

The Epistle

ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2022

Pastor's Message

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A very blessed Easter season is upon us, and I pray for healing, peace, and joy in your life as you read this.

May is a month filled with meaningful moments and opportunities for us here at St. Philip. We invite you out to support the family of Earl Fagan at his funeral here on Sat., May 7, at 11am. Earl led a remarkable life and was a cherished member of our church family. Please continue to lift the Fagan family in your prayers during this time of profound loss. We take comfort in the fact that St. Paul writes in Scripture that "to be away from the body is to be present with the Lord." We join with Earl's family in remembering and celebrating the life he led, even as we take comfort that he is at home with the Lord now. May he rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.

We are looking forward to three potential baptisms during the month of May, and we are still working out the dates. This would bring us to four baptisms so far this year and affords us the opportunity to minister to families that are non-members. Most importantly, of course, these babies and youth will be "clothed with Christ and marked with the cross of Christ forever." We rejoice that God is empowering us to fulfill the Great Commission, "to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that [Jesus] has commanded [us]."

We encourage you to take advantage of a workshop on budgeting that Thrivent Financial is hosting here in Kepley Hall on Sat., May 14, from 10am until noon. Refreshments, fellowship, and helpful financial tools will be shared. The Stewardship Team is most excited to offer this opportunity, and most of us are already signed up. Won't you join us?

Please sign up using the link in this newsletter, the weekly bulletin/eNews, or our church website. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are excited to offer another New Members' Class (for those who could not join us on the prior date) on Sat., May 21, from 10am until noon. We will share refreshments, get to know one another a little better, take a brief tour of our grounds and buildings, and hear about the opportunities for ministry and service here at St. Philip. Please contact the church office to register. We will then receive these new members the following day, Sun., May 22, at both worship services. We are so excited that God is adding to our numbers here as of late. Praise the Lord!

We are currently planning our annual "Graduate Sunday" on May 22 - at both services - where we will recognize our students who are graduating from high school and college. We commend them for their achievements and wish them well in all their future endeavors. They have made us very proud.

Remember that we will have our second combined worship service of the year on Sun., May 29, at 10am. We are always excited when members of both the Crossing contemporary service and the Traditional service can worship together. It is a time to see old friends and meet new ones, as together we worship the Lord in a spirit of unity. Remember that we are reserving the fifth Sunday of the month to do this, so it will be a quarterly opportunity.

In the life of our country, we celebrate Mother's Day on May 8th and Memorial Day on May 30th. So, this month we give thanks for all mothers and nurturing figures, even as we acknowledge the pain felt by many on this day for deeply personal reasons.

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And we give thanks, additionally, for all who gave their lives in service to our nation's armed forces. We enjoy the freedoms we have as Americans because of the sacrifice of untold numbers of brave men and women who fought and died valiantly on our behalf.

And, finally, we are seeking to revamp our Prayer List here to make it less bulky and unwieldy – and more likely to be prayed by each of us. Toward that end, we will have a section of the list for “New and Recent Prayer Requests,” followed by one for “Long Term Prayers,” and one for “Continued Prayers for Our Extended Family.” Let us know what you think of it when you see it. Personally, I find these distinctions to be helpful. You can help us out in a couple of ways: first, please pray for the individuals on the list; and secondly, please help us update prayer requests that you submit. In other words, if the need for prayer has passed – due to healing or any other reason – please contact us to have that particular request removed. We are seeking to keep our Prayer List as current as possible.

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Pastor Tim

Budgeting for What Matters

Thrivent Seminar on May 14th @ 10:00 am

This workshop is designed to help attendees create a budget that will incorporate their priorities and goals. 10:00–12:00 in Kepley Hall, 9:45–Refreshments. Click here to [Sign up](#)

Everyone is invited to attend this free seminar open to the community! Folks of all ages are encouraged to participate—**child care will be provided.**

Presenter— 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.

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



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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 .



**One Blended
Worship Service** on
May 29th at 10:00 am

Come join in worship
together as the body of
Christ at St. Philip!

Pastor's Bible Study of the Book of Acts

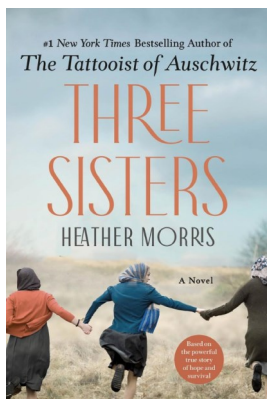
10:30 am & 6:45 pm
In person or on Zoom.

[Click here for Zoom details](#)



Adult Book Club

If you love to read and would like to discuss books 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 May 24th and we will be discussing *Three Sisters* by Heather Morris.

From Heather Morris, this book was inspired by a true story.

Against all odds, three Slovakian sisters have survived years of imprisonment in the most notorious death camp in Nazi Germany: Auschwitz. Livia, Magda, and Cibi have clung together, nearly died from starvation and overwork, and the brutal whims of the guards in this place of horror. But now, the allies are closing in and the sisters have one last hurdle to face: the death march from Auschwitz, as the Nazis try to erase any evidence of the prisoners held there. Due to a last minute stroke of luck, the three of them are able to escape formation and hide in the woods for days before being rescued.

And this is where the story begins. From there, the three sisters travel to Israel, to their new home, but the battle for freedom takes on new forms. Livia, Magda, and Cibi must face the ghosts of their past--and some secrets that they have kept from each other--to find true peace and happiness.

Available at the Wake County Library. We have also chosen our books for next month:
June 28. *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

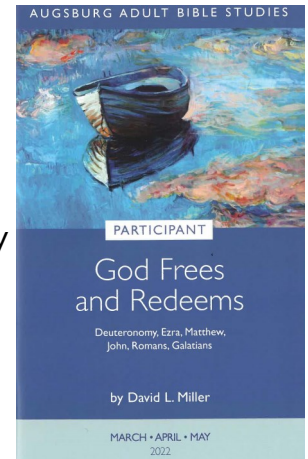
Augsburg Sunday School Class

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

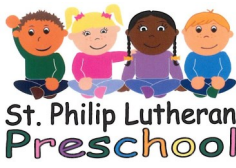
The music at The Crossing contemporary service is typically different from our traditional worship. There are different musical expressions for different types of Crossing services. For example, there is acoustic, rock(y), contemplative, and bluegrass gospel, among others.

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 school year at St. Philip Preschool has flown by as we begin our last month of school. Although our year looked a little different, our hearts were BIG...filled with SO much LOVE!! In April, we had our Spring Art Show where parents viewed and bought their children's artwork. The funds we raised will be used for art supplies, books for our library, playground updates and more!



May is a very busy month as we honor the mothers of our preschoolers with Muffins for Moms and Mother's Day Teas! Our Spring "Virtual" Program "The Seasons" will be shared with parents and all our friends on Friday, May 20! We will end our school year with a Kindergarten Recognition, Beach Days and our Class Picnics!!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is ongoing and if you are interested or know someone who is please call 919-870-5841 or Leigh Anne Barham at 919-818-9585. St. Philip Preschool has warm, nurturing teachers, an age-appropriate curriculum and large classrooms.

Thank you St. Philip for always welcoming us and for all your prayers, love and support!

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



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>



**Milestone Blessing of
our
2022 Graduates
May 22, 2022
at both services!**

If you have a graduate—let Cathryn know at cathryn@st-philip.org

Faith & Fellowship

Monthly Breakfast Group—

At iHop on Six Forks
or on Zoom.



Tuesday 5/17/22
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

Will meet at 11:30 on
Thursday May 5th at the River
Pub, located in The Falls River
Town Center off of Falls of
Neuse.



Please contact Claire Muller to
RSVP for the reservation.
919-752-6541 or clairegm855@gmail.com

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 May 10th at 11:30

Everyone—all ages—are invited to join in a time of fellowship over a
delicious lunch and an fun program brought by the Dulcimers!

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.
Watch for details about our May dinner.

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

Easter Celebration





St Philip Softball

Our Softball Team will be kicked off the 2022 campaign in April 2022.

We expect to compete, enjoy fellowship, and grow our fan base this year. The regular season will run from mid-April through June with Playoffs typically through the end of July.

Come on out to watch and cheer our team on at 6:30 on Monday 5/5 – St. Philip VS Asbury game at Bay Leaf Baptist Church. Bay Leaf Baptist is north of I 540 off Possum Track Trail off Six Forks. [Click Here for Map](#). Plan ahead to attend the games on May 10 & May 26th—all played at Bay Leaf at 6:30.



To our church family at St. Philip,

On behalf of my sister-in-law and nephews, as well as Nancy and me, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the welcoming and generous opening of your hearts to us all during the funeral for my brother Wayne Grant.

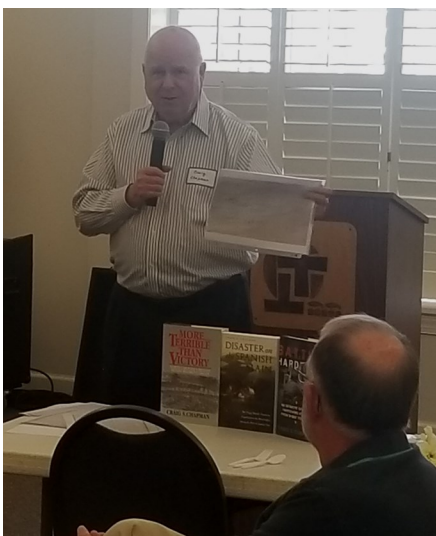
There are too many people to thank individually without leaving out important members, but I will mention Jane Gue, without whom I would never have been able to pull this off. To the ushers who helped with crowd control, to Don Helmey who ran the sound, to the small army of volunteers in the kitchen helping with the reception, and to all of our friends who were there to offer your moral support, thank you all.

Yours in Christ,
Ken and Nancy Grant



Saints & Sinners

Our program at the April luncheon was presented by Craig Chapman



As an author and military historian, Craig shared some interesting information & stories as he combined his lifelong passion historical research with his expertise as an infantry officer.



Last Coffee and Community Chats: May 3rd
Join Families Together for our last virtual chat. These informal 30-minute discussions provide a behind-the-scenes look at our efforts to build hope and grow community.

On May 3rd at noon, FT Financial Empowerment Lead Harriett Reynolds and Employment Specialist Taniscia Davis will discuss how we help families take steps toward financial stability. Registration information for this chat will be posted at <https://famiestogethernc.org/coffee-and-community>
You can also take a quick look at our first two Chats at the links below:

Plans for a Cottage Court Community: <https://youtu.be/PgWMfE7f1J8>

My Journey from Client to Board Member: <https://youtu.be/LulescVag54>

Spring 2022 Campaign: Building Hope Growing Community

Help Families Together reach their \$400,000 spring campaign goal by May 31, 2022. 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.



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

Visit FamiliesTogetherNC.org/BuildingHope to read about our action plan, make a contribution, and learn more about how you can make a difference.

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 Sadie Williams, the new FT Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator at sadie@famiestogethernc.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 sadie@famiestogethernc.org

Brown Bag Ministry



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

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



**Saturday May 21
10 am–12:00
In the Music Room**

Why bother with formally uniting with a church?

Being part of a faith community can be described as our opportunity to grasp hold of each other in responsibility and love.

In uniting with church you:

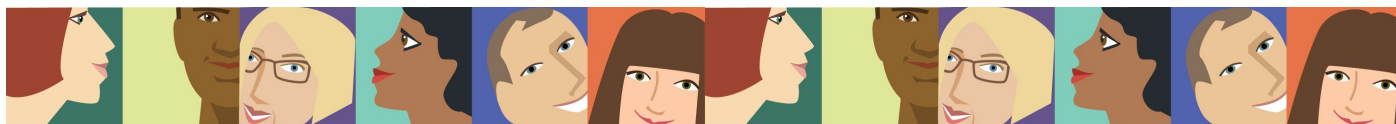
- Make visible your commitment to Christ and his people.
- Enter into a relationship of mutual accountability. When we join a church we offer ourselves to one another to be challenged, encouraged, loved, and strengthened.
- Make promises to practice the spiritual disciplines of daily prayer, active service, weekly worship, regular Bible study, on-going fellowship, and generous giving within and through a particular community of faith .

Learning about St. Philip

If you would like to learn more about St. Philip membership, come join this class! There is no obligation to join however, this class is designed to help start the journey to being active in the ministries of St. Philip.

Becoming part of a faith community like St Philip is a big step but you do not take this step alone. The Holy Spirit has brought you to this place and we look forward to the ministry that we can do together.

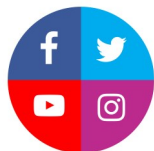
Sign up on line so preparations can be made: [Click Here](#)



St. Philip is on Social Media!

For us to be successful in reaching out to folks we all need to share, follow, tweet, and like St. Philip where ever you see us!

[Facebook: @stphilipnc](#)



Twitter: @St_PhilipELCA

YouTube: **St-Philip Lutheran Church**

Instagram: **stplcraleigh**

Don't forget to share our website! www.St-Philip.org

Free & Open to the Community!

Spread the word and invite friends of all ages to attend.

CHILD CARE PROVIDED

Sign up [here](#): This workshop is designed to help attendees create a budget that will incorporate their priorities and goals.

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

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

Message from Finance

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to report that we enjoyed another strong monthly performance in March and 2022 is off to a good start.

In March, total income was \$61,800 for the month, or \$12,343 above plan, while expenses were \$40,641, or \$4,764 under plan. On a year-to-date basis, total income was \$156,350, or \$11,477 above plan, while expenses were \$126,691, or \$15,342 under plan. Income exceeded expenses by \$29,659.

Our Gracious Father continues to bless us richly at St. Philip and the Holy Spirit has given each of you a most generous heart.

Blessings,

Jim Beck, Finance Chair

Giving	Actual	Plan	%	March 2022 Financial Summary		
March 2022	\$ 61,800	\$ 49,458	125%			
Year to Date	\$156,350	\$144,873	108%			
Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$60,238	\$ 42,083	143%	\$151,012	\$126,250	120%
Other Income	\$ 1,563	\$ 7,374	21%	\$ 5,338	\$18,623	29%
Total Income	\$61,800	\$ 49,458	125%	\$156,350	\$144,873	108%
Expenses	\$ 46,641	\$ 45,404	103%	\$126,691	\$142,033	89%
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 15,160	\$ 4,053		\$ 29,659	\$ 2,840	

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



5/3	36 th	Paul & Pam Augustowski
5/4	20 th	Mike & Aurora Davis
5/7	17 th	Kent & Carol Williams
5/10	25 th	Jim & Stacey Bell
5/12	43 rd	Mark & Sandy Glass
5/12	21 st	Paul & Christine Grantham
5/12	21 st	Tim & Allison Weinzapfel
5/15	40 th	Ed & Paula Metivier
5/18	37 th	David & Lori Bratcher
5/19	21 st	Brian & Heather Kindl
5/22	23 rd	JP & Holly Attanasio
5/29	40 th	Keith & Edwina Bruce

5/2	Cole Esler
5/7	Jackson Attanasio
5/9	Dave Barham
5/13	Natalie Rimmer
5/15	Allison Edwards
5/15	Rebecca Shermer
5/22	Barbara Burdette
5/22	Anne Mehr
5/23	Joyce Schmidt
5/24	Bill Bunte
5/24	Jim Beck
5/24	Kurt Saenger-Heyl
5/25	Emme Hooks
5/27	Abigail Mahl
5/28	Glenn Smyre
5/29	Matthew Casadonte
5/31	Caitlyn Bell
5/31	Sally Bowman

Happy Mothers' Day!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 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	2 2:00 pm Staff 2:00 pm Columbarium 7:00 pm Property Team	3 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 9:30 am Senior Adult Ministry 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study 6:45 pm G.R.O.W. Worship	5 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm Softball Game 6:30 pm Crossing Practice 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Voices of Praise	6 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	7 11:00 am Earl Fagan Service 7:00 pm AA
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Office Hours:
Mon Wed & Fri
9:00 – 4:00
Tues & Thurs (Virtual)
9:00 – 4:00

Worship with ST. PHILIP

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

9:00 am Contemporary	11:00 am Traditional
	
In person	In person
or	or
Online	Online
	
Facebook Live	Zoom & Facebook Live



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