

The Epistle

ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2022

Pastor's Message

April is a month of good news – even great news!

We received 19 new members recently: Paul and Pam Augustowski, Bill and Gail Dotson, Diane Linden, Caroline Linker, Abraham Mack, Hal and Kathy Noyes, Pat O'Neal, Tom and Jean Poston, Jeff and Berta Rice, Wayne and Joyce Schmidt, Carl and Ostine Swan, and Lee West. Praise the Lord! We are so excited to receive them, their gifts, and passion for ministry into our church family. We have five more people who have expressed interest in joining us, and so we are looking at another possible New Members' Class in May. Please stay tuned for more details.

We rejoice in the fact that the Lord is adding to our numbers here, even as He is deepening our discipleship. Please make a point to introduce yourselves to our newest members; it is vitally important that we begin to learn their names (and more about them), even as they begin to learn our names and life journeys. Toward that end, we will soon begin to wear name tags in worship again. We are in the process of printing up new name tags, so that we may begin to learn each other's names more easily. Please always ask me about someone's name you may not know; I will be glad to help you.

April 27th is Administrative Professionals Day each year. We are incredibly blessed with gifted administrators at St. Philip. Please join me in thanking the following people this month: Jane Gue (Church Secretary), Cathryn Hewett (Director of Faith Formation), Bob Petters (Choir Director), Regan Wang (Organist/Pianist), Louise Bouknight (Council Secretary), Sue Kearney (Financial Secretary), and Liese Faircloth (Treasurer). Louise also serves as Treasurer for our Preschool. These individuals put in countless hours of service on our behalf on a weekly basis, and they do so with competence, patience, and grace. We are indebted to them for their labors of love.

And, of course, the greatest news of all: the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will have Maundy Thursday worship services on April 14th at 12pm and 7pm to commemorate Jesus' institution of his Last Supper which has become for us the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will have Good Friday worship service on April 15th at 7pm to solemnly remember Jesus' crucifixion on the cross. And we will have Easter "Crossing" contemporary worship on April 17th at 9am and Traditional worship at 11am to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil to reconcile us back to God through the forgiveness of our sin and the conferral of eternal life. These great three days constitute the heart of our Christian faith.

We look forward to seeing you at these worship services as we remember and celebrate who God is and all that God has done for us. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim

"GOD IS
WITH YOU IN
everything
YOU DO."

GENESIS 21:22

Pastor's Bible Study of the Book of Acts

10:30am & 7:00 pm

In person or on Zoom.

[Click here for Zoom details](#)

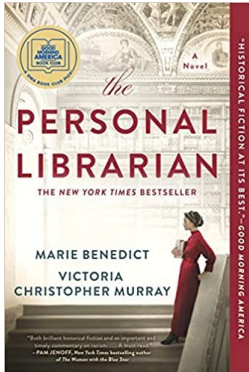


Adult Book Club

After a long 2 years we are meeting again on the 4th Tuesday morning at 10:00 !

Where did you see God in a novel? What did you learn from a character? Does the story remind you of something in your past? Does the setting want you to learn more about a city, state, or country?

If you love to read and would like to discuss these and many more questions with other readers, please join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the church parlor at 10am.



Everyone is welcome!

Our next meeting will be on April 26th and we will be discussing *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Available at the Wake County Library.

We have also chosen our books for the next two months.

May 24 *Three Sisters* by Heather Morris

June 28. *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

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!

Augsburg Sunday School Class

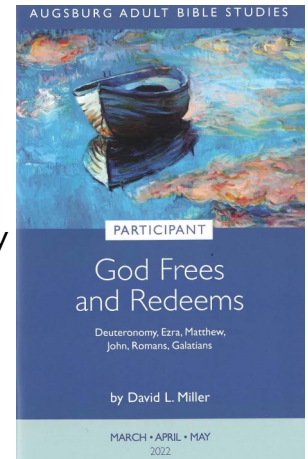
Sunday mornings, at 10:00 in the Music Room.

The class will use the Bible study guide, *God Frees and Redeems*.

The purpose of this study is to reflect on the interplay between God's vision for a just world, the law as Israel's guide in justice making, and history as the location where divine justice takes on flesh.

We are invited to walk in this long tradition of justice as people of faith.

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!



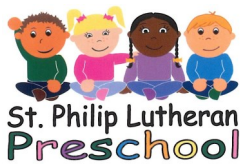
Crossing Praise Team

The music at The Crossing contemporary service is typically different from our traditional worship. There are different musical expressions for different types of Crossing services. For example, there is acoustic, rock(y), contemplative, and bluegrass gospel, among others.

Anyone interested in learning more about the music or the audio/visual side of worship, are invited to join in!

Crossing rehearsals are usually at 6:30 on **Thursdays**

For more information contact [Jim Bell](#).



Our classes will enjoy celebrating Easter with an Easter Egg hunt, party and learning the true meaning of Easter from God's Word this month!

We are thankful that Jesus gave us life! April is filled with Spring Break, Spring Art Show and our Spring pictures! Our Spring Art Show is on Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22 in Luther Hall. Parents will visit at a designated time to keep everyone safe. There will be many "masterpieces" on display!!

Our registration for the 2022-2023 school year is ongoing. Several of our classes are full but if you are interested in attending next year or know someone who is, please contact us at 919-870-5841 or Leigh Anne Barham at 919-818-9585 for more information.

Thanks for opening your doors to us and for all your prayers, love and support throughout the year!!

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



Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday at 10:00 am



**Grab some friends
and get packing!**

To learn more and sign up visit our website:
st-philip.org/brown-bag-ministry



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

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

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



FREE CONCERT

FEATURING
Hillyer
COMMUNITY CHORUS
WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

PERFORMING FRANZ SCHUBERT: MASS NO. 2 IN G
AND OTHER WORKS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10
3 PM**

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
JULIE RICCIARDI, BILL SHELTON, AND JAKE WENGER

**HILLYER MEMORIAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
718 HILLSBOROUGH ST
RALEIGH, NC 27603

Faith & Fellowship

Monthly Breakfast Group—

At iHop on Six Forks
or on Zoom.



Tuesday 4/19/22
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

We will resume having lunch
together on April 7th at Briggs'
Great Beginnings — 12 noon.
Please make your reservation
with Claire Muller,
919-752-6541 or
claire6078@att.net.



Hope to see you there!

Lutheran World Relief Quilting Group

The Quilters have begun meeting again in the lower level
of the education building. We 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
of the month.

Please consider becoming involved in this worthwhile
endeavor. Contact Barbara Burdette for more
information: bburd45955@aol.com



Tuesday April 12th at 11:30

Everyone—all ages—are invited to join in a time of fellowship over a
delicious lunch and an interesting program. This month's speaker is
Craig Chapman, Author/Military Historian. [Read more about him](#)

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday every month. Reserve your seat for
lunch with Carole Mason 919-210-0727 Lunch is \$7.00. Have
ideas for programs? Contact Frank Bouknight for more
information. bouknightf@yahoo.com or 919-302-1812

Fellowship Supper Group

We meet monthly at a local restaurant for
good food and fellowship.
In April we will meet on Tuesday the 19th
with BYO dinner on the front porch at
St. Philip! [Sign up here](#) just so
we know who all to expect!

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



Pub Ministry

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.
Watch your email and the Sunday Announcements
for the next meeting date & place.

Everyone is welcome, we hope to see you there!

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

St Philip Softball

Our Softball Team will be kicking off its 2022 campaign in April 2022.

We are looking to add teammates to our roster. Our primary interest is to build great fellowship.



Minimum age to play is 14 years of age as of 4/1/2022. If under 18, the athlete must have a parent or legal guardian physically accompany the athlete in order to play.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mike Davis at Mike Davis midavis@trialcard.com or 321-356-6673. Each member of the 2022 team will be required to pay a small individual fee to cover the cost of league dues and game softballs.

We expect to compete, enjoy fellowship, and grow our fan base this year beyond 2021.

The regular season will run from mid-April through June with Playoffs typically through the end of July.



Saturday Morning
April 2 @ 8:30



Saints & Sinners

Our program at the March luncheon was presented by our own Ken Grant!



A marvelous storyteller, Ken brought several tales that entertained everyone!

Meet our new members!

Pastor Tim held a New Member Class in March which led to a group of 19 folks joining the St. Philip family! We took a tour of the church as well as visiting Brown Bag Ministry taking place in Luther Hall. (We missed most of the volunteers though as they were a speedy bunch and were done making the lunches by 10:30! But there were a few folks still there cleaning up.)

A few of our ministry leaders came to share their respective ministries with invitations to get involved and join in! Cathryn Hewett—Faith Formation & Crossing, Bob Petters and Regan Wang—Music Ministries, Ken Grant—Ushers and Carole Mason—Saints & Sinners and other caring ministries



Welcome to the family: (not pictured: Tom Poston, Ostine & Carl Swan)



Paul & Pam
Augustowski



Bill & Gail Dotson



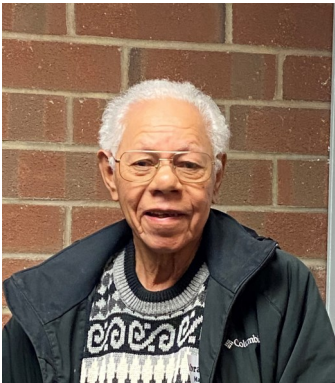
Diane Linden



Caroline Linker



Pat O'Neal



Abraham Mack



Hal & Kathy Noyes



Jean Poston



Jeff & Berta Rice



Walter & Joyce



Lee West





Families Together– the largest Wake County housing and housing support provider dedicated solely to ending family homelessness – is stepping up in a big way.

Help reach our \$400,000 spring campaign goal. Your support will:

- Keep families together – give a child the security of family while in shelter.
- Create shelter beds – grow our unique family shelter from 36 to 86 beds.
- Change a child’s life – create a home and make a multi-generational impact.
- Be used wisely – invest in a Platinum-rated (GuideStar), high-impact organization.
- Reach more families – grow our one-year impact from 161 to 220 families served.
- Make a local impact – support a vital cause in your own community.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are or your group is interested in volunteering with Families Together, please reach out! You can make a big difference in ensuring our properties are ready for new residents and well-maintained. Our current volunteer opportunities include:

- Landscaping on our properties
- Painting in our units
- Grounds clean up
- Planting for spring

If you are interested in rolling up your sleeves this spring, please reach out to Martinique, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator at martinique@famielstogethernc.org.

Special Requests

We are in the process of renovating our newly purchased properties and are looking for gently used washers and dryers.

With the significant increase in gas prices, we are in need of gas gift cards for our families. If you would like to donate any of these items, please reach out to Martinique@famielstogethernc.org

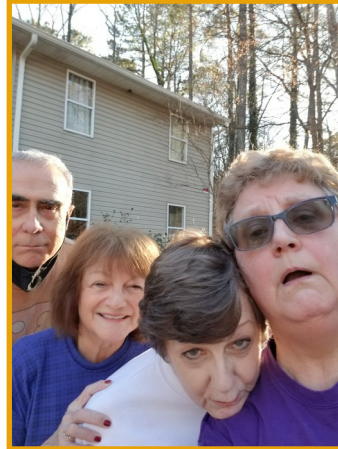
The St. Philip Tidy Team Cleaning Crew

is an awesome group!

We clean Families Together apartments. That means we help families go from living on the streets to renting an apartment of their own!

There is just so much joy in being a part of that process, it makes a huge difference to someone going into that apartment and receiving a little gift from us.

The Tidy Team Cleaning Crew is getting back to work— due to Covid and all of its ‘wonderful’ strains, we haven’t been able to clean any apartments. We have been looking forward to this pandemic to be over so we can be busy again! So they did— a few weeks ago 5 of us got together to clean and prepare an apartment!



Jerry Rimmer

Dianne Rimmer

Shelley Bower

Sandy Glass

Not pictured

Kathryn Edwards

If you would like to be a part of this remarkable team, please contact me, Sandy Glass, at mark.glass@gmail.com, or 845-325-6132.

Everyone is welcome to give it a try! You don’t have to be a woman to join, men are welcome too. Ask any man in the military and you will be informed that they cleaned, and cleaned, and cleaned. So if you can swab a deck, you can swab a small kitchen floor!



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

Message from Finance

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to report that our financial results bounced back positively in February and, as a result, we are back on track from a budget perspective.

In February, total income was \$61,423 for the month, or \$13,715 above plan, while expenses were \$45,270, or \$135 under plan. On a year-to-date basis, total income was \$94,550, or just \$866 under plan, while expenses were \$86,050, or \$10,579 under plan. Income exceeded expenses by \$8,500.

So as noted above, we are where we need to be at this early point in the year. Please continue your generous support of our ministries at St. Philip so we can grow in our calling to serve our Lord and His people.

Blessings,
Jim Beck, Finance Chair

Giving				February 2022 Financial Summary		
	Actual	Plan	%			
February 2022	\$ 61,423	\$ 47,708	129%			
Year to Date	\$94,550	\$95,416	99%			
Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$59,966	\$ 42,083	142%	\$90,774	\$84,167	108%
Other Income	\$ 1,457	\$ 5,624	26%	\$ 3,376	\$11,249	34%
Total Income	\$61,423	\$ 47,708	129%	\$94,550	\$95,416	99%
Expenses						
	\$ 45,270	\$ 45,404	100%	\$86,050	\$96,629	89%
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 16,153	\$ 2,303		\$ 8,500	(\$ 1,213)	

The Annual Budgeted Revenue needed to meet expenses is \$575,993



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March
September
May
August
June

**SAVE
the DATE!
5/14/22**
with
Kinnon Tatum of
Thrivent

Budgeting for What Matters Most
10:00 am Seminar – 9:45 Refreshments



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	2 8:30 am Property work day 7:00 pm AA
3 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Restoration 5:00 pm Handbells	4 2:00 pm Staff 2:00 pm Columbarium 7:00 pm Property Team	5 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Preschool Board	6 9:30 am Senior Adult Ministry 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 pm G.R.O.W.	7 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm Crossing Practice 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Voices of Praise	8 10:00 am Columbarium Work Day 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	9 10:00 am Brown Bag 7:00 pm AA
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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 \$11.00 and note "Easter Lilies" in the memo line. If you would like to donate to the large palms please indicated below. [To order online click here](#)

The deadline is Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10th

Number of Lilies _____ Total \$ _____

Large Palm Donation Total \$ _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given in Memory
of _____

By _____

Phone _____

Please print clearly the name(s) will be in the bulletin on Easter

Rev. Tim Poston
Senior Pastor
pastor@st-philip.org

Cathryn Hewett
Director of Faith
Formation
cathryn@st-philip.org

Regan Wang
Organist/Pianist

919-846-2992
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Office Hours:
Mon Wed & Fri
9:00 — 4:00
Tues & Thurs (Virtual)
9:00 — 4:00



Bob Petters
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