



The Epistle

ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2022

Pastor's Message

It is with some heaviness of heart – combined with joy and appreciation – that we celebrate Cathryn Hewett's retirement this month, on Sunday, August 28th. She will be recognized at both worship services that day. Please plan to come out and celebrate her tenure here at St. Philip (officially 12 years) as our Director of Faith Formation. She has done a fantastic job and touched countless lives in her years of service here.

Personally, I am sad to see her leave; I wish we could serve on staff together for many more years. However, I am excited to see the next phase of her life and ministry unfold. I am most grateful that she will retain her membership here at St. Philip. So: thank you so much, Cathryn! We love you. And thank you also, Allen, Sydney, and Preston for supporting your wife and mother through so many joyful times and challenging days. The devotion of your family to our mission and ministry has not gone unnoticed. You all have persevered through very much, and we appreciate and admire you more than you know. As Matthew 25: 21 says, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

While we are celebrating, how about our St. Philip softball team?! Not only did they have a good season, but they defeated Bay Leaf Baptist Church (a team that has not lost in a year or more), in the playoff semi-finals, and they are now set to play in the finals for the league championship! I am so proud of them. Hats off (or is it "caps off?") to Mike Davis for his tireless leadership of this team, as well as his superb coaching abilities.

Please thank Mike, when you see him, for his efforts and commitment over the years to our softball team. Job well done, team!

And finally, I would like to encourage a return to in-person worship on the part of us all. We have been blessed here at St. Philip with 24 new members this year and MANY returning visitors. But several times I have heard from visitors that, though they enjoy our worship services, they are looking for a larger in-person congregation. If we were larger, they have indicated that they would likely formally join. They're not looking for a mega-church – just a fuller worship space. This problem is a little more acute in our 9 am Crossing worship service. Most of that population has simply not returned in-person since our pandemic quarantine. So, unless you are physically sick, out of town, or have a fear of crowds, I would encourage you to attend worship in-person. I suspect that the average person wakes up Sunday morning and makes the decision to attend worship based on whether they feel like it or not, on any given Sunday. I would like to reframe that decision with a different perspective and make it less about the individual and more about the community. Our visitors may not return if they see a small number of people in Sunday worship. But they are much more likely to join our ministry here if we have greater numbers. Your in-person presence here is vitally important to our growth as a congregation. So maybe the question we ought to ask ourselves on Sunday mornings is "if I attend worship in person today, are others more likely to attend and return – and possibly join?" The answer to that question is yes.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Tim

New in the Sanctuary..



New Kneeler Pads
were donated and installed!

Fellowship Fun...



Pub Ministry

Musicians...



Handbell Ensemble



Katy Peachey &
Nancy Grant



Message from the Fellowship Team

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to bake. We occasionally need homemade baked goods for receptions.

Please contact Deb Coccarelli to be added to the list of bakers. Text / call 919-673-7740 or email Deborah.coccarelli@gmail.com

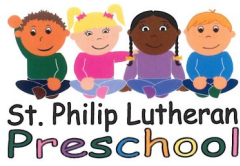


Augsburg Sunday School Class

Sunday mornings, at 10:00 in the Music Room. The class will use the Bible study guide, *Partners in a New Creation*

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.





St. Philip Lutheran Preschool begins its 40th year in September! Our goal is to present a program of art, music and creative play that encourages the growth and development of each child in a Christian environment that is loving and nurturing. We believe each child is unique and special so the curriculum is based on the premise that children learn in a variety of ways, at different speeds and with different experiential backgrounds provided by their parents. Our teachers strive to make their classrooms interesting, inviting and age appropriate. We serve preschoolers ages 2-5 with a cut-off date of October 16th from September through May in a half-day program.

The staff is excited and looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year which starts on 9/6/22. If you have a little one, friend or family that may be looking for a preschool this fall, we do have openings in some of the classes.

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

As always, we thank you for opening your doors and hearts to us!!



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 is not meeting regularly through the summer.

BUT—keep your eye out for some special events!

Any questions? Please contact Cathryn at cathryn@st-philip.org



Pull out your tie dye and mark your calendars.

Join us on August 28th as we celebrate Cathryn Hewett on her retirement from St. Philip. She has served as the Director of Faith Formation for over 12 years and has touched many of our lives.

We will be recognizing her during both services and at a reception between the services in Luther Hall. Help us spread the word. Please share with former members who know Cathryn or those that have been impacted by her ministry.

Faith & Fellowship

Monthly Breakfast Group—

At iHop on Six Forks
or on Zoom.



Tuesday 8/16/22
at 9:30 am

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

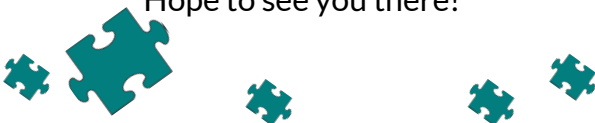
Contact Frank Bouknight for more
information. bouknightf@yahoo.com or

Puzzle Get Together

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, beginning
on **August 18th** 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!



Fellowship Supper Group

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday
monthly at a local
restaurant for good food and
fellowship.

Watch for details about our
August dinner.

For more information contact Carol Rogers
parakayaker@gmail.com

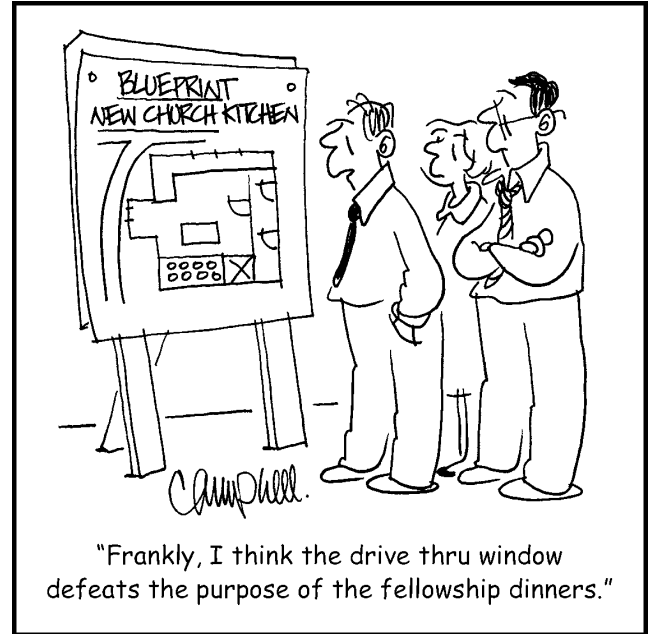


Ladies Lunch

Will meet at 12:00 pm on
Thursday, August 4th at
Outback

Please contact Claire Muller to
RSVP for the reservation.

919-752-6541 or
clairegm855@gmail.com



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 August 24th—the next
meeting date & place.

Everyone is welcome, we hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Dave Wahlstrom @
dave00256@gmail.com

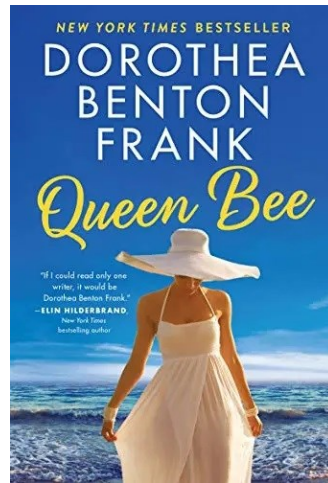
Adult Book Club

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 August 23rd, we will be discussing *Queen Bee* by Dorothea Benton Frank.

Queen Bee is a classic Lowcountry Tale—warm, wise and hilarious, it roars with humanity and a dropperful of whodunit added for good measure by an unseen hand. In her twentieth novel, Dorothea Benton Frank brings us back to her beloved island with an unforgettable story where the Lowcountry magic of the natural world collides with the beat of the human heart.



Beekeeper Holly McNee Jensen quietly lives in a world of her own on Sullivans Island, tending her hives and working at the local island library. Holly calls her mother The Queen Bee because she's a demanding hulk of a woman. Her mother, a devoted hypochondriac, might be unaware that she's quite ill but that doesn't stop her from tormenting Holly. To escape the drama, Holly's sister Leslie married and moved away, wanting little to do with island life. Holly's escape is to submerge herself in the lives of the two young boys next door and their widowed father, Archie.

Message from the Outreach Team

On Sunday, September 11

We will join ELCA in celebrating God's Work, Our Hands. We will have one united worship service at 10 AM, followed by a light meal in Luther Hall.

We will then embark on several service projects, both onsite and offsite.

- Onsite, we will be preparing a new supply of homeless bags for our members to give out as needed.
- Offsite, a group of our talented singers will be going to TerraBella Northridge, to spread some cheer to those that cannot get out to enjoy live worship & music.
- We will also be having one or two more projects that we will be revealing in a couple of weeks.
- Postcards will be sent to homes within several miles of our church inviting them to join us. We want to show others what an inviting church we are.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be there on September 11. We look forward to seeing you,
Kent Williams



St Philip Softball

The team won the Semi Final Game!
Plan to come on out to watch and cheer our team on at the CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. On Tuesday August 2nd at 6:30!

The game will be at Bay Leaf Baptist Church. Bay Leaf Baptist is north of I 540 off Possum Track Trail off Six Forks. [Click Here for Map.](#)

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11, 2022



Expanding in Response to Our Community's Need for Housing

The July rent report from Rent.com shows a staggering 48.9% increase in the cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Raleigh compared to the same time last year. Extremely low-income families are disproportionately impacted by these soaring costs and the Families Together team has been growing its response. A large grant from Wake County, along with funding from the spring campaign and other generous support, has enabled Families Together to add four new full-time positions and one part-time position to our Housing Programs team.

New funding enables Families Together to enhance and expand our housing and support services. It also covers the cost of 15 motel rooms that will be integrated into the Families Together Emergency Shelter program. This will help fill an urgent community need for non-congregant shelter, which allows families at risk of separation to remain together while they obtain permanent housing.

Over a 12-month period, our high-level goals are to provide Emergency Shelter for 40 families and to help 85 families (including those in our Emergency Shelter program and partner family shelters) transition from homelessness to home with the specialized, holistic support of the Families Together team.

New Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

We're excited to announce that Sara Karbley will join us on August 1st as the new Families Together Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator. As Sara gets acclimated in her new role, she'll be reaching out to our partners and connecting individuals and groups to opportunities to get involved with Families Together.

Special Requests

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@famielstogethernc.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in doing what you can to help local families? Please look below and let us know if you'd like to learn more or sign up to help with any of these projects that need volunteer support:

- Cleaning up and landscaping yards
- Staking a driveway path
- Building a steppingstone path
- Cleaning a few apartments inside
- Mulching/weeding flower/garden beds
- Building a playground storage shelter for toys and bikes
- Installing a trash can at our playground
- Coordinating youth activities during parent workshops

Email volunteer@FamiliesTogetherNC.org for more information!

Brown Bag Ministry

Let hope fly

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

To learn more and sign up visit
our website:

st-philip.org/brown-bag-ministry



St. Philip gives baby diapers every month through our partnership with The Diaper Bank.

One of the things we really need to prepare the diapers for delivery is likely something you have shoved under your sink or in the pantry- it is all those grocery bags (plastic or paper)!

If you have some to spare, we would love to take them off your hands. You can drop them off at Kepley Kitchen, if the office is closed, leave them at the door.

Contact Stacey Bell for information on how you can contribute. Raleighbells@yahoo.com

Giving				<div>June 2022</div> <div>Financial Summary</div>		
	Actual	Plan	%			
June 2022	\$ 47,218	\$ 47,708	99%			
Year to Date	\$285,996	\$287,997	99%			
Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$45,265	\$ 42,083	108%	\$272,976	\$252,500	108%
Other Income	\$ 1,954	\$ 5,624	35%	\$ 13,020	\$35,497	37%
Total Income	\$47,529	\$ 47,708	99%	\$285,996	\$287,997	99%
Expenses	\$ 41,529	\$ 49,504	84%	\$258,983	\$289,447	89%
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 5,690	\$ 1,797		\$ 27,012	\$ (1,450)	

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

Bishop's Challenge



Partnership:

- Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) current resettlement offices: Raleigh and Asheville
- LSC future resettlement offices: Salisbury and Wilmington
- 164 congregations fall within the 100-mile coverage radius of LSC offices.



St. Philip—

You are invited into a conversation with Bishop Tim Smith, Ted Goins, and the leaders in Refugee Resettlement.

During this call, you will learn more about Circles of Welcome, an LSC program that readies you to welcome new families and gives you clear ideas about the ways your church can partner.

Upcoming Meeting:
Wednesday, August 17
at 3 p.m.

[Register Today!](#)



8/1/1992	John & Melissa Darrow	30 th
8/3/1957	Dick & Sarah Wilson	65 th
8/4/2012	Michael & Catalina Fagan	10 th
8/6/1960	Stephen & Barbara Burdette	62 nd
8/7/1977	Fernando & Carol Puente	45 th
8/8/1987	Dan & Laura Walser	35 th
8/10/1985	Mike Maness & Lois Knauff	37 th
8/21/1971	Ed & Jan Peterson	51 st
8/22/1987	Paul & Kathy Casadonte	35 th
8/22/1969	Ken & Nancy Grant	53 rd
8/23/1970	Joe & Kathryn Edwards	52 nd
8/23/1964	Tom & Jean Poston	58 th
8/26/1972	Jerry & Dianne Rimmer	50 th
8/28/1965	Dave & Betty Wahlstrom	57 th
8/31/1969	Carlton & Gloria Baird	53 rd
8/31/1997	Bill & Laura Bunte	25 th



8/2	Suzanne Zeok	8/18	Katie Zeok
8/7	Thomas Sternloff	8/19	Aurora Davis
8/9	Ostine Swan	8/20	Heidi Pongracz
8/11	Bobby Foil	8/20	Nicholas Halferty
8/12	Debbie Voress	8/21	Kathy Blum
8/13	John Foil	8/23	John Zeok
8/14	Jackson Lawrence	8/23	Judy Eise
8/15	JP Attanasio	8/23	Glenn Barham
8/15	Jamie Bratcher	8/26	Erin Bratcher
8/16	Steve Gibson	8/27	Grace Kindl
8/17	Marjorie Smith	8/28	Cathryn Hewett
8/17	Eleanor Flora	8/30	Carol Williams
8/18	Edgar Voress	8/31	Wyatt Esler
8/18	Dan Walser		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 pm Softball Game 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	3 9:30 am Senior Adult Ministry	4 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm NA	5 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	6 7:00 pm AA
7 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional 3:00 pm Restoration	8 2:00 pm Staff 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	9 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	10	11 6:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm NA	12 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	13 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 pm AA
14 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Restoration 6:30 pm Council	15 2:00 pm Staff	16 9:30 am iHop Breakfast Group 6:30 pm Dinner Group 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	17	18 10:00 am Puzzle Group 6:30 pm NA	19 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	20 7:00 pm AA
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28 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Reception—Cathryn Hewett 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Restoration	29 2:00 pm Staff	30	31			



25 Years Of
FAITH
SERVICE
& HOPE
Built On A Solid Rock

Psalm 18:2, Matthew 7:24-28

**August 10th is the
25th anniversary of
Pastor Tim's ordination!**

**On Sunday, 8/14th
We will celebrate his ministry in
worship & at a reception
in between services.**

See you there!

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