

The Epistle

ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2021



Pastor's Message

Greetings in Jesus' name! We are excited about resuming some of our ministries here in the fall, and – towards that end – want to inform you of some significant dates.

On Sunday, September 12, will be our annual God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday. It is a yearly occasion where all ELCA churches perform community service after worship and (oftentimes) a congregational meal. We will have ONLY ONE worship service that day, in our sanctuary at 10 am. Following that, we will have a socially distanced meal together in Luther Hall, hosted by Edwina Bruce and our Fellowship Committee.

Following the meal, we will have five separate service opportunities, all of which will occur here on our campus and be socially distanced. All opportunities are worthwhile and will benefit homeless families, refugees, assisted-living residents, our college students, and our baptismal candidates. More information and a registration link can be found on our church website, st-philip.org.

On Wednesday, September 15, we begin again a pastor-led Bible Study on the New Testament book Acts of the Apostles (more commonly known as Acts). Acts is a fascinating book – and one of my favorites. It depicts the world of the earliest Christians, a generation or two after Jesus's ascension to heaven. Theirs is a world suffused with prayer, visions, fasting, the laying on of hands, speaking in tongues, exorcisms, healings, miracles, persecutions, and riots. It is very far removed from our Christian experiences today. Why is that? Is that a good thing, or not? Just as they may seem foreign to us, our Christianity may seem tame and superficial to them. Please come out, and we will dive into this strange text together.

Bible Study will be at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings throughout the year (until next May).

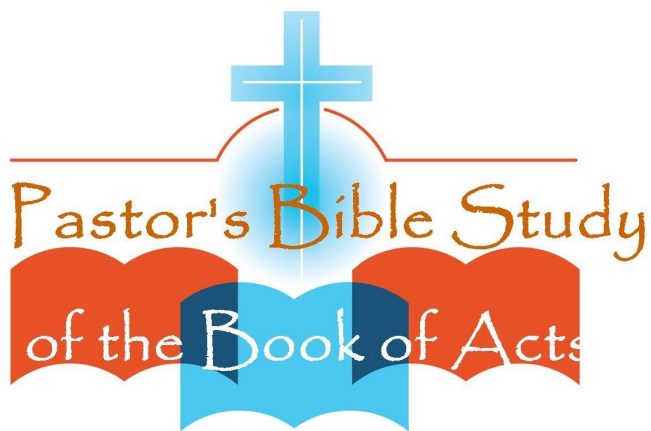
We are also looking to have a time of faith enrichment on Wednesday evenings, but we are still meeting, discussing, and praying about that. So, please stay tuned for more details to come. This looks to be an exciting year of Christian education and faith formation.

We are also hopeful that many of our recent visitors will attend these opportunities, so please come out and get to know them. Ideally, we hope to have both the Wednesday morning and evening sessions offered on Zoom, as well as in person. Pray for us in that regard, and please be patient as we will have to work out some inevitable kinks in our technology.

On Saturday, September 25, we will have a special presentation on estate planning, entitled "Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategies Essentials," presented by Thrivent Financial. We will start with coffee at 9:30 am, followed by the presentation at 10. There will be a Question-and-Answer session at the end. We should be done by 11:30. We will examine issues related to passing on your estate to a spouse, children, other loved ones, or charities. Please read more and register for this event on our website. We thank our Stewardship Committee for arranging this timely opportunity for us.

And finally, we are looking to offer a new member class in October. We have been blessed with a wide array of visitors over the past year and a half, and we are hoping many of them will take advantage of this opportunity to get to know us better. This looks to be an exciting fall.

With gratitude to God and each one of you,
Pastor Tim



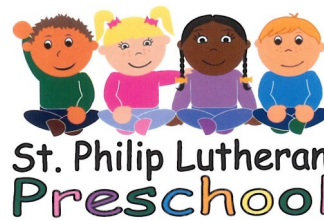
New Adult Bible Study—

Beginning on 9/15/21—Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the Music Room. Pastor Tim will lead a Bible study on the Book of Acts.

- ✦ Do you know who the only Gentile author in the Bible is?
- ✦ Did you know that he was a physician by trade?
- ✦ Did you know that he authored two books of the New Testament, one as a follow-up to the other?
- ✦ Did you know that there is only one book of "Church History" in the New Testament?

Let's examine all of this and more, as we study this profound book together. One of the accusations levelled against the disciples of Christ in chapter 17 therein is that they "turn the world upside down." Do we do that? Or do we simply "bless" the status quo, the world "as is?"

Come and dig deeply into this rich text and into our lives and callings as disciples!



St. Philip Lutheran Preschool will be starting a new school year this month! Although this school year may once again look a little different due to COVID -19, the LOVE and CARE we have for ALL the preschool children is still the same!

The voices and giggles and even a few tears can be heard in the classrooms and on the playground once again!

Our Parent Orientation will be held on Wednesday evening, September 1 and our Student Orientation will be held on Thursday morning, September 2. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 7!

This month we will be getting to know one another as well as learning to adjust to a "new school normal." We are so excited to say that most of our classes are full!! We have 7 spots available for the new year!! God is SO good!! What a blessing for us during these uncertain times!!

As always, we appreciate all your prayers, love and support for the preschool!

Please visit st-philip.org/preschool for more information about the program and the registration form.

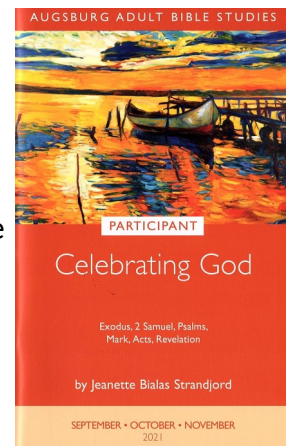
Augsburg Sunday School Class

We are meeting in person again! Sunday mornings, at 10:00 in the Music Room. The class will use the Bible study guide, *Celebrating God*.

The purpose of this study is to engage the scriptures so that we hear afresh of God's saving purposes for us and our world through the Lord Jesus Christ. Encouraged, we join in worship, service and celebration with God's people for the sake of the world.

This topical Bible study will use texts from Exodus, 2 Samuel, Psalms, Mark, Acts and Revelation to inform one's faith and discipleship in daily life.

This class is an opportunity to deepen and share your faith with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Philip. Class facilitation is rotated among the members and meets in the Music Room. All are welcome!





Children's Chat every week, the link will be shared with the Sunday morning worship information.

Our children will continue to receive monthly mailings from St. Philip with books, stickers, activities to do with their parents and more!

Keep your eyes peeled for your packages kiddos!!



Middle and High School
youth group will meet the
2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at
4:00 pm via Zoom.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84934993848>

CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation youth will meet with Pastor Tim and Cathryn via zoom at 4:00 on the following dates:

September 12 - The Church Year

October 10 - Worship

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84934993848>

We will celebrate the Confirmation Milestone on October 31, Reformation Sunday.
Please plan to join us! Stay tuned for details!



Youth Gathering Interest Meeting Parents of and youth in 8th through 12 grades, I invite you to join me for an informational meeting to learn about the 2022 Youth National Gathering. It may seem early to start this conversation but it's actually right on time! Early bird registration begins September 22nd.

Join me on **September 19th at 7:00 pm** via Zoom to learn all about this once in a lifetime opportunity for your child! Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85750369456>

I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured.
Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.
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SIGN UP NOW

Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials

A special presentation important for you and your family.

September 25th @ 10:00 am

Hosted by the Stewardship Committee

Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials

Join us on Saturday Sept 25th for a coffee social starting at 9:30am and learn about "Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials" at 10am. Thrivent representatives will cover key areas one should prepare for and think through when considering passing on your estate to a spouse, children, other loved ones, or charities. Key information will be shared also in an open Q and A forum at the end.

Presenters

Kinnon Tatum is a Financial Professional with Thrivent who is passionate about guiding friends and family in NC and surrounding areas make the most of what they have been given. A well rounded graduate from the University of Notre Dame and former NFL player with the Carolina Panthers, Kinnon has found his niche providing his growing network with insurance protection and financial planning for their best years ahead.

Michael McGlinsky is an experienced Financial Professional of over 16 years and currently partners and supports area professionals across NC as the Regional Director for Thrivent Financial. He enjoys his family, golf and is engaged in his church in Apex, NC. He has many designations including the CFP (Certified Financial Planner) RICP (Retirement Income Certified Professional, ChFC (Chartered Financial Consultant) and FIC (Fraternal Insurance Counselor). His passion is assisting others with Financial Clarity and a plan for their future.

Seating is limited—**register early!**

Please RSVP here: [RSVP](#)
or call the Church Office

A Partnership—Lutherans & Thrivent

The company now called Thrivent has a long history dating back to 1902. The two member-owned Fraternal Benefit Societies that merged in 2003 to form Thrivent are: Lutheran Brotherhood (est. 1917) and Aid Association for Lutherans (est. 1902).

[Thrivent](#) is now a Fortune 500 company continuing the tradition of service to its members and the Lutheran Church and community. Thrivent offers a full range of expert financial solutions, serving over 2 million clients, as well as the communities in which they live and work.

Thrivent is a holistic financial services organization that is committed to providing financial advice, investments, insurance, banking, and generosity programs to help people make the most of all they have been given. Today Several St. Philip members who are Thrivent members have applied for special project grants to be used at St. Philip to support a variety of ministries.

Our Stewardship Committee is proud to partner with Thrivent in offering a special invitation to a gathering of Lutherans to learn more about opportunities with Thrivent for individuals and your church.



G.R.O.W. is starting up again!

Beginning September 15th at 6:45—without a meal to start, but with the option of adding a meal if folks would like that.

During G.R.O.W. Pastor Tim will lead an Acts Bible study for the first 6 weeks beginning 9/15.

The 7th week (10/27), we will do a service activity.

Bring your friends—all are welcome!



Consider exploring your musical gifts!

No age limit! No experience necessary!

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

Voices of Praise Adult Choir

The choir will sing in Sunday traditional services resuming in September!

Rehearsal at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays

St. Philip Handbell Choir

We meet on Sundays at 5:00 in the Sanctuary

You do not need previous experience or ability to read music

Just a desire to make a joyful noise to the Lord! (really!)

Come on out and give it a try!



Faith & Fellowship

Monthly Breakfast Group—

We're getting together in person again!

At iHop on Six
Forks



Tuesday 9/21/21

at 9:30 am

Spread the word and invite a friend for
this casual time of fellowship and
conversation!

Contact Frank Bouknight for more
information. bouknightf@yahoo.com or
919-302-1812

Ladies Lunch

Will be held on the first Thursday of the month resuming
on **October 7th** Lunch begins at noon. Watch for details
about what restaurant we will
meet at.

Please make your reservation
with Claire Muller,
919-752-6541 or



Puzzle Get Together

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month, beginning on
October 26th in the Music Room at 10 am



Come, relax, and have fun completing a puzzle.

Questions? Contact Claire Muller



at 919- 752-6541 or claire6078@att.net

Hope to see you there!



October 12th at 11:00 Plan on getting together again!

A special meal & program is being planned for our
gathering together again, that we know everyone will enjoy!

Fellowship, Food, and Fun!

We will be welcoming back the Dulcimers! Please RSVP to
Carole Mason by Friday, 9/3 @ 919-872-1518

Have you thought of some programs you'd like to see come to a Saints and Sinners luncheon? Let
Frank know at 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com

A Heartfelt Thank You

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank Pastor Tim, Jane, Edwina, and members of St. Philip for all the love and support shown to us through your prayers, kind words, cards, and phone calls after the sudden loss of our husband and father, Myron.

The love of God came through your words and actions to give our family the strength needed to accept our loss. Being a member of God's family at St. Philip is a blessing and a source of comfort as I now continue on the path God has chosen for me. Thank you all so much.

Sandra Kelly



Lutheran World Relief Quilting Group



The Quilters are looking for willing hands who can use scissors, tie a knot and who enjoy a warm blanket—to help us on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 9:30 am starting **September 8th** in the lower level under Luther Hall.

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



St. Philip Social Justice ministry would like to start brainstorming what our next will be.

Here is the link for the "[What Should Social Justice Ministry Tackle Next?](#)" Survey. Please prayerfully consider getting involved!

Contact Angela Smedley for more information.
angelamsmedley@gmail.com

Fellowship Dinner Group

Meets on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month at a local restaurant for good food and fellow-ship.

This month we will meet on September 28 @6:30
Watch your weekly eNews for the restaurant!

For more information contact
Carol Rogers
parakayaker@gmail.com
Everyone is invited!!



Brown Bag Ministry is Back!

FRUIT



and



VOLUNTEERS

are needed for

Brown Bag Ministry

on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays!

We meet to pack 500 lunches and deliver them to a nearby refugee community.

Please come join us on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays
monthly at 10:00 am until 12 noon.

We will need your help and also snacks & fruit!



Questions? Contact Stacey Bell at
raleighbells@gmail.com

Pub Ministry

We're getting back together again at
Wakefield Tavern for Men's Pub Ministry
Tuesday September 28 at 6:30 pm on the patio.

Questions? Contact Mark Glass @
mark.glass@gmail.com



New Property Update!

Families Together is proud to share that we expanded our Affordable Housing portfolio in July with the acquisition of a duplex and triplex in west Raleigh. The duplex features 2, three-bedroom units and the triplex features 3, two-bedroom units. All will be used for transitional housing. This means the families housed there will pay no more than 25% of their household income on rent, which will give them the opportunity to work with a Mentor Advocate and focus on achieving goals for things like financial stability, savings, employment, education, and health. Both properties require a few small renovations and repair, and with the help of volunteers, we are excited to give five new families a place to call home in the coming months!

Wake County loses an average of 1,000 affordable units each year. Families Together is proud to continue to serve as a leading housing support provider in our communities coordinated response for homeless families in Wake County.

My Child Never Knew

Walter Magazine and the Women's Giving Network of Wake County (WGN) have teamed up to raise awareness about local, high-impact nonprofits and Families Together is honored to be one of them. Click below to go to the Walter Magazine YouTube channel and watch the recent WGN education event that spotlighted Families Together where FT Board Member Sarah Wood said, "The best part about our mission ... is to keep families together in an effort to minimize that impact [of homelessness] to children. It's amazing when we you can hear from families who have been served in our program who can say that my child never knew we were experiencing homelessness."



St. Philip gives baby diapers every month through our partnership with The Diaper Bank. Contact Stacey Bell for information on how you can contribute. Raleighbells@yahoo.com

Other speakers during the virtual event from the Families Together team were Lisa Rowe (Executive Director), Harriett Reynolds (Financial Empowerment and Employment Lead), and Star (former program graduate).

Watch the 3-minute promo here:

youtu.be/YWLLBB0p1Vg

Watch the full event here: youtu.be/pn9suK1mNpM

House Wake!

The North Carolina eviction moratorium has ended, putting those still struggling with finances due to the pandemic on edge. An estimated 14% of Wake County renters are behind on rent, and now face eviction. The House Wake! COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program focuses specifically on eviction prevention and utility assistance. This Wake County program provides financial assistance to tenants, landlords and utility companies to cover rent and utility shortfalls resulting from a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to COVID-19. For more information, visit: housewake.org

Volunteer Opportunities

With the addition of our two latest property acquisitions, we are in need of volunteers to assist with the renovation of both buildings. If you have experience in carpentry, plumbing, or painting, or just want to volunteer with this effort, please reach out martinique@famielstogethernc.org.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Please join us on September 12th

For the God's Work. Our Hands synod event! St. Philip will be celebrating our calling to love and serve others with an opportunity to enjoy reconnecting through worship, fellowship, and service. What could be better?

Please join us on September 12th for the 'God's Work. Our Hands' synod event! St. Philip will be celebrating our calling to love and serve others with an opportunity to enjoy connecting through worship, fellowship, and service. What could be better?

We will start with a joint worship service at 10 am, then will gather for a meal in Luther Hall. Once we are finished eating, we will continue enjoying each other's company while we focus on serving our community.

Opportunities for service will be at St. Philip and focus on:

- ✝ Families Together: Welcome Baskets
- ✝ Elmcroft: Care Packages
- ✝ Refugee Hope Partners: Winter Coat Collection. Also encouraging sweet and salty snack donations for BBM
- ✝ St. Philip College Students: Care Packages
- ✝ Milestones Ministry: Baptism blankets

To help keep costs down, it would be really helpful if we could get donations for:

- Winter coats: gently used, operational, and clean
- Individually packaged sweet and salty snacks for the college care packages, Elmcroft care packages, and Brown Bag Ministry lunches.

For planning purposes please sign up if you plan on attending and/or to give donations. However, if you decide to join us at the last minute, please don't let the fact that you did not sign up stop you :)

Here is the link to sign up:

signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4ea8a72da2f85-gods

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have questions, please email Stacey Bell at raleighbells@gmail.com

Families Together Welcome Baskets

We need donations of supplies to assemble welcome baskets for the clients at Families Together. The goal is to fill 10 baskets.

Please signup here:

signupgenius.com/go/409094ea8a923ab9-gwoh

Feel free to take multiple spots (for example, if you purchase a 3 pack of dish soap at Sam's, make sure you indicate that you have 3.

If you have any questions, you can contact Kathy Blum at 919-641-2742. All donations are tax deductible. You can pick up a Non-Cash Donation receipt at the church office or contact the office to request one be sent to you.



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God's work. Our hands.

September 12, 2021

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 pm Eagle Scout Review Boards	2 6:30 pm Crossing Practice 6:30 pm NA	3 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	4 7:00 pm AA
5 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Restoration worship	6 Office Closed	7 Preschool back in session 11:00 am Staff 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	8 9:30 am Quilting Group	9 6:30 pm Crossing Practice 6:30 pm NA 6:30 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Voices of Praise	10 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	11 10:00 am Brown Bag 7:00 pm AA
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Worship with ST. PHILIP

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

9:00 am
Contemporary



In person

or

Online



Facebook Live

11:00 am
Traditional



In person

or

Online



Zoom & Facebook Live

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/480739190>

(same link each week)

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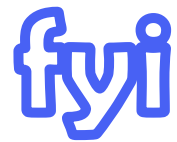
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LOVE GOD
AND
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

-MATTHEW 22:37-39

WE SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST!