, trimming the trees, raking leaves and even moving furniture. Please let Cindy Wolfe or myself know if you have anything you need some help with. If you are interested in helping out our Seniors, please let us know. Janis Lawrence or Cindy Wolfe at mrsjanistango@gmail.com 919-845-1684 Cindy Wolfe cwolfeotrl@earthlink.net 919-649-3704.

† Strike Out for Sarcoma 5K & Family Fun Walk: On

been touched by it...let's be God's feet and race to strike out sarcoma! You must register online for the race at: <http://strikeoutforsarcoma.org>. Make sure you register for 'Team Natalie'! You will get a race shirt through your registration, but let's go the extra mile to support Natalie and wear a "Team Natalie" shirt for the race! Please let Chad know your size preferences by emailing him directly at: chad.rimmer@elca.org. Orders for the t-shirts due by mid-August! Questions...check in with Chad or strikeoutforsarcoma.org! The event will take place at Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary.

*Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore
one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans:
that all of life in Jesus Christ*

*- every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life -
flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.*

-ELCA

Bible Study Begins on September 12th

This study is called The Divine Drama. Its 16 units on the complete biblical storyline (The Biblical Narrative) and 14 units on the themes arising from scripture (Our Narrative) provide a solid foundation for lifelong faith formation. Using full-color graphics, student workbooks, and the Bible we'll engage in some deep study of scripture and meaningful conversation. Classes will meet on Mondays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

The cost of this study is \$34.00. This includes two student course books with full color graphics and two student workbooks with study questions for each unit.

If two people want to share 1 set of the full color manuals and each have their own copy of the student workbooks the cost is \$44.00. You would get 1 copy of the manuals and 2 copies of the workbooks.

Make checks payable to St. Philip and note Bible Study on the memo line. Drop your check in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office.

The materials need to be ordered by Sept 6 so let Pastor Pam know right away if you'll be participating.

Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests!

Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Stop by the Augsburg Book table in the narthex on September 18 – October 2 between 8:30 am - Noon to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Attention THRIVENT members

Have you checked your Thrivent Choice dollars lately? It would be great if you would check to see if you have any Choice dollars you can donate to St Philip. You can either go online to Thrivent.com or call 1-800-Thrivent and ask for Fraternal.



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If you call just tell them you want to designate your Choice dollars to St Philip. If you do it online, once you get connected go to My Thrivent and there you will see a button to designate your Choice dollars. Let's see if we can substantially increase what was donated last year.

Thank you for considering giving your Choice Dollars to your church.

SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch	2 10:00 AM AI-Anon 7:00 PM AA	3 TEC Weekend 7:00 PM AA
4 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 10:45 AM Augsburg Study	5 Labor Day—Office Closed	6 11:00 AM Abundance Ministry 7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM Worship & Music Team 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 10:00 AM Senior Ministry Team 6:30 PM SPOT	8 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Finance	9 10:00 AM AI-Anon 7:00 PM AA	10 10:00 AM Brown Bag Ministry 10:00 AM TEC Board Meeting 7:00 PM AA
11 God's Work. Our Hands. 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship & G.W.O.H. activities 5:30 PM Handbell Class 6:00 PM Congregation Council	12 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scout Leaders	13 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Saints & Sinners 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Preschool	14 9:30 AM Quilting G.R.O.W. 5:45 PM Meal 6:15 PM Youth Choir 6:45 PM Youth Groups 6:45 PM Faith Building Groups 6:45 PM Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	15 Via DeCristo Weekend	16 Via DeCristo Weekend 10:00 AM AI-Anon 7:00 PM AA	17 Via DeCristo Weekend 9:00 AM VDC Team Meeting 7:00 PM AA
18 Rally Day 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Ministry Fair & Fellowship 2:00 PM RAFA 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 5:30 PM Handbell Class	19 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	20 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 11:30 AM Abundance Ministry	21 10:15 AM Senior Adult Bus Trip G.R.O.W. 5:45 PM Meal 6:15 PM Youth Choir 6:45 PM Youth Groups 6:45 PM Faith Building Groups 6:45 PM Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	22 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Men's Pub Ministry	23 10:00 AM AI-Anon 7:00 PM AA	24 7:30 AM Alley Cats & Angels 10:00 AM Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 PM AA
25 Stay tuned for update on Sunday morning schedule 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 5:00 PM RAFA Flute	26 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Bridge Group 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scout Leaders	27 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Book Club 12:30 AM Puzzle Get-Together 6:30 PM Women's Fellowship 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28 9:30 AM Quilting G.R.O.W. 5:45 PM Meal 6:15 PM Youth Choir 6:45 PM Youth Groups 6:45 PM Faith Building Groups 6:45 PM Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	29	30 10:00 AM AI-Anon 7:00 PM AA	

Deadline for the **October** Epistle is **Thursday 9/15**.

Submit to admin@st-philip.org

Submissions received after the 15th may be sent out in the weekly E-News.

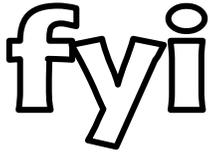
Deadline for E-News and BBN is **Tuesday**, 12:00 noon.

Sunday Morning Schedule

(June 12 - September 18)

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Augsburg Adult Study



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**Registration Form for Divine Drama Bible Study
Begins on 9/12/16**

I'll/We'll attend the class on:

_____ Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

_____ Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Order _____ full set(s) of materials for me/us.

Order _____ partial set(s) of only the workbooks. *This is only if 2 people are sharing the manuals and each wants their own workbook.*

The cost of the full set (2 full color manuals and 2 workbooks) is \$34.

The cost of the 1 set of manuals and 2 sets of the workbooks is \$44.

My/our check for _____ has been:

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