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God's work. Our hands.

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St. Philip Spirit

Ministry Life

GOD'S LOVE ON WEDNESDAYS (GLOW)

As your pastor, I want to give thanks to God for the wonderful year of faith formation that GLOW has encouraged in our midst. Certainly my faith grew throughout these experiences. We have engaged folks who have been members of our congregation for 49 years and others who have journeyed with us for less than a year. Two year olds were blessing seventy year olds. Ten year olds were running around the room singing "This little light of mine!" Folks who might not identify as Christian, yet alone Lutheran, have strengthened the faith of those who have called themselves Lutheran their whole life long.

While the first year of GLOW unfolded differently than any of us expected, at its peak, there were some weeks where over 70 people participated in one or more of the faith forming activities, and we were consistently available for those desiring to grow a deeper and more intentional relationship with God.

I give thanks to God for long-time members who invested their time and energy so that this congregation can continue to grow and to build…

I give thanks to God for those who took the time out of their busy lives to bring their families to church in the middle of the week so that their family might trust that God loves them…

I give thanks to God for new folks who found community through our worship and study…

I give thanks to God for those who provided or cooked food or soup at some point throughout the year to feed our bodies as we also fed our souls…

I give thanks to God to those who sang this year in choir…for as Augustine is said to have said, "Those who sing pray twice…"

I give thanks to God for you!

GLOW is for everyone.

GLOW is part of our future.

GLOW is God's presence in our midst now.

GLOW activities will resume this coming Fall.

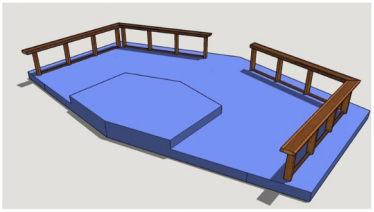
50th ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECTS

Raising the Roof: The roof over most of the facility was replaced in just about the day, however, due to rainy weather and the complexity of the situation, the roof over the sanctuary continues to be worked on. This roof over our head will enable us to do ministry for many years to come.

Hearing God's Word: It is imperative for us to hear God's word for our lives, whether in worship or in bible study. And so we have replaced the sound system in the entire facility. We have added hearing-assist devices so that folks can use their hearing aids to tap into our sound system. We have replaced microphones and speakers in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall so that those proclaiming God's love can always be heard. We have also moved all of the controls for the sound system and video projection into one central location so that it is easier to run.

Nourished for a Life of Service : Throughout the Gospels, Jesus always interacted with his disciples and others at table. We are moving the altar railing toward the pews and redesigning the platforms so that folks do not have to climb a stair to receive communion. We continue to work with the liturgical designer who built our font to design a new ambo and altar as our old liturgical furniture is showing much wear from 50 years of use.

We are also nourished for a life of service at another table – the dinner table. A planning team is working to finalize a design, select cabinets, appliances, and flooring for this updated and more useful kitchen.



Renewing the Face of the Facility: Planning teams continue to work on selecting flooring, painting, and lighting for the whole facility. We are in conversations about using a ComEd energy savings program to reduce the amount of energy we use to light the building.

All in all – we are tirelessly working to update and care for this facility where many people encounter God.

Many, many people are putting a lot of time and effort into these projects and more. We give thanks to God for their leadership and vision! If you are interested in working with a planning team on one of these projects, please talk with Pastor Kyle or Steve Parks.

MINISTRY IN CONTEXT STUDENT

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

This coming academic year we will be welcoming a seminarian from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Ministry in Context Students or MIC Students are typically in their second year of seminary and this is the field education experience that prepares them for a full-time internship. The seminarian will spend seven hours each week at the congregation, observing and participating in the full life of the congregation to the extent possible. Throughout the year, they will attend various team meetings, observe administrative tasks, participate and lead worship and other faith formation activities, preach, engage in service and outreach, accompany me on pastoral visits, funerals, etc. The goal is to observe and build skills in a wide variety of pastoral tasks. We are very excited to participate in this program. Later in the summer we will I introduce you to our seminarian!

Vacation Bible School

VBS 2017: MAKER FUN FACTORY

St. Philip and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches
Present
Vacation Bible School 2017

For kids ages 3+
Junior crew ages 10-14

July 31 – August 4
8:30 am – 11:30 am

At St. Philip Lutheran Church
1609 Pfingsten Road, Glenview

Register now via our website:
www.stphilipglenview.org
For more info:
vbs@stphilipglenview.org | 847-998-1946

Our Vacation Bible School is unique in that it is the only VBS program in the area that does not charge a fee. It allows ANY member of our community to bring their kids to find out more about Jesus and to then bring home God's messages to their families and friends. We sow the seeds of the Word and where these seeds blossom we often don't know, but we can stand in the knowledge that we are doing as God commanded:

"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" *Mark 16:15*

We Need You!

1. Volunteers—we cannot run this program without a large group of willing volunteers. If you are able to help during the week please register online. You can also help behind the scenes—decorating/set pick up.
2. Donators—we cannot run this program in the way we do without the generosity of our two churches. You can either give monetary donations, and/or donate resources (a list of items needed will be posted soon).
3. Publicizers—we need to spread the word, invite family, friends, neighbors, families we happen to meet. Fliers and posters will be available to hand out, but personally inviting someone has a greater impact.
4. Prayer—we always appreciate being held in prayer as we continue to do our Lord's work, and we need to pray for the families who we can reach out to.

Important dates:

June 4	VBS Volunteers Information Evening, 7 pm
July 23	Crew training and resources organizing, 6:30 pm
July 30	Dedication of VBS Crew, during worship

RUMMAGE SALE

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Philip Annual Rummage Sale | July 28 and 29 | 9 am to 4 pm

WANTED:

* clothing * jewelry * kitchen items * books * toys * furniture * etc. * Paper and plastic bags *

HELP NEEDED:

Set Up: Setting up for the Rummage Sale takes many, many hours. The more hands the easier the job! Set up begins on Monday, July 24 and continues through end of Thursday, July 27.

Selling: Help is needed to run the Rummage Sale on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29.
If you are able to help part of a day, several days, or every day, please sign up in the hallway or see Rita Bergquist.

DROP OFF:

Monday, July 24	2 pm - 6 pm
Tuesday, July 25	9 am - 6 pm
Wednesday, July 26	8 am - 9 am
Thursday, July 27	8 am - until finished

Larger items can be picked up.
To arrange a pick up, please call:
Rita Bergquist - 815-342-6775
(Tax receipt available on request.)

One person's stuff is another person's treasure or necessity.

Countryside SALOON
SPORTS BAR & GRILL
Des Plaines

Out to LUNCH!

Sign up in Hallway
Prepay by June 12

June 19, 12 pm

Worship

WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Comm. Assistants	Sacristan	Reader	Ushers	Greeter	AV Assistant	Coffee
June 4	**ALBS: Pentecost** Terri / Pam	**ALB** Carol	Elaine	Gayle & Lyle	LuAnn	Clyde	Pam
11	**ALBS: Holy Trinity** LuAnn / Victoria	**ALB** Nancy	Gemma	Pam & Bob	LuAnn	Marzee	Mary
18	Cris / LuAnn	Max	Katie	Mimi & Ron	Marzee	Michael W.	OPEN
25	Don / Jack	Pam	Nancy	Gayle & Lyle	Rita	Mimi	OPEN
July 2	LuAnn / Sharon	Elaine	Clyde	Rita & Jack	LuAnn		OPEN
9	Don / Terri	Carol	Elaine	Mimi & Ron	Rita		OPEN
16	Melanie / Don	Nancy	Bonnie	Rita & Jack	Sharon		OPEN
23	Victoria / Ron	Max	Katie	Sharon & Bill	Marzee		OPEN
30	Mike B. / LuAnn	Elaine	Clyde	Pam & Bob	LuAnn		OPEN
August 6	Don / Sharon	Pam	Gemma	Mimi & Ron	LuAnn		OPEN
13	Terri / Ron	Elaine	Marzee	Rita & Jack	Sharon		OPEN
20	Jack / Rita	Carol	Nancy	Sharon & Bill	Marzee		OPEN
27	LuAnn / Victoria	Nancy	Clyde	Pam & Bob	Rita		OPEN

Faith Formation | Outreach

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays 9 am (Men's Bible Study will resume in the Fall)

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

FAITH STORIES

Co-sponsored by: St David's Episcopal Church Glenview | Chestnut Square at the Glen | St Philip Lutheran Church Glenview

Saturday July 22, 2 PM at Ismaili Jamatkhana, Glenview

In these difficult and dark times, let the power of storytelling illuminate our hearts. *Three exceptional story-tellers will share stories from their own faiths — Muslim, Christian, and Jewish — to transcend differences through shared belief in the power of compassion. Come bask in the luminous light.*

Tickets are free but they are required and will go fast!

Please contact Pastor Kyle today if you think you can attend!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CWS School Supplies Kits

Look out for the list of items needed so that you can pick up some supplies in the sales during July and August.

See Terri Schlangen for more information.

Summer Camp Lunches July 10

Look out for the food item list.

See Elaine Bilowich for more details.

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Season	Due Date for Items
Pentecost II	Aug 18, 2017
Advent/ Christmas	Nov 10, 2017
Epiphany	Dec 29, 2017