



**St. Philip Lutheran Church**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

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*Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong and do not fear...." Sorrow and mourning will disappear and they will be filled with joy and gladness. Isaiah 35: 4,10*

*St. Philip Spirit*



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## WHAT DOES YOUR PASTOR DO AFTER SUNDAY?

Most all of you are aware of the pastoral duties that Pastor Kyle is responsible for here at St. Philip, but you may be less aware of the ways he serves the community and church at large. Here are a few of the more formal ways...

### **Co-Chair of the Glenview Values Project**

In 1991, Dave Kelly (then Chief of the Glenview Police Department) and Bill Attea (then Superintendent of School District 34) began meeting and working on connecting schools, social service agencies, the Park District, the Glenview Public Library, service clubs, the police department, and service clubs. Their initial concern was gangs but the focus quickly grew. What began as informal coffees was institutionalized as the Glenview Values Project. Character Counts! began in Glenview in 1996 as an offshoot of the Values Project.

The primary goal today is to create collaboration among key leaders so that organizations can improve their effectiveness by creating community solutions for community issues.

### **Chair of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Candidacy Committee**

This committee walks with individuals considering a call to be a pastor or deacon through their discernment process, their formation in seminary and contextual education, and finally assesses their approval for a call to public ministry in our church.

### **Mentor to four high school youth as CROP Walk Youth Leaders**

In preparation for the walk on October 15<sup>th</sup>, four local high school students are working to recruit high school groups and youth groups to walk, to create some family-friendly activities, and other helpful tasks based on their gifts. They receive a \$1000 scholarship for their dedication and efforts. Pastor Kyle works with the Youth Leaders to discern their goals and keep them on track.

### **Member of the Joint Lutheran-Catholic 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Service in Chicago**

Pastor Kyle and another Lutheran pastor along with two staff members of the Archdiocese of Chicago are planning a service for October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Holy Name Cathedral led by Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Miller. See page 9 for more details!

### **Member of the Glenbrook Hospital Community Advisory Committee**

This committee serves as eyes and ears for the hospital and helps them to think about concerns in the community that the NorthShore Hospital System might work to address and how they can invest in the health of the community.

### **Member of the North Shore Crisis Response Network**

In the event of a crisis in the area (school or public shooting, natural disaster, etc.) this team could be called upon to provide clinical social work, community mobilization for necessary resources, etc.





# Ministry Life

## MINISTRY IN CONTEXT STUDENT

### Help us welcome our Ministry in Context Student, Vicar Julie!

Our Ministry in Context student, the Rev. Seminarian Julie Grafe, will be starting with us on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. She will be spending approximately seven hours a week observing and participating in as wide of a variety of ministry roles as possible.

**\*\*A note about names** – You all know that Pastor Kyle prefers to be called Pastor Kyle or Pastor -- not Kyle. It is an important reminder for why and how we are in relationship. As part of her formation, we will call her "Vicar Julie." Thank you for your care and attention to this.

### A NOTE FROM VICAR JULIE ...

Greetings, my name is Julie Grafe and I am excited to be a ministry student at St. Philip for this upcoming school year. I am an ELCA candidate for Word and Sacrament rostered ministry and in my second-year studying full-time at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) for my Master of Divinity Degree. I am a commuter student, commuting from my home in Deerfield, IL. I am married to my husband, Luther, for almost 25 years and we have two high school students- Abby (17) senior and Ben (16) junior. Our home congregation is Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Lincolnshire, IL.

I have been an active Lutheran, growing up in Evanston, IL and being a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. I have a background and previous career in nursing. I am currently completing my chaplaincy education internship at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. I love listening to stories and hearing how God is active and present in so many ways. I am looking forward to meeting each of you, hearing your stories while learning and experiencing ministry together.



## UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

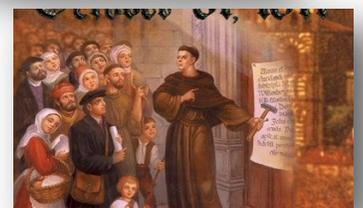
September 10<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Vicar Julie!

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of Elizabeth Rose Bratkovich

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday – *Festive Service with Brass*

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Joint Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation at Holy Name Cathedral

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Annual Commitment Sunday! All Saints Sunday – *bring framed photographs of your beloved saints!*



## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S FALL OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 8:30 am—12:30 pm

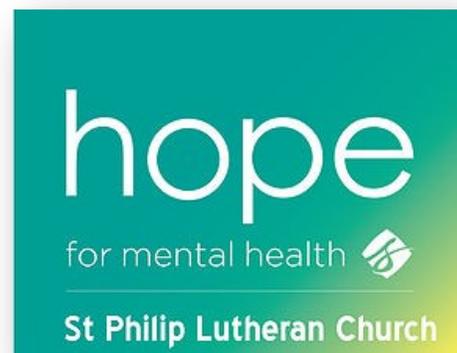
Tuesdays 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Thursdays 12:30 pm—2:30 pm

## HOPE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Our Mental Health Team is continuing to think of ways to help reduce the stigma associated with mental health, as well as respond to the need for more effective mental health services in our community.

- We will continue to pray for people with specific mental illness diagnoses during the prayers of intercession at worship. We will resume informational bulletin inserts on the third Sunday of the month. One idea is to feature the diagnosis being prayed for that week and include some ways to support someone living with that diagnosis.
- The Meal Brigade ministry is available to anyone who is going through a difficult time, illness, hospitalization — no questions asked. We are here to support each other! Contact Pastor Kyle or Pam.
- We are looking into the ways we might be able to help spread the word about and support the Josselyn Center's Drop-In Center and Living Room.
- We received a Thrivent Action Team so that we can throw a special celebration for our AA meetings during National Recovery Month. We will set out treats for the September 25th 5:30pm meeting and the September 29th noon meeting.
- The UPAJ Mental Health team is meeting Sept 19th at 7pm at StP for an update about the work we can engage in regarding CIT Training and a Crisis Intervention center.
- We will plan a Blue Christmas/Longest Night service for Wed., Dec 20th. These services are to help acknowledge that the holidays are not a joyous time for everyone, particularly those who struggle with seasonal affective disorder, depression, or grief. We will gather to name these realities and place our trust in a God who walks with us on our suffering.
- Depending on the success of the "Waking Up White" Congregational 'All Read', we might consider selecting a book for the Spring about mental illness.
- Our next meeting is September 13th at 6:30 pm. ***Please join us!***



## FALL STAFF REVIEWS



The Mutual Ministry team is preparing for the fall staff reviews and desires your input. Please send in your compliments or constructive comments regarding Pastor Kyle, our Minister of Music, Kjel, our church administrator, Gemma, or our bookkeeper, Barb. We prefer written comments and anonymous input is not considered. Please give or send to any committee member: Terri Schlangen, Mimi Branstrom, Lyle Elliott, or Steve Parks. Thank you!



# 50th Anniversary

## CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

### *Recent accomplishments*

By now, many of you have seen the new exterior hardware and resurfacing of our front entry doors. This has enhanced the first impression of guests when entering the building.

We were able to utilize a ComEd energy savings program to offset the majority of the costs associated with converting the florescent lighting throughout the building to LED. This significantly brightened up our space and will reduce our energy usage and costs in the future. We utilized the same Com Ed program to convert our exterior and parking lot lights.

### *Coming soon*

Construction has begun on the newly designed ambo, altar, and altar railing. We will also have a redesigned platform so that there will be no need to climb a step to receive communion. We expect installation later in the year.

Council has received and approved the windows team's recommendation for replacement of all windows except the sanctuary colored glass windows. It will be a total replacement with Pella Architect series windows. We anticipate installation in late October.

The sanctuary lower side windows with colored glass will be replaced. The windows are ordered and should be here for an October installation.

### *Working hard*

The kitchen team has finalized a new layout and chosen cabinets. They are in the process of evaluating proposals for a contractor to oversee the project.

Council has appointed a flooring team to recommend replacement of all flooring throughout the building except the bathrooms.

And teams continue to work on plans for patching and painting throughout the facility.

### *Praise the Lord!*

We've received an unexpected, anonymous donation of \$10,000.00 to add to our total projects budget.

Many people have been working tirelessly. We give thanks to God for their leadership and vision! If you are interested in working on a planning team for one of these projects, please speak with Pastor Kyle or Steve Parks.



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## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION | FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Plans are well underway to celebrate this occasion. We will have a special Worship Service followed by a cake and coffee reception. Bishop Wayne Miller will attend. We will then have a luncheon at Mission Hills Country Club in Northbrook. The committee is asking the congregation to submit short write-ups of either memorable or humorous events in the life of St. Philip. Please

submit to Mary Roth – questions ??? ask Mary for ideas.

We are also still looking for photos from these past 50 years – they can be given to Mary or Sharon. If you are in touch with former members or would like to have your children on our invitation list, please give this information to Mary. We are hoping for a big turnout for this joyous event.



**50th Anniversary Fundraiser Bake Sale: Sunday September 10**



## 500<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

On October 31, 2016, in Lund, Sweden, the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church commemorated the beginning of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. As part of that event, Pope Francis joined the Lutheran World Federation's President Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan and General Secretary Rev. Dr. Martin Junge in a joint ecumenical prayer service to highlight the 50 years of continuous dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans throughout the world.



Catholics and Lutherans in the Chicagoland have a history of working together in covenant for nearly three decades. The Archdiocese of Chicago and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod have agreed to renew the covenant between our two church bodies, originally signed by Joseph Cardinal Bernadin and Bishop Sherman Hicks in 1989.

We pray that the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will be a time to renew our common baptism and witness to our shared faith in Jesus Christ and to the joy of the Gospel. Together, we commit our churches to addressing the troubling issues of violence, poverty and racial injustice in the communities where Lutherans and Catholics live.

The Joint Committee for the Renewal of the Covenant of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod are excited to announce that Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Wayne Miller have agreed to renew our church's covenant on Oct 31, 2017, at Holy Name Cathedral as part of an ecumenical service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Kyle has been part of the planning team for this event. Let's get a few carpools from St. Philip scheduled to go together!



For more information, check out [www.renewingcovenant.com](http://www.renewingcovenant.com).

## FELLOWSHIP



### Ladies' Bunco | Friday, September 8, 7:30 am

Carol & Gayle hosting. Sign up sheet in the hallway.

What is Bunco? Bunco is a simple dice game that can be picked up very quickly. It is a sociable game as you play with different partners and move tables. Interested? Sign up and give it a try!

### Coffee Hour Celebrations

Make sure to sign up to host coffee hour near your birthday or anniversary and invite your friends and family to join you for worship and coffee hour!



## BOOK DISCUSSION

After the recent events taking place in Charlottesville, Pastor Kyle has committed to reading a book called *Waking Up White (and Finding Myself in the Story of Race)* by Debby Irving and is praying that some of you all will join him.

The author writes about the book, "*Waking Up White* is the book I wish someone had handed me decades ago. My hope is that by sharing my sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, I offer a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As I unpack my own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, I reveal how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated my ill-conceived ideas about race."

Copies are available from Pastor Kyle for an offering of \$6-\$15. Keep your eye out in the Weekly Updates for the upcoming discussion times. The first one will be during adult forum on September 24th. Take your time reading this book this Fall and reflecting on the questions at the end of the chapters. This is so important for us to deal with in this time and place.

## BOOK DISCUSSION: "Waking Up White"

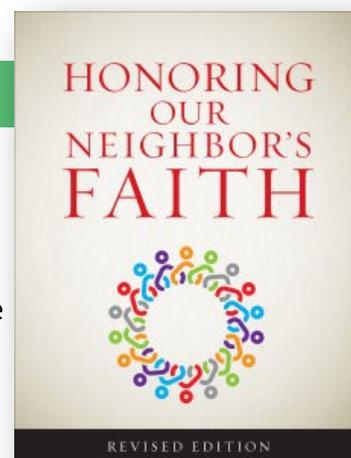


## HONORING OUR NEIGHBORS FAITH

Last year we tried an experimental adult forum series where we learned about different faith traditions in our community with an informational session and a visit to their place of worship. Over the course of the year, we visited Hanuman Mandir, Glenview New Church, Willow Creek North Shore, the Chaldean Catholic Church, and the Ismaili Center. These sessions were so well received that we have decided to offer this series for a second year.

Our first session is scheduled for Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at StP to learn about the Episcopalian/Anglican tradition and Oct 8<sup>th</sup> for a visit to St. David's Episcopal Church.

Other faith communities we are working to schedule sessions with are Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative Jewish), Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Immanuel Church of Chicago (the congregation that worships in our building), and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.



## BEING A CHRISTIAN

If you are interesting in deepening your engagement with St. Philip or becoming a member of our congregation, please let Pastor Kyle know.

He is planning a StP 101 session for early in the Fall.



A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."





# Faith Formation

## VBS 2017: MAKER FUN FACTORY



Another successful year for Vacation Bible School! Maker Fun Factory sent messages to the family and friends of 69 children who came through our doors during the week. A whole village of volunteers helped to set up, lead, guide, decorate, support, clear up—without whom we could not run such a fun-packed, high energy, interactive experience for the families in our community, bringing alive the messages of God’s love, strength, and power.

Thank you once again to the congregation of St. Philip for enabling us to do this wonderful project of outreach and evangelism once again.

If you would like to be more involved in the planning of VBS and other family or intergenerational events, please contact Pastor Kyle or Gemma. We always welcome extra support!

## GLOW: GOD’S LOVE ON WEDNESDAYS



### Our evening of faith formation for all people... RESUMES!

Central to our mission is providing opportunities for our parishioners to be fed by the Spirit, which happens through a variety of activities—including worship, study of God’s Word, singing, being together as a community, etc. Through these opportunities we are nourished and empowered to go out and share God’s love with all whom we encounter.

#### 5:15—6:30 pm Intergenerational Faith Formation

Adults and children gather for a meal and a combination of storytelling, crafts, games, music, and service projects to grow as disciples. You don’t have to have any kids of your own to join us!

**Session One: Walking the Way Together**

**Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Session Two: Promise and Praise with Momma Mary**

**Feb 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Session Three: Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet**

**Apr 11, 18, 25, May 2**

All are truly welcome! It is important for all ages to join together and grow in faith.

—throughout the entire school year starting September 27th—

#### 6:45-7:15 pm

#### Midweek Worship — JOIN US FOR HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER!!!

Praise God with a variety of worship styles and message for all ages.

#### 7:30-8:30 pm

#### Adult Bible Study \*New Time\*

Study a variety of biblical passages and topics related to living out your faith in daily life.

#### 7:30-8:30 pm

#### Choir Rehearsal

#### STARTS SEPTEMBER 6th @ 7:30 PM

Lift your voice to the glory of God in preparation for our Sunday morning service.

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Women’s Bible Study: Wednesdays 9 am | Men’s Bible Study: Thursdays 10 am**

We study the upcoming readings for our Sunday worship service so that we can hear them with greater depth.



# Worship

Sundays, 9 am

Family Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesdays, 6:45 pm

Midweek Worship (Starting September 27)

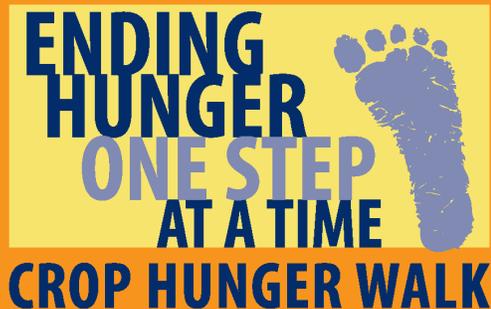
God loves you as you are - your race, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, age, socio-economic and employment status, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, and religious background - **and so do we! You are welcome here!**



## WORSHIP SERVERS THIS SEASON

Date	Comm. Assts.	Sacristan	Reader	Ushers	Greeter
Sept. 3	Clyde Mike	Carol	Nancy	Bill Sharon	LuAnn
Sept. 10	Vicar Julie Terri	Nancy	Elaine	Jack Rita	Mimi
Sept. 17	Vicar Julie Cris	Pam	Vicar Julie	Marzee LuAnn	Bob
Sept. 24	Vicar Julie Don	Elaine	Bonnie	Bob Pam	Max
Oct. 1	Vicar Julie Pam	Max	Gemma	Jack Rita	LuAnn
Oct. 8	Vicar Julie Steve	Carol	Vicar Julie	Lyle Gayle	Ron
Oct. 15	Vicar Julie Melanie	Pam	Clyde	Bill Sharon	LuAnn
Oct. 22	Vicar Julie Clyde	Nancy	Michael W.	Marzee LuAnn	Mimi
Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday	Vicar Julie Terri	Elaine	Vicar Julie	Pam Bob	Max
Nov. 5 All Saints Sunday	Vicar Julie Melanie	Max	Elaine	Lyle Gayle	Steve
Nov. 12	Vicar Julie Mike	Carol	Vicar Julie	Jack Rita	Gemma
Nov. 19	Cris Terri	Pam	Bonnie	Marzee LuAnn	Ron
Nov. 26 Christ the King Sunday	Vicar Julie LuAnn	Elaine	Katie	Bill Sharon	Pam

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



### CROP HUNGER WALK

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We hope that you'll participate this year by walking or sponsoring someone else to walk this year. Last year we had about 10 walkers and raised \$2000. Please see Pastor Kyle or Pam Blackstone for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, a sponsor, or both. Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in our community and throughout the world.

### PADS HOMELESS SHELTER

There are several opportunities to serve PADS throughout the year. We are usually assigned the third Monday of the month in October, November, January, March, and April. We provide food for an evening meal and a team from St. Philip serves it at the PADS location in Mount Prospect. Look out for sign up sheets or contact the Outreach Team for more details.



### GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

There are opportunities to serve along with a team from St. Philip at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Look out for sign up sheets. Contact Phyllis Grabo for more information.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 | 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We will be serving St. Philip Sloppy Joes for participating donors!

To schedule an appointment please call LifeSource at 877-543-3768 or visit [lifesource.org](http://lifesource.org), Select "Donate Blood" and "Make an Appointment" then scroll down the webpage and search by group code VW16. Or you may also call the church at 847-998-1946.

Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome!

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### CWS SCHOOL KITS

Thank you to all those who have donated school supplies. We will be packing the kits on Saturday, September 16 at 10:30 am at St. Philip. Volunteers to help pack and donations to cover shipping costs would be very much appreciated. Please contact Terri for more details.

Look out for opportunities to pack food at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville as part of GLOW Serve. This is an all age (from 5 years old) event, so bring the whole family!



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#### Marzee Eckhoff *Finance*

#### Pam Blackstone *Outreach*

#### Ellen Sypura *Stewardship*

Season	Due Date for Items
Advent/ Christmas/	Nov 18, 2017
Lent/Easter	Jan 26, 2018
Pentecost I	May 5, 2018
Pentecost II	Aug 15, 2018