

The Epistle

St. Philip Lutheran Church Newsletter

April, 2017

On Easter Sunday, April 16, and through the 50 days that follow we will declare with joy that "Christ is risen!" Let's explore what we're saying when we speak these words.

CHRIST: This title for Jesus is a Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah, meaning "anointed one." So, to be the Christ, or Messiah, is to be the "anointed one of God." Declaring Jesus to be the Christ is saying that the one who became flesh and dwelled among us, the one whom God declared his beloved Son, the one who turned water into wine, the one who healed the sick and restored the people on the margins, the one who washed the feet of his disciples, the one who was crucified, died, and was buried is the same one God raised from the dead.

IS: This little word is so important to our understanding of God's ongoing action in Jesus. We don't say, "Christ was risen!" as if it was a single event long ago that has no relevance for us today. Instead we say, "Christ IS risen!" Is risen and appears to Mary and the women who come to care for his body. Is risen when he appears to his disciples in that upper room. Is risen when he breaks bread with the men on the way to Emmaus. Is risen yesterday, today, and all the tomorrows to come.

RISEN: In the bold action of raising Jesus from the dead, God shows strength and power that is greater and stronger than everything else in all creation. To say that Christ is risen means that his death was not in vain, that in his resurrection the power of death and the grave has been conquered. To say that Christ is Risen is to say that Jesus has once again entered the world in a real and tangible way.

Declaring that Christ is Risen! allows us to share this incredible truth with each other. Consider it a word of blessing, a reminder of the promise of God to be with us always. There is power in these words. Will you try something with me? Instead of greeting each other with a "hello" or some variation of that, could we, at least for the season of Easter, greet one another in a different way? Maybe something like this: one person will say "Christ is Risen!" and the other person will respond "He is Risen indeed!" I suspect that in this exchange we will each experience a deep sense of peace in God's ongoing mercy and grace.

As we exchange this greeting we are discovering or rediscovering a new post-resurrection life and reality: Christ is with us. Behind closed doors, in our doubt, on our journey, in water, bread, and wine, the Risen Christ calls us to follow, going before us to prepare the way, bringing peace, breathing the Spirit on us, so that we may tell this story to people of every land and nation.

May the presence of the Risen Christ fill you with peace and joy all the days of your life,

Pastor Pam

**He Is
RISEN
INDEED!**



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Invite

You're Invited to Mission Table Night!

Sunday, April 2

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 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.



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

First Communion Class –

Saturday, April 8 from 10:00-11:00 am

Does your child ask questions about Holy Communion? Does your child wonder why they are not receiving what the pastor is giving to everyone else? Does your child reach for the communion elements? Does your child look at you or others inquisitively during Holy Communion? Do you share part of your communion wafer with your child during communion?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, then this might be an indicator that your child is ready to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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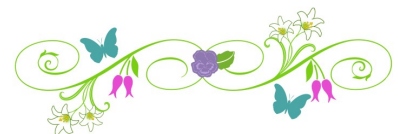
The Gift New Life

On Tuesday, March 14th I became a first-time aunt to two adorable twin girls, Penelope and Fiona. I was able to be with my family at the hospital as we anxiously waited to meet the two newest members of our family. When my sister was in the recovery room, we were finally able to go visit her and her little girls. It was pretty incredible to hold a baby, only a few hours old, in my arms. What an amazing experience!

Spring is the time of new creation. This new creation isn't something that only my family experienced with the birth of Penelope and Fiona, but new creation is all around us. Even though the weather here has been a little confused, going between cold temperatures, sunshine, and random snow, spring is trying to make an appearance. The season of spring is a tangible way in which we see how our lives are changed by God's grace. All around us, the dark and dead remains from winter are coming back to life and growing once again. Everything is becoming new! Just looking outside is a daily reminder that our Creator God is alive and active. We feel the sun peeking out, hear birds chirping, and see trees and flowers blooming. From the cold and dark winter, our world transforms to the bright and fresh spring. God makes even the darkest and dullest aspects of life new, and we see that first hand during this season. This is comforting to us, because no matter how far we stray into darkness, God seeks to have us transformed by God's grace and made new.

We are heading towards Easter and the new life that Christ brings us through his death and resurrection. We celebrate Jesus conquering death and are pulled into the hope of resurrection too. But before we arrive at the joyous Easter Sunday, we walk through Holy Week. It is in this time where we experience gloom and darkness, but like the changing of the seasons, we anticipate the new life we find on Easter. When you look outside this spring, remember God's grace in even the smallest parts of God's creation – for it is in God's grace where we find our new life.

God's Peace,
Vicar Molly



Upcoming Newcomer Orientation

Are you interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church and the ministries of St. Philip?

Are you interested in becoming part of this community of faith?

If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, then attending a Newcomer Orientation is the thing for you!

The 2-hour Orientation is broken into 2 sessions:

Sunday, April 30th at 10 am

Sunday, May 7th at 10 am

Newcomers will be received into membership at the service they attend on Sunday, May 14th.

Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center or in the display case outside of Kepley Hall. Please register so that we can be sure to have enough materials on hand.

You may register by:

- Completing the form in the brochure.
- [Click here](#) to complete the registration form
- By clicking on the event in the MyChurch app and tapping on “register.” Open the Event tab of the app and scroll through the calendar until you get to the date of your choice, then select the event and tap on “register.”
- Calling the church office at 919-846-2992.

If you have questions or need more information please contact at Pastor Pam

WORSHIP AND PLAY ZONE

The St. Philip community is one that continues to grow! In order to become more inviting to the youngest ones in worship, we are excited to have a new Worship and Play Zone in the sanctuary.

It will be filled with many activities to keep the little ones engaged during worship.



Worship & Play Zone

The Worship and Play Zone is an important addition to our life together as a community for several reasons, the main one being that we always want children in worship – they have a role to play in the body of Christ too! We want to make sure they have a comfortable space that is available for them to worship in a way that is appropriate for their age. Kids tend to be more engaged in worship when they are able to see what’s going on up front, and not just stare at the back of pews. The Worship and Play Zone gives kids a safe place during worship to be able to color, play, or simply hang out without having to be separated from the rest of the worshipping community.

We have a lot to celebrate with what God is doing here at St. Philip! We hope this Worship and Play Zone will be meaningful to the littlest ones who step through the doors of the sanctuary.



First Communion Class *(continued from page 2)*

We don’t need to wait until a child can describe exactly what happens in the meal in order to know that it is the “right” time for them to begin receiving the sacrament. Holy Communion is a gift of God for the people of God. Baptized children are part of this family of God and God invites them to come and eat. We believe that baptism and communion are gifts of God’s grace that we do nothing to earn. This is one of many reasons we baptize infants. Thus, because God’s grace is freely poured out upon children who are baptized, God’s grace can surely be poured out on children who commune.

A First Communion Class will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am in the sanctuary. At this class, we will talk about how we are made God’s children in baptism and how God comes to us in Holy Communion. We will look at the different vessels that are used in the communion liturgy, visit the sacristy, and taste the bread and wine/grape juice. This interactive class involves parents and their children. Children who complete the First Communion Class may receive their first communion at either service beginning on April 9.

Please don’t hesitate to be in touch with Pastor Pam if you have questions or desire more information.



Worship

Introducing The Three Days

We look at the Three Days as one single worship celebration that lasts for three days. Each of the Three Days “tells” a different part of the story of Jesus’ saving action. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. The faith community gathers at various times during these days to remember and give thanks together.

You and your family are invited and encouraged to experience the fullness of the Three Days by participating in each of the worship services. To miss one of these worship services is to miss part of God’s story in Jesus. May God bless our journey, give us peace, and bring us to the fullness of faith!

Maundy Thursday

The title “Maundy” comes from the Latin word for command: Jesus’ command that we are to love one another. Maundy Thursday is the first of the Three Days. On this day, we tell the story of the Passover from Exodus 12; the story of the Last Supper from 1 Corinthians; and the story of Jesus’ last meal with his disciples from the Gospel of John where we are called to love one another by serving one another in Christ’s new covenant of love.

We enact the meaning of Maundy Thursday in a variety of ways: a longer rite of confession and forgiveness; an opportunity for hand washing where we signify our love and service to one another; the celebration of Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

We leave worship in silence as we are being made ready for Good Friday.

Good Friday

This second of the Three Days is a day of paradox. One would think that the day commemorating the execution of a messiah would be kept in complete mourning. However, our worship on this day is marked not by excessive sorrow, as if we are pretending that Christ is still dead, but rather by solemn devotion. For even on this day we assemble as people of the resurrection. We acknowledge the cross before us as God’s gift of life.

On this day, we read the entire Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John where the death of Jesus, is paradoxically the triumph of Christ.

We enact the meaning of Good Friday, through the ways that we reverence the Cross, through our prayers, and through a worship service that ends simply as we depart in silence.

The Vigil of Easter

Just as the festivities for Christmas begin on Christmas Eve, the celebration of Easter begins at the Vigil of Easter. The service begins with the striking of a fire and the lighting of candles for everyone. Our candles proclaim the resurrection of Christ as a timeless event even now occurring. At this the third of the Three Days, we experience together the story of salvation. In this joyful worship service, we hear the stories of faith, sing the songs of the tradition, affirm our baptisms, share the bread and wine, and so be joined together with Christ as the light of the world. This full worship service ends in joy and thanksgiving for the entire assembly who gathers, not to wait, but to celebrate the resurrection.

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Easter Sunday

Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord because “on this day” as the Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving states, Christ rose from the dead. So, what makes Easter Sunday worship so special? After journeying through the 40 days of Lent and The Three Days we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with renewed thankfulness, hope, and excitement. Our celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord is so completely central to our faith that The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days. During this season, we will give thanks for the gift of baptism rather than offer confession and we will stand in the light of the resurrection while receiving communion rather than taking the penitential stance of kneeling.

We gather on this day, like we do on all other Sundays, to give thanks to God for the salvation that God has prepared for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God proclaimed, the waters of baptism that makes us new creations, and the meal of Christ's body and blood, we are strengthened and sent out to bear Christ's redeeming love to the world.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Extravagant Welcoming



For visitors and guests, newcomers and regularly attending members, wearing your name tag is an easy way to extend friendship and a warm welcome!

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."



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.





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



All 2 yrs through 5th grade Sunday School Classes

Join us on Sunday, April 9th for an Easter Egg Hunt!!

During the Sunday school hour 10-10:45, we will hunt for eggs with the usual candy found inside & a piece of the passion story.

This will be a fun way to learn about Christ's last three days!

We'd love to see your child,
and you too - parents, if you would like to join!

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.

Agapé Day Camp
at Grace!
June 19-23



WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT,
CAMP IS IN!

First Camp Experience Blessing

Attention rising third graders!!!
Beginning this summer, you are now old enough to attend sleep away camp at Camp Agapé with St. Philip!
Camp is an experience that leaves lasting memories in faith development. At camp youth get to learn more about themselves and their faith while enjoying the blessings of an intentionally Christian community, new friendships, Creation, games, music, devotions, swimming, hiking, crafts and on and on and on.

We would like to bless and gift our rising third graders on May 7th, at both services,



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

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

Registration deadline is June 14th!
The REGISTRATION FORM
is available to print at the end of this newsletter.

Youth

Graduate Milestone Celebration

May 21st at both Services

Let us gather together to celebrate our graduates as they prepare to enter the next phase of their lives.

We will bless and gift our graduates on May 21st at both services.

Join us!!



Faith and Politics: What does this mean?

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

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

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

Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer is an ELCA pastor and the Lutheran World Federation Secretary for Lutheran Theology and Practice.



Saints & Sinners

Come join the Saints and Sinners at 11:30 on Tuesday, April 11th. We hope you will make plans to attend as there will be good food, fellowship and we will be entertained by the J-J Singers who have been entertaining national figures such as Jimmy Carter, John Glenn, Terry Sanford as well all NC Governors since Bob Scott. Music from the 40s, 50s, 60syou don't want to miss this quartet and accompaniment. Please RSVP to reserve your place for lunch by calling Carole Mason at 919 872-1518, by April 7th. Lunch is \$7.00

Concert

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Hillyer Community Chorus with a live orchestra sings "Mass No. 9 in C Major" by Joseph Haydn along with several other non-Latin choral pieces to complete the program.

A special arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by Dan Forrest will also be performed as commissioned in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. This arrangement offers an aural glimpse of Luther's hymn through history incorporating his original version to harmony and counterpoint based on J.S. Bach's harmonization for the Lutheran Church 200 years later to modern day material based on Luther's original rhythms and melodic intervals.

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 4:00 pm at Hillyer Community Church 718 Hillsborough St. Free and open to public. For more information, contact Julie Helmey at 919-280-8864 or jhelmey@earthlink.net.

Ladies Lunch

The next lunch will be held on Thursday, April 6th at Nantucket Grill, 1145 Falls River Ave. Lunch begins at noon.

They serve New England style cuisine— quiche, sandwiches and burgers on the menu.

Please make your reservation with Claire Muller, 919-900-8443

cmuller4@nc.rr.com (new email)

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
7:05-8:00 MS & HS Youth Groups
7:05-8:00 Small Groups & Bible in 90 Days
7:05-8:30 Voices of Praise Adult Choir

Schedule to April 5th
No GROW Holy Week
Resume regular schedule
4/19

Women's Fellowship Group

We will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday,
April 25 2017, and will meet at
Poppyseed Market, 8801 Lead Mine 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, April 25th 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 April 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!





Thank you!

For my confirmation project, I decided to raise money for School supplies at CSN in Senegal. CSN is a primary school in Senegal located in Yeumbuel which is about 25 minutes or so outside of Dakar, where we lived.

For the project, I designed four Christmas card designs, which was inspired by my love for art. I sold them in church as well as many other locations with a suggested donation of a dollar fifty per card.

The reason I chose school supplies was that many families at CSN have trouble being able to afford school supplies necessary for school. We raised a total of \$2075.00 which is enough to provide families with school supplies for at least two or more years. Thank you so much to all who supported, participated, and played a huge role in making this project a success!

Great Thanks and Blessings,
Paul Michael Rimmer

Men's Breakfast Club

Will meet on April 18st 9:30 am at The Pickled Onion at the corner of Falls of Neuse and Strickland Rd..
Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.
To reserve your place contact Frank Bouknight @ 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com



Thrivent Action Teams

We give thanks for Thrivent Financial for the seed money which enabled us to fund the creation of our Worship and Play Zone in the sanctuary through a Thrivent Action Team.

Thrivent Actions Teams have been formed to provide seed money for quilt making, Sub sales, diapers, college care packages, food for Brown Bag Ministry, and other projects.

If you are a Thrivent Member you may be eligible to form a Thrivent Action Team to provide seed money for a congregation initiative or project as we work to make Christ known in our community.

Speak to Pastor Pam if you'd like to learn more about how you can form a Thrivent Action Team.



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. Right now we're talking about the role of music in the Lutheran tradition. Next we will explore these aspects of our theology: vocation, teaching, two kingdoms, and social Justice and the church. Come to Luther Hall at 10:00 Sunday mornings to join in!





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.

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

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.*



Families Together Needs:

We have two new families that we are expecting in April. We are collecting supplies for their homes that would be very much appreciated by these families!



Small Appliances such as mixers, blenders, toasters, toaster-ovens to name a few... Also outdoor toys for children would be a welcomed delight for the little ones.

Please contact Sally Bowman if you can donate (gently used items will work!)

Text or call: 919-523-3122

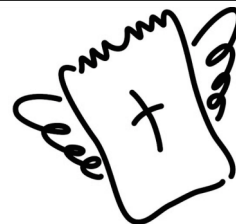
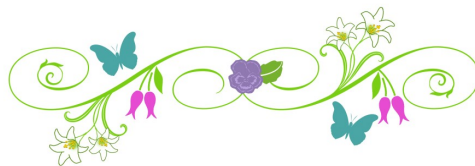
Senior Adult Ministry Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 10:00 am in the Library. 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

Hope Begins with a Home

It's campaign time and April 1st will kick off our **Hope Begins With A Home** drive. Last year your efforts helped raise over \$200,000! This year we've set the bar even higher, and with the combination of our 10 teams, staff, and Stewards Fund Matching challenge, you can help raise \$225,000 for children in need of a home. These funds will help hundreds of children move with their families out of homelessness and into stable housing in our community. You can learn more and give online at HopeBeginsWithAHome.org. Click on the link to "Our Teams" to support our church team (see below). New and increased donations are eligible to be matched dollar for dollar. If you're concerned about child homelessness, this is a great time to give! Thank you for all you do!

Spring Events!

Here are two great ways you can have fun this spring while supporting a great cause!

April 11 – 5:30-7 pm

Homestretch Happy Hour Trophy Tap + Table
(225 S. Wilmington Street in Raleigh)

All proceeds go to Families Together. Go to HopeBeginsWithAHome.org/events-more for details.

April 22 – Registration begins at 8 am
7th Annual Serve The Homeless Volleyball Tournament

Have a blast playing volleyball while helping families experiencing homelessness in Wake County. To register your team or learn more, visit servethehomeless.com. For sponsorship and donation opportunities contact Peter Zierz at peter.a.zierz@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities contact Christina Schmelzer at christinaschmelzer@gmail.com.



More Volunteer Opportunities

You can create nourishment and education opportunities for families experiencing homelessness by signing up to volunteer for our garden committee. You can also make a difference by providing healthy, non-perishable snacks for our after school program. We're grateful for any help you can provide! Contact Meghan Olesen with questions and donations by phone at (919)212-1123 ext. 232 or by email at Meghan@famielstogethernc.org

You will also find regular updates on the Facebook page: Families Together

A message from the St. Philip Cleaning Crew for Families Together

Michael Hooker from Families Together recently asked why when the St. Philip Cleaning Crew volunteers clean the apartments do they leave a little gift (a dishtowel, dish soap, and a St. Philip gripper) for the next resident. Our reply is, "We volunteer at Families Together (FT), because we love helping people and believe in your method to equip homeless families to move toward independence. Cleaning an apartment and leaving a small gift is our way of telling the next resident we believe in them and want this next chapter in their lives to be positive and safe."

Right now we have 8 volunteers on the St. Philip Crew. That sounds like a lot, but we all lead busy lives and most of us can't always make it to clean when we receive the request. On cleaning day we usually meet at the church parking lot around 9am and return before noon. Some people meet us at the apartment because they will either be late, need to leave early, or live closer to the apartments than the church. Most of the time, after cleaning we go out for lunch. We make it as fun as possible. If you would be willing to periodically help us wipe down an empty apartment, please contact Sandy Glass at mark.glass@gmail.com, cell phone # 845-325-6132, or see me at church! I would love to add your name to the volunteer list to come and serve and show Jesus' love to people who really need to see that love.

Finance Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You may recall from my comments last month, that together and with God's provision, we had our best January ever in terms of total income (giving). I am pleased to report that giving for February was the best ever for that month too... at least that any of us on Council or the Finance Committee can recall. On the other hand, the amount was down from the record January and further behind our plan as well.

While we are grateful for our trend compared to past years, we must also keep in mind that total income is now \$12,780 behind plan year to date. Expenses are under plan as well, but by a lesser amount. Council and the Finance Committee will be keeping a close eye on both income and expenses as we go forward and we ask that you continue to give as you are led to support our Mission here at St. Philip.

God's Blessings,
Jim Beck, Finance Committee Chair

February 2017 Financial Summary

Giving			
	Actual	Plan	%
February 2017	\$38,368	\$47,765	80%
Year to Date	\$82,749	\$95,529	87%






Category	Current	Current	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$36,051	\$37,952	95%	\$77,283	\$375,905	102%
Other Income	\$3,149	\$9,813	24%	\$5,466	\$19,624	28%
Total Income	\$38,368	\$47,765	80%	\$82,749	\$95,529	87%
Expenses						
	\$45,776	\$48,531	94%	\$88,778	\$97,062	91%
Net Gain/(Loss)						
	\$(7,408)	\$(766)		\$(6,028)	\$(1,533)	

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



Saturday, April 1st, many volunteers will be needed to join in the Spring Property Work Day! We will be cleaning interior furniture, HVAC air vents, polishing carvings, moving pews, dusting lights, washing windows, cleaning gutters, normal yard maintenance and we hope to finish trimming the shrubs behind educational building.

Questions? Contact Jerry Rimmer at djrimmer@bellsouth.net

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div></div> <div>APRIL 2017</div>							1 8:30 am Property Work Day 7:00 pm AA
2 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 1:30 pm RAFA 5:30 pm Mission Table Night	3 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study	4 10:00 am Small Group 11:30 am Abundance Ministry 7:00 pm Property Team 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 10:00 am Seniors' Ministry Team 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 12:00 pm Worship G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 Worship 7:05 Youth Groups 7:05 Small Groups 7:05 Reading the Bible in 90 Days 7:05 Voices of Praise	6 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal	7 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	8 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 10:00 am First Communion 7:00 pm AA	
9 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship	10 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scout Leaders	11 10:00 am Small Group 11:30 am Saints & Sinners 7:00 pm Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	12 9:30 am Quilters 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 6:45 pm Reading the Bible in 90 Days	13 Maundy Thursday 12:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Worship	14 Good Friday 10:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Worship	15 Easter Vigil 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Worship	
16 Easter 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship	17 Office Closed	18 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Small Group 11:30 am Abundance Ministry 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	19 10:00 am Reading the Bible in 90 Days 12:00 pm Worship G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:45 Youth Groups 6:45 Small Groups 6:45 Joyful Noise Kids 6:45 Reading the Bible in 90 Days 7:30 Voices of Praise	20 6:30 pm Crossing	21 10:00 am Al-Anon 6:00 pm BYG Camp 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm AA	22 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 pm AA	
23 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:30 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 5:30 pm Handbells	24 1:00 pm Bridge Group	25 10:00 am Book Club 10:00 am Small Group 10:00 am Senior Book Club 12:30pm Puzzle Get Together 6:30 pm Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	26 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 6:45 Youth Groups 6:45 Small Groups 6:45 Joyful Noise Kids 6:45 Reading the Bible in 90 Days 7:30 Voices of Praise	27 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal	28 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	29 9:30 am Political Theology Seminar 7:00 pm AA	
30 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Newcomer Meeting 11:00 am Traditional Service 12:00 pm Political Theology Seminar 1:30 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 4:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Internship Mtg.			<div><div><div><div>Coming</div><div>NEXT MONTH</div></div></div><div><div>5/7</div><div>Mission Table Night</div></div><div><div>5/7</div><div>First Camp Experience Blessing</div></div><div><div>5/14</div><div>New Mom's Blessing</div></div><div><div>5/14</div><div>Newcomers Joining</div></div><div><div>5/20</div><div>Young Adult Picnic</div></div><div><div>5/21</div><div>Graduate Blessing</div></div></div> <div>May 2017</div>				



Easter Lilies

If you would like to place a lily in the Church Sanctuary to decorate for the Easter season, complete this form and place it in the offering plate or drop it

off at the church office. Check payable to "St. Philip Lutheran Church" for \$12.50 and note "Easter Lilies" in the memo line. If you would like to donate to the large palms please indicated below.

The deadline is Palm Sunday, April 9th

Number of Lilies _____ Total \$ _____

Large Palm Donation Total \$ _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given in Memory of _____

By _____

Phone _____

Please print clearly and exactly as you wish the name(s) to appear in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

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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.

Preschool Vacation Bible School

June 19-22

9:30-11:30

PVBS serves children from
3's through rising Kindergartners,
including those having completed PreK.
All children must be potty trained!!
Registration deadline is June 15th!

Our theme is...



i just wanna
be a sheep

(Cut along dotted line and save top portion as a reminder!)

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

What preschool experience does your child have? _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Mother: _____ Best Number: _____

Father: _____ Best Number: _____

Other: _____ Best Number: _____

Allergies or Other Conditions: _____

Name of ONE friend your child might like to be with during PVBS: _____

T-Shirt Size: YXS YS YM YL

There is a suggested minimum donation of \$25 to help offset the costs of
snacks, craft supplies, and t-shirts. Please make checks payable to
St. Philip with PVBS in the memo. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Please check here if you do NOT give consent for St. Philip Lutheran Church to use photos of this
youth for promotional purposes (brochure, website, displays, etc.) _____

Mail your registration form and donation to Cathryn Hewett at: St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7304 Falls of Neuse Rd.,
Raleigh, NC 27615. Or drop it in Cathryn's registration In Box outside the DoFF office. Or register on our
website at <http://st-philip.org>. Please contact Cathryn with any questions at cathryn@st-philip.org.