

Pastor's Message

What a magnificent month we have ahead of us! Holy Week is upon us, as we remember and commemorate - and to some extent reenact -- the events of Jesus' last week of life in the holy city of Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday, he enters the city amidst joy and jubilant crowds and adulation. On Maundy Thursday, he will celebrate his Last Supper, wash his disciples' feet, pray in Gethsemane's garden, and be arrested. On Good Friday, he will be tortured and put to death on a cross. On Saturday, he will lie in his tomb, undisturbed. And on Easter Sunday, he will rise from the grave, conquering sin and death and reconciling us back to God. It is a week of wild and diverse emotions. I invite you to join all of our worship services this week in order to "walk with Jesus" through suffering, death, and ultimately, victory and joy. We have Crossing worship at 9am Palm Sunday, followed by Traditional worship at 11am. Maundy Thursday, we worship at 12 noon and 7pm. Good Friday, we also worship at 12 noon and 7pm. And on Easter Sunday, we worship at 9am for Crossing and 11am for Traditional. We are soon to exclaim, "He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

We also celebrate our 60th anniversary as a congregation this month! St. Philip was founded on Palm Sunday (April 7), 1963 by Pastor Robert J. Kepley, his wife Susan, and our charter members.

Our first joyful celebration will occur at the end of the month. We will have a "Founders' Dinner" on Sat., Apr. 29, from 5 to 7pm in Luther Hall. We will recognize and honor not only our charter members but also all of our founding members during our first decade of existence. We owe these people a debt of gratitude we could never fully repay for pioneering the path of community faith and discipleship. Please congratulate and thank these folks when you see them.

We will have a fifth Sunday "United" worship service at 10 am the following day, Sun., Apr. 30. We will not only continue to celebrate our founding members but also welcome our newest class of members! We anticipate welcoming between three and eight new members. We will have a brief reception following worship to celebrate both groups.

On that note, if you or anyone you know would be interested in attending our New Members' Class, it will be held here at church in the Music Room on Sat., Apr. 22, from 10am until noon. We will introduce ourselves and learn more about each other over refreshments and then get a tour of our facilities and learn about the ministry opportunities here at St. Philip.

In the joy of Christ's resurrection, Pastor Tim

St. Philip Lutheran Church

Seating is limited

Please RSVP:

You can <u>RSVP online</u>
or fill out a form
found in the
Narthex or
Kepley Hall.

Celebrating
1963 6 1963
Years

You are invited to attend the

Founders' Celebration Dinner & Program

Saturday April 29th 5:00-7:00

- Laughter & Music
- Nostalgia & Reflection
- Recognition of Charter Members
 - Fun for the whole family >

60th Celebration Dinner—On Saturday, April 29th 5:00—7:00 pm, we will celebrate the Charter Members and founders of St. Philip. Several members have been planning for this church dinner. We have a memorable & fun program planned for the evening, loaded with surprises! For planning purposes please RSVP how many people will come with you.

Two important notes:

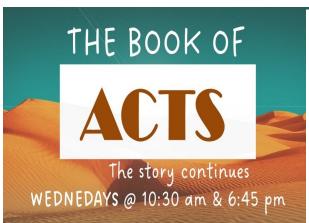
- **1.** Seating is limited, so RSVP soon!
- $\textbf{2}. \ The \ dinner \ will \ be \ served \ \textbf{PROMPTLY} \ at \ \textbf{5:00} \ in \ order \ to \ have \ the \ program \ end \ by \ 7:00$

PLEASE PLAN TO COME EARLY—4:45—TO GET YOUR SEAT!!!!



I want to thank those of you who sent cards, prayers, and phone calls to me after my sister's passing. How fortunate for me to have such good friends and to be a part of the St. Philip Community.

Thank you again, Carole Mason



Pastor's Bible Study

Everyone is welcome to join Pastor Tim's study of the early Church with the book of Acts telling the story.

On Wednesdays, *beginning again on April* 12th we will meet at 10:30 & 6:45 pm in person in the Music Room and will utilize Zoom for those who may not be able to attend. Details available from the church office—

919-846-2992 or church@st-philip.org

If you haven't attended the study yet, that's okay join us anyway!



Palm-Passion Sunday
April 2nd
9:00 am Crossing Contemporary
11:00 am Traditional

Maundy Thursday April 6th 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

Good Friday
April 7th
12 Noon & 7:00 pm

Resurrection Sunday
9:00 am Crossing Contemporary
11:00 am Traditional

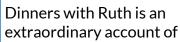


Adult Book Club

Everyone is welcome!

Our next meeting will be on April 25th at 10:00 in the Parlor—

We will be discussing reading Dinners with Ruth—A Memoir on the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenberg.



two women who paved the way for future generations by tearing down professional and legal barriers. It is also an intimate memoir of the power of friendships as women began to pry open career doors and transform the workplace.

DINNERS

WITH RUTH

A MEMOIR on the POWER

The book is available at the Wake County

A Message from the NC Synod





Troop 342 & Troop 342-G are holding a multi-family yard sale at St. Philip on Saturday April 22, 2023 from 6:00am-12:00pm. This is our fundraiser! You can donate items,

whatever you wish—drop off Friday night, April 21, 2023 from 6:00 pm and on, we will be setting up. Folks from our neighborhoods and other extended families will be dropping off at the garage on church campus as we set up.

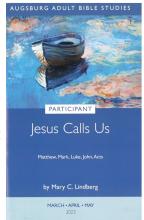
We appreciate all efforts from the good folks at St. Philip to assist us in our fundraising.

Augsburg Sunday School Class

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

The class will use the Bible study guide, Jesus Calls Us

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!

FREE Agapé Day Camp Day June 10 (current Grades K-5)

You don't want to miss this FREE fun and faith filled day at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh (only 10 minutes away from St. Philip). You'll have a chance to enjoy some fun and silly songs, see some funny skits, do some fun crafts, play a lot of great games, enjoy some guided nature activities, and have some Bible discovery time!

The counselors from Camp Agapé are known nationally for being some of the best summer camp staff around and you'll have a chance to experience their great love and contagious enthusiasm they have as they share their faith with you!

Camp begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm.

All campers are asked to bring a packed lunch; snacks and drinks will be provided.

Registration closes June 1st.

You can register online HERE
Contact Kai for more information.



Our classes enjoyed celebrating Easter with an Easter egg hunt, party and learning the true meaning of Easter from God's Word the last week of March! We are thankful that Jesus gave us life!!

April is filled with Spring Break, Spring Art Show and our Spring pictures!! Everyone is welcome to visit our Spring Art Show on Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21 in Luther Hall. There will be many "masterpieces" on display!!

Our registration for the 2023-2024 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. Please feel free to stop by and visit with us!! We love to "show off" our wonderful school!!

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

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



Join us on Easter Sunday at 10:15am between our two worship services for a simple Easter Egg Hunt on our front lawn.

Bring an Easter Basket/Bag to put your collected eggs in. Grades 5 and under.

Note All Eggs will be empty, kids can pick up a goodie bag at the end of the Easter Egg Hunt.



Sign up for Summer Camp!

It's that time of year already! Summer is coming soon, and we are blessed to have amazing Lutheran summer camps here in North Carolina that offer a variety of fantastic half week or full week summer camp experiences that will shape the faith lives of your children. Check out all the different options at these camps by visiting their websites today. If you are interested in attending and need a scholarship, contact Kai for more information.



April 11th @ 11:30 am

The next luncheon is on Tuesday, April 11th at 11:30 am. The program this month will be Ed Peterson leading a sing a long! New songs!

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a yummy lunch, fellowship.

Please contact Carole Mason to let her know if you can come in order to plan for the food by 2/5/23 @ 919-210-0727

\$7.00 lunch donation would be appreciated

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





12:00 pm on Thursday, April 13th at

Olive Garden

Please contact Claire Muller to RSVP for the reservation. 919-752-6541 or

> <u>clairegm855@gmail.com</u> Every 1st Thursday!

> > Hope to see you there!

Monthly Breakfast Group-

At iHop on Six Forks Rd.

Tuesday 4/18 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

Pub Ministry

Pub Ministry will get together again on <u>Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 PM.</u> Watch the announcements for details. Contact Dave Wahlstrom at <u>dave00256@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Everyone is welcome to join in!

Puzzle Get Together

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, on April 20th in the Music Room at 10 am Come, relax, and have fun completing a puzzle. Questions? Contact Claire Muller at 919–752-6541 or <u>claire6078@att.net</u>

Hope to see you there!









Watch announcements & email for where our next dinner on April 28th will be at. For more information contact Carol Rogers parakayaker@gmail.com

Everyone is invited!!



Our Softball Team will be kicking off its 2023 campaign in April 2023. 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 4/1/2023. 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<u>mikedavisconsulting149@outlook.com</u> or texting at 321-356-6673.

Each member of the 2023 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 2023.

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

Messages from Kai



Kingdom Kids (grades K-5)

Kingdom Kids is our Children's Ministry at St. Philip. Kingdom Kids is relational, formative, and fun!

At St. Philip, we have a strong commitment to:

- ★ the growth of each child's spiritual development
- ★ child safety during all activities and events
- ★ a welcoming atmosphere
- ★ most of all, having fun learning about God and building friendships with one another.

Kingdom Kids (K-5) Winter 2023 Schedule

April 9 - 9am & 11am Easter Sunday Worship

April 9 - 10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

April 23 – Kingdom Kids (K-5) **Questions?** You can contact Kai Thurow at

Kai@st-philip.org

Youth Group (grades 6-12)



Get ready for transformational trips and retreats, engaging youth group nights, service opportunities, and God's work in your life! Come join us in a place where you can be yourself and know that you belong.

Youth Group Nights

Our youth group meets every other Sunday from 6:30-8pm for a chance to catch up with each other, to play some games, to enjoy a devotion together, and to occasionally take a deep dive into various faith and life topics.

Youth Group (6-12) Winter 2023 Schedule

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm

April 7 – Good Friday Worship 7pm

April 9 - Easter Sunday Worship 9am & 11am

April 16 - Youth Group (6-12) 6:30-8pm

April 30 – Youth Group (6-12) 6:3

6:30-8pm



Young Worship Tool Kits

Our Young Worship Tool Kits will be available on Easter Sunday. These Worship Tool Kits are designed to help children to engage in different parts of worship more fully.

Each kit will have some quiet items in them with symbols on them that will match symbols in our bulletins or on our worship slides. Keep an out for more information soon



Faith Kits

Introducing "Faith Kits" on Sunday, 4/16

What are Faith Kits and Why are we using Faith Kits?

As you know, we moved away from Sunday School as the main way that we encourage Faith Formation for our young people and their families here at St. Philip a while ago. We are excited to introduce Faith Kits as one of the new methods of encouraging and equipping our children, youth, and families to engage in the lifelong process of faith formation from the comfort of their own homes and with the flexibility to engage in intentional faith formation around busy schedules.

Who can get a Faith Kit?

As we are starting off this ongoing project, we are starting with making these Faith Kits available to all of our families with children/youth from age-2 to 12th-grade. Faith Kits are available for pick up at the church office.

Thank You For Trying Something New With Us!

Study after study has shown that if faith is not practiced and reinforced in the home, that the lessons of our faith are not retained into adulthood. We are looking forward to this new approach to faith formation and are excited to strengthen the relationship between the church and the home for the sake of faith formation in our children and youth! We know that this makes a bit more work for you at home, but our hope is to reduce that amount of work for you so that you can engage in meaningful faith conversations with your children and youth at home, in the car, or on the sidelines of a sporting event.

Our First Faith Kit: Building Faith

This particular Faith Kit provides materials and simple activities for children/youth/families to engage in faith formation using LEGO bricks, so it's called "Building Faith." This Faith Kit has 8 week's worth of material in them that families can engage with at any time. At the conclusion of this 8 week journey, we will have a new faith kit available for another set of 4-8 weeks in length! Our hope is to equip our families to grow in their faith year-round with one faith kit after another!



April 22, 2023 10:00 am-12:00 pm

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, ongoing 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.

To help us plan for materials and supplies for this class, please sign up <u>Click Here</u> or call the church office.

NOR+H RALEIGH MINISTRIES

2022 was a year like no other before. With nowhere else to turn, over 7,500 neighbors received nourishment & caring support from North Raleigh Ministries.

We saw families go from struggling to provide food for their children to being able to meet their basic needs, save money, & even give back to others in need.

Your investment in our work provided them food & the opportunity to achieve a future they have always longed for.

As we look ahead to 2023, we expect to serve even more families who are experiencing a hardship most of us will never see. And because of you, we will be here for them when they need us most.

With new & exciting things planned for NRM, we invite you to stay connected to see how God will continue to transform lives in North Raleigh.

Thank you for helping to change thousands of lives in our community!

Donna Pygott,



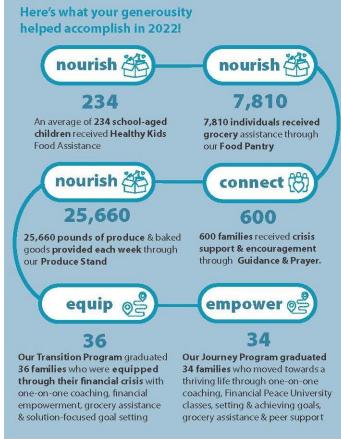














Message from Church Council

On Saturday, February 25th, the Church Council gathered for a one day retreat. The main focus of our gathering was to discern an operating vision for St Philip to carry us forward. We have emerged steady, solid and growing from the pandemic. From our discussions these are the tasks that we will address first.

Constitution – It has been 10 years since our constitution was last updated. There have been several changes to the ELCA Model Constitution and it is time that we bring our constitution into alignment. The body of the constitution will incorporate the required updates by the ELCA. Many of the discretionary sections will now be covered under the By Laws and Continuing Resolutions (Items covered here can be changed by the congregation or council). These items include our Council size, committee structure, congregational meetings, voting procedures, etc. Moving these sections out of the main constitution provides for easier and quicker updating of our ministry structure as our ministry needs/focus change.

Later this year, when Council has completed the updates, a draft of the new Constitution along with By Laws and Continuing Resolutions will be sent out for review before a Congregational Meeting to approve the draft. After passage, the Constitution will be forwarded to the Synod for their review and approval.

Pillar Structure – The present Pillar Structure was implemented in 2018 to better address our expanding ministries. Simply put, our current ministries are more in number than fit or work well under the Standing Committee Structure. This is a great problem to have! A goal of Council is to establish a channel of communication through one or two council members in each Pillar. Ministries that have not come out of the pandemic as actively, are being rebuilt.

Committees/ministries are asked to please communicate (monthly, quarterly) with your Communication Liaison.

Membership Rolls – Our membership rolls have not been reviewed during the pandemic. We will begin a process to review our rolls and update per the ELCA guidelines. We are doing this in order to provide the Synod with an up to date Parochial Report. As always, no member will be removed until a case-by-case evaluation is made.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Cunningham, Council President



Brown Bag Ministry

BBM meets every month on the 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Saturday morning at 10:00 in Luther Hall to prepare and deliver lunches to neighbors at Cedar Point.

- This is a great opportunity to serve for the whole family!
- We need your hands to help make and distribute the lunches.
- Food donations are usually needed to round out what food comes from the NC Food Pantry, watch your email for donation needs.
- Questions? Email Stacey Bell at raleighbells@yahoo.com
- Sign up here: <u>Brown Bag Ministry</u>

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

Message from Finance Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to report that we had continued good financial results in February.

For the month, total income was \$50,103, or \$2,664 over plan and expenses were \$45,602, or \$964 over plan. On a year-to-date basis, total income was \$101,557, or \$6,678 over plan, while expenses were \$92,577, or 9,803 under plan. Income has exceeded expenses by \$8,979.

With your help and God's Grace, let's continue the momentum created by your giving these first two months throughout 2023 and meet or exceed the budget you approved in December. Thank you for your generosity!

Blessings, Jim Beck Finance Chair

Attention THRIVENT Members

Have you checked your Thrivent Choice Dollars lately? You can either go online to Thrivent.com or call 800-Thrivent and ask for Fraternal. If you call, just tell them you want to designate your Choice Dollars to St Philip. Thank you for considering giving your Choice Dollars to your church.

| Giving | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| | Actual | Plan | % | | Fe | bruary, 20 | 23 | |
| February 2023 | \$ 50,103 | \$ 47,439 | 106% | Financial Summary | | | | |
| Year to Date | \$101,557 | \$ 94,879 | 107% | | | | | |
| Category | Current Month Actual | Current Month Plan | % | YTD Actu | ıal | YTD Plan | % | |
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| General Fund | \$48,499 | \$ 42,500 | 114% | \$98,152 | 2 | \$ 85,000 | 115 | % |
| Other Income | \$ 1,604 | \$ 4,939 | 32% | \$ 3,405 | 5 | \$ 9,879 | 349 | % |
| Total Income | \$50,103 | \$ 47,439 | 106% | \$101,55 | 7 | \$ 94,879 | 107 | ' % |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Expenses | \$ 45,602 | \$ 44,638 | 102% | \$ 92,57 | 7 | \$ 102,381 | 909 | % |
| Net Gain/(Loss) | \$ 4,501 | \$ 2,801 | | \$ 8,979 |) | \$ (7,502) | | |

The 2022 Annual Budgeted Revenue needed to meet expenses is \$577,374



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Class 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Shiloh Restoration 5:00 pm Handbells | 3 1:00 pm Staff | 4 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | 5 9:30 am Senior Adult Ministry | 6 Maundy Thursday 12:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Worship | 7 Good Friday 10:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm AA | 8 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 2:00 pm Shiloh Choir 7:00 pm AA |
| 9 Easter 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Class 10:15 am Children's Ministry Egg Hunt 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Shiloh Restoration | 10 Office Closed 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry | 11 11:30 am Saints & Sinners 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Preschool Board | 12 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study 6:45 pm Pastor's Bible Study | 13 10:00 am Quilting Group 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm NA 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Voices of Praise | 14 10:00 am Al-Anon 6:45 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm AA | 2:00 pm Shiloh Choir 7:00 pm AA |
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| 30 10:00 am One United Worship Service 3:00 pm Shiloh Restoration 5:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Youth Group | | | | | | |



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 \$13.00 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/F | Passion Sunday, April 2 nd |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Number of Lilies | Total \$ |
| Large Palm Donation | Total \$ |
| Given in Honor of | |
| Given in Memory of | |

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In person Office

Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:00 -4:00

(Virtual)9:00-4:00

Tues & Thurs

Hours:

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Maundy Thursday-12 noon & 7:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae—12:00 noon & 7:00 pm



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