



The Epistle

June, 2025

St. Philip Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Message

With the arrival of June, summer is practically upon us. Praise God for the warmer weather and the opportunity to take some time off and vacation.

Our Families Together spring campaign concludes on June 8th. Some impressive news to share: on their "triple match" day, they raised \$179,000, \$80,000 of which was contributed by the larger St. Philip family – almost half of the total! Thank you so much for your consistent generosity. We are pushing forward to our goal of \$100,000, and we are soon to be in striking distance of that. If we meet that goal, we at St. Philip will have moved 10 families (of three to five people apiece) who are experiencing homelessness to a stable and secure home. I am so excited that we can have such a tangible impact on our neighbors' lives, and I remain grateful to serve a congregation who takes to heart our mission statement to "share the love of Christ."

We are receiving five new members into the life of our St. Philip faith community on June 1st: Leslie Johnston, David Farrington, Noell Ochieng, Mitchell Miller and Janesha Hassaram. Mitchell and Janesha will be married this summer. We praise God for continuing to add to our numbers here, as well as our faithfulness and discipleship. Please make sure you introduce yourselves to our newest members.

We will celebrate Rowan Kindl as a high school graduate in our Crossing service on June 1st. Rowan is graduating from Millbrook High School – Summa Cum Laude! – and will be attending Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, in the fall. We are so proud of them and are excited to see them flourish over the next four years. Also, Joseph Ubertini will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. We are so proud of him, as well, and celebrate this occasion with his family. Job well done, Rowan and Joseph!

Finally, please remember that we will have one United worship service on the fifth Sunday of this month, June 29th, at 10am. Following worship, our own Dave's Pub Ministry will be cooking on the grill, as we eat lunch and fellowship together. We look forward to seeing you then and there!

Sharing the Love of Christ,
Pastor Tim





Sunday June 29th

There will be one united worship service at 10:00 am

Following the service we will share a pot luck lunch.

We have learned through the years for growing fellowship within the church family, that one way was eating together and sharing our favorite foods—and, together!

The Fellowship Team will provide the goods to be grilled & condiments—the Men's Pub Ministry will be our grill masters! Everything else will be brought by you!

In order to plan for the day, please RSVP using this [Link](#) or scan the code.

In addition to indicating how many people will attend, on the link you will also find a list of



Food Categories, with some suggestions—you don't have to bring something that is listed—AND you don't need to decide on a specific dish—but please pick a category and enter it in the Comment section. Categories include: Vegetables, Side Crunch & Assorted Yums, Fruit, and of course Dessert!



A Gathering of Grievors 'Chat & Chew'

Tuesday, June 9th 6-7:30 pm in the Music Room

I am so excited to report that we had eight people present at the last meeting of this group! We are growing for sure. This ministry meets ONCE per MONTH on the second Tuesday of each month.

We gather from 6-7:30 PM to share our feelings, challenges, and successes surrounding the loss of a loved one. This is a safe place, a place to share things with others who understand the pain of grief. We have a

loosely structured discussion about a topic related to loss, with ample time for people to discuss what is on their mind and heart as well. Many of us bring our dinner with us so we don't have to eat alone. Feel free to share this information with friends and family who are also experiencing the loss of a loved one. For more information, please contact Cindy Wolfe via email at CWolfeOTRL@gmail.com.



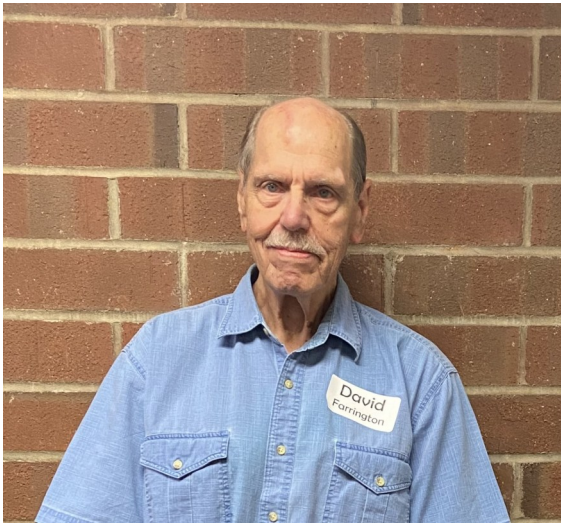
AUDIO-VISUAL ---team---

Everyone is invited to attend an A/V Training Class
on Saturday, June 14th at 10:00am.

**Your help is needed—
this training is for both worship spaces!**

Welcome,

New Members



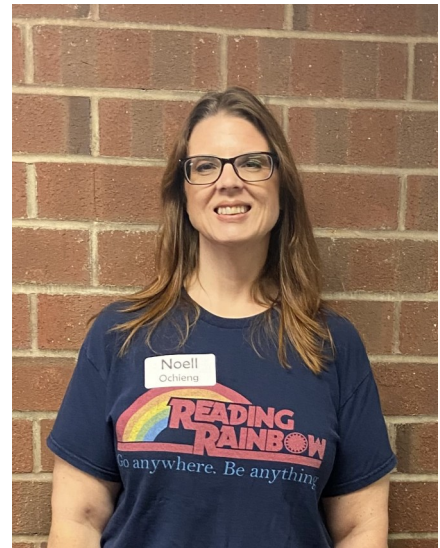
Dave Farrington



Leslie Johnston



**Mitchell & Janesha
Miller Hassaram**



Noell Ochieng

Outreach Highlights



St. Philip – A faith community that helps families find homes

Each spring Families Together (FT) holds their Spring Fundraising Campaign to help families in Wake County who are experiencing homelessness find a stable homing situation. Their holistic approach towards helping to move families experiencing crisis into stable situations is vitally important and has a real impact on our community.

While our support for this year's Spring Fundraising Campaign comes to a close on Sunday, June 8, it seems clear that St. Philip has made part of its identity—being a church that keeps families together and helps them find homes. So far this year (as of the writing of this article) we have successfully raised over \$92,000 towards our \$100,000 goal with a few weeks left go!

Since Families Together (FT) was founded as Pan Lutheran Ministries (PLM) 45 years ago, St. Philip has helped an estimated 400 families (~1,100 people) move from experiencing homelessness into secure homes.

That is incredible! We give thanks for this congregation's generosity of spirit, time, energy, finances, and gifts and for the incredible impact we've had over the years through this wonderful organization.

If you feel moved to give to this wonderful cause you can do so through St. Philip OR by giving directly to Families Together.

- **Giving through St. Philip**—Online OR via check. Please indicate in the comments/memo section that the gift is for Families Together. St. Philip Giving Link: <https://st-philip.org/giving/>
- **Giving directly to Families Together**— Online. Please indicate that you are connected to St. Philip Lutheran Church in the comments. FT Giving Link: <https://familiestogethernc.org/general-donation>

Upcoming Outreach Dates

Refugee Hope Partners & St. Philip Reading Buddy Day:

Date/Time: June 17 (11am-12pm)

Location: Imago Dei Church

What We Will Be Doing: For 1 hour, you will sit down with one refugee kid at a time. The kids will pick a book that they want to read, and then they will sit with you and practice reading the story to you. You're there to be a support for them as they practice reading and practice their English. It's a very rewarding experience!

Sign-Up: Please sign up by Wednesday, June 11 ⇒



Back to School Collection Drive:

For the month of July (7/6 – 8/10) we will be collecting school supplies to support our partner organizations and all of the families & children that they support. More details coming soon!

Ongoing Opportunities to get connected:

(BBM) – Brown Bagin Ministries food donations of Salty & Sweet Snacks (through a generous partnership with The Cypress of Raleigh Retirement Center, we have all the fruit donations we need!)

(RHP) – Brown Bag Ministries on the 2nd & 4th Saturday's each month

(NRM) – Volunteer at the Food Pantry

(NRM) – Volunteer at the Thrift Shoppe(s)

(RHP) – Volunteer for the "Homework Help Program"

(FT) – Volunteer to help with FT's Meal Ministry every 3rd Thursday 5-7pm



Want to get connected?

If you are interested in finding ways to plug-in or in getting additional information about any of our Outreach Opportunities, please contact Kai@st-philip.org

St. Philip's Brown Bag Ministry (BBM) Needs Your Help



In our effort to help reduce rising food insecurity in our community, our BBM needs your help.

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday, our BBM packs 430 meals that are then delivered to Refugee Families in our community. Each lunch that is packed includes a sandwich, fruit, a salty snack, and a sweet snack.

There are donation collection bins available for you to drop off any of the following items

Items we need help collecting:

- ♥ **SALTY SNACK:** Chips; Cheese Crackers; Pretzels; Popcorn
(we try to avoid Peanut Butter Crackers since the sandwiches are often PB Sandwiches)
- ♥ **SWEET SNACK:** Granola bars; Cookies; etc.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to either Stacey Bell at raleighbells@gmail.com or to Kai Thurow at Kai@st-philip.org

A Message from Dave's Men's Pub Ministry (formerly St. Philip Men's Pub Ministry)

The Men's Pub Ministry met on May 27th at Milton's Pizza and Pasta, joining the Women's Fellowship Supper Group for a wonderful evening of fine dining and fellowship, we had 40 attendees. We used the occasion to honor our spouses/significant others.

David Farrington (aka Mr. Raffle) was kind enough to organize a raffle for a beautiful floral arrangement, won by Debbie Voress.

The Pub emphasizes service projects as well as fellowship. We entered seven golfers in the Agape/Kure Beach Ministries Golf Outing on May 19th. Those participating were Paul Augustowski, Bill Dotson, Joel Kepley, Phil Massey, Mickey Rogers, John Sullivan, and Bruce Trant. Thanks go out to John Sullivan for organizing the event.

Our next service project will be grilling for the Church Picnic Celebration on Sunday, June 29th after the 10:00 worship service. Lots of future service projects and fellowship events are planned, including the fall North Raleigh Ministries campaign with two work days in September and October, and cooking for the God's Work. Our Hands. luncheon on August 31st. The Pub Ministry aspires to carry on the legacy of Dave Wahlstrom in both fellowship and service. We invite all men of St. Philip to join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 24th, at Saints and Scholars.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Edwards

Quilters Ministry Update

Lutheran World Relief has advised us that over 13,600 quilts have been distributed to needy locations in the US responding to the hurricane, tornado, flooding, etc. damage. This figure does not include those churches such as Holy Trinity in Raleigh who have large trucks at their disposal and chose to distribute their quilts independently. As this is written the beginning of June St. Philip quilters have completed 25 quilts well on our way to a goal of at least 50 by the end of October.

The Quilters meet 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 Thursday mornings of the month at 10:00 am. Contact Barbara Burdette to learn more. bburd45955@aol.com

Children, Youth, and Family Summer Calendar



June 1 – High School Graduate Sunday

June 7 – FREE Agapé Day Camp Day at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Raleigh (rising grades 1-5)

June 8 – Rite of Confirmation

July 7-11 – Agapé Day Camp at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Raleigh (rising grades 1-5)

Youth Group outing to ParTee Shack



High School Graduate Recognition



We celebrate and lift up Rowan Kindl as a class of 2025 graduate of Millbrook High School.

Rowan is graduating “Suma cum laude” and plans to attend Macalester College in St. Paul, MN in the fall where Rowan plans to study Psychology.

Please congratulate Rowan and the Kindl family on this important milestone in their lives.

What a wonderful 2024-25 school year!!

We would like to give God ALL the honor and glory!!

Our Spring Program was a big success as the children sang many songs about farm animals! The sanctuary was FULL of many parents, grandparents, and friends to hear these sweet voices!!

God has truly blessed our preschool with genuine, loving, and wonderful teachers!!

We are looking forward to the 2025-26 school year!!

Our registration is ongoing and if you are interested or know someone, please call Leigh Anne Barham at 919-818-9585. We still have openings in some of our classes!!

Thank you, St. Philip, for always opening your doors and loving us!!



**St. Philip Lutheran
Preschool**



Faith & Fellowship

Monthly Breakfast Group—

Tuesday, June 17th at 9:30 am

We will meet at Falls River Café

10630 Durant Rd. (use the Bojangles driveway to their parking).

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



Join us at 12:00 pm on Thursday, June 5th at Chili's (Triangle Towne Center)

Please contact Debbie Voess for the reservation. 919-782-2622

Every 1st Thursday!
Hope to see you there!



Watch the announcements for where we will meet on Tuesday—6/24/25 @ 6:30 pm at

Let Joe Edwards know if you plan to attend for reservations.

edwardsja@aol.com

Questions? contact Carol Rogers parakayaker@gmail.com

Pub Ministry

The Pub Ministry Group will meet on Tuesday, June 24th, 6:30 pm at Saints & Sinners

Everyone is welcome!

Let Joe Edwards know if you plan to attend for reservations. edwardsja@aol.com

Adult Book Club

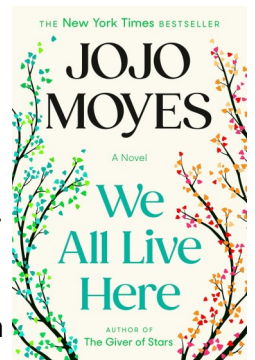
Everyone is welcome!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 6/24 at 10am in the Parlor. We will be discussing *We All Live Here* by Jojo Moyes.

Lila Kennedy has a lot on her plate. A broken marriage, two wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart, and an elderly stepfather who seems to have quietly moved in. Her career is in freefall and her love life is . . . complicated. So when her real dad—a man she has barely seen since he ran off to Hollywood thirty-five years ago—suddenly appears on her doorstep, it feels like the final straw. But it turns out even the family you thought you could never forgive might have something to teach you: about love, and what it actually means to be family.

This book is available at the Wake County Library.

Contact Kathryn Edwards for more info. itsmekge@gmail.com



On a break for the summer beginning this month.

Watch for the next date and program announcement

Message from the Finance Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to report that giving April giving was slightly above plan, although we remain behind plan for the year.

For the month, our income was \$53,472, or \$503 over plan, while expenses were \$57,684, or \$410 under plan. On a year-to-date basis, income was \$199,828, or \$13,447 under plan, and expenses were \$217,532, or 158 over plan. Expenses have exceeded income by \$17,705 so far this year.

In our message in last month's Epistle I shared with you that we have experienced a meaningful drop in giving each May for a number of years. As of this writing, I don't have the results for May 2025, but wish to express my appreciation to anyone who gave a bit extra to help overcome this perplexing trend.

Thank you for all you do to support the ministries at St. Philip!

Blessings,
Jim Beck, Finance Chair

Giving				April 2025		
	Actual	Plan	%			
April 2025	\$ 53,472	\$ 52,969	101%			
Year to Date	\$ 199,828	\$213,275	94%			
Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$ 49,597	\$ 45,000	110%	\$ 187,049	\$ 180,000	104%
Other Income	\$ 3,875	\$ 7,969	49%	\$ 12,779	\$ 33,275	38%
Total Income	\$ 53,472	\$ 52,969	101%	\$ 199,828	\$ 213,275	94%
Expenses	\$ 57,684	\$ 58,094	99%	\$ 217,532	\$ 217,375	100%
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (4,212)	\$ (5,125)		\$ (17,705)	\$ (4,100)	

The 2024 Annual Budgeted Revenue needed to meet expenses is \$636,624

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Class 11:00 am Traditional Worship 1:30 pm Shiloh Restoration 7:00 pm Y12SR	2 1:00 pm Columbarium	3	4	5 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm Finance 6:30 pm NA	6 10:00 am Al Anon 7:00 pm AA	7 2:00 pm Shiloh Choir practice 7:00 pm AA
8 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Augsburg Class 11:00 am Traditional Worship 1:30 pm Shiloh Restoration 6:30 pm Congregation Council 7:00 pm Y12SR	9 1:30 pm Staff	10 6:00 pm Gathering of Grievors 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	11	12 10:00 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm NA	13 10:00 am Al Anon 7:00 pm AA	14 10:00 am A/V Training 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 2:00 pm Shiloh Choir 7:00 pm AA
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29 10:00 am One Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Lunch 1:30 pm Shiloh Restoration 7:00 pm Y12SR	30 1:30 pm Staff					



5TH Sunday
WORSHIP
& Fellowship
June 29th

10:00 am

**One Worship Service &
Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch**

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