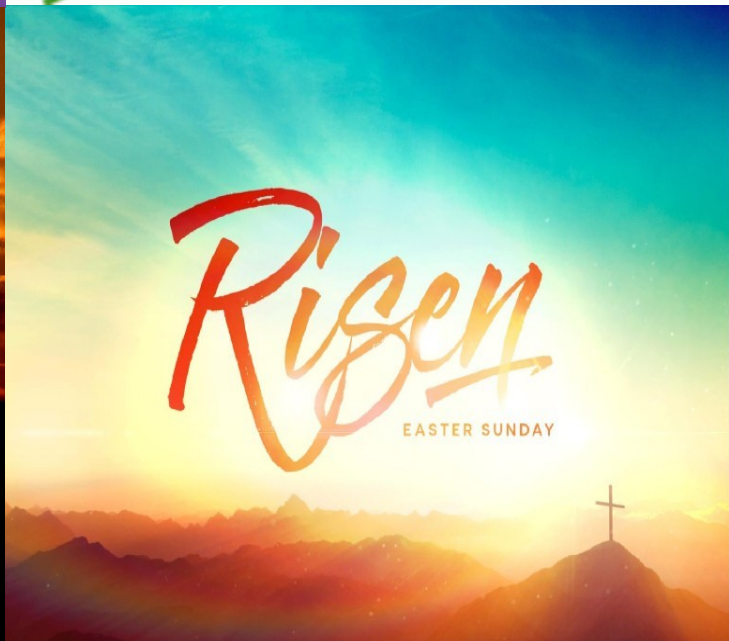




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*St. Philip Spirit*

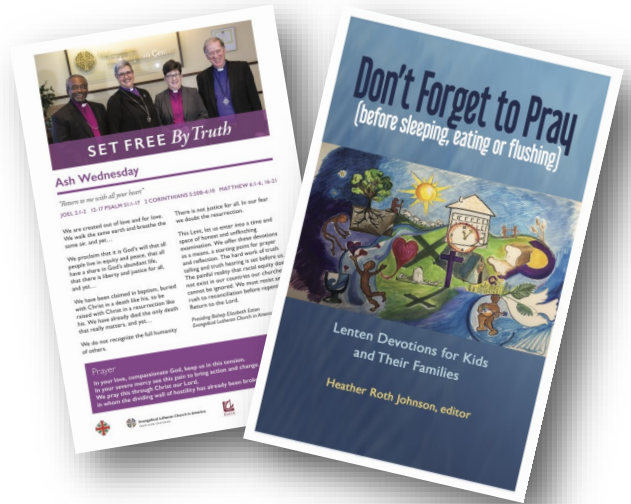


## LENT

This Lent, I encourage you to think about adding a spiritual or devotional practice in addition to or 'fasting' from something —

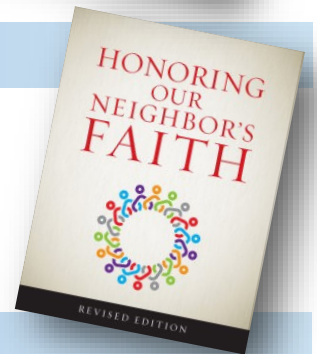
- + joining us for midweek GLOW Worship services
- + pick up from the Narthex one of these two devotionals for weekly or daily reading
- + incorporate a daily prayer time into your regular routine
- + find a new opportunity to serve each week
- + reach out to someone each week that you have not been in contact with for a while
- + replace a screen time with a bible reading time
- + instead of buying that daily cup of coffee, buy a box of cereal for the food pantry instead

Be creative and grow spiritually this Lenten time.



## ADULT FORUM: Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith

We continue our exploration of the faith communities in our local community with an information session on the Greek Orthodox on Sunday, February 18 after Worship. This is followed by an invitation to Divine Liturgy on Saturday, February 24 at 9:30 am at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church on Wagner Road.



## ANNUAL AUCTION

### Annual Fundraising Auction

**Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm**

Please join us on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 6:00 pm for our Annual Fundraising Auction. Don't miss the chance to celebrate the generosity and compassion of our local community and St. Philip members and friends. We are inviting more than 120 local businesses to join us in serving people in our community through our Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group, Alcoholics Anonymous groups, the CROP Hunger Walk, Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, PADS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Feed My Starving Children, and Mats for the Homeless. This year we are also actively working to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness in our community.



This year's auction promises to have something for everyone, including creative "theme" parties, casual and fine dining gift cards, theatre tickets, hotel and spa packages, golf outings, and much more! Be sure to bring your friends, family and neighbors and let's make 2018 our **BEST** auction ever.

## FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

The seasons of Lent and Easter are approaching and now would be a great opportunity to become part of the Music Ministry at St. Philip here are several ways to participate in the Music Ministry here at St. Philip:

**Sing in Choir:** Even if you can't attend every practice or every Sunday that's alright. We would love to have you sing with us whenever it is possible for you to be there. In addition to Sunday mornings the choir will be singing on Ash Wednesday, February 14; and Good Friday, March 30 .

**Sing or play a solo during worship, or be part of an ensemble or smaller group:** There will be a brass group on Easter Sunday. If you have any interest in being part of that please let me know.

**Organ & piano duet:** Can you play a duet or enhance hymns with descants?

**Summer worship:** During the summer months the choir takes time off to recharge for the upcoming year. Because of this, there is a great opportunity for anyone who plays an instrument, or sings to enhance the worship services. Either individuals or small groups would be welcomed. There will be a sign-up sheet posted within the next month for anyone to sign-up for Sundays.

If you have any interest in participating in any musical activities, please contact Kjel.

We will also continue to explore more of the liturgies and hymns from the ELW during the upcoming season. With that being said I want to share a quote from an individual who has around 40 years experience in music ministry in regards to worship planning and song and hymn selection:

### **"The Perfect Worship Service"**

"After listening carefully over the past several years, we believe we have finally determined what those who attend our church really want in music. Following are items that come up most frequently whenever this topic is discussed.

- ♫ *More fast songs in the opening praise time and more slow songs in the opening praise time.*
- ♫ *More of those wonderful, lovely old hymns and less of those stupid, dead old hymns.*
- ♫ *A longer and shorter time of praise at the beginning of the service, and a shorter and longer time at the end.*
- ♫ *Songs to flow quickly into each other and long periods of time between songs for reflection.*
- ♫ *More repetitions of songs so they can be learned and meditated upon while singing and less repetition of songs because it gets boring singing the same thing over and over.*
- ♫ *More of those lovely arrangements with extra instruments and less of those showy arrangements with all those instruments.*
- ♫ *To sing the good old songs more often and to stop singing those same old songs.*
- ♫ *Songs to be sung in higher and lower keys.*
- ♫ *The band to play in the middle of the platform where they can be seen, back behind the plants where they won't be a distraction, louder, softer, faster, slower, more often, and not at all."*

Just a bit of humor that I thought I would share with you.

Have a blessed Lent and Easter season.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Kjel Hanson, Minister of Music

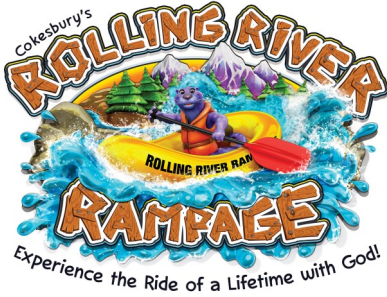






# Faith Formation

## VBS 2018:



**August 6-10, 9 am—12 pm**

Calling all those interested in VBS! We are gathering our VBS 2018 team - we need every helper we can get this year, so whether you are VBS Team veterans or are new to this mission, we urge you to come and find out more after worship on **March 4**. Last year we welcomed nearly 70 kids! This year, we are expecting even more! Look for more details in the weekly updates.

**How can you become involved in VBS 2018?**

**Volunteer:** We need helpers at stations, crew leaders, people to sign in/sign out, tech, etc

**Publicize:** We need people to put up posters, be at the farmer's market, invite friends, neighbors, and family.

**Donate:** This is still one of our biggest outreach projects in our community—providing every family with the opportunity to get to know more about our God. We need sponsorship and resources. It costs about \$30 per child for the week. There will also be a list of items we will need (including old fake Christmas trees, small tents, water rafts, blue tarps, logs, etc as well as smaller items).

**Pray:** Start praying for us now!

## GLOW: God's Love On Wednesdays



**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 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.*

**6:15—6:45 pm (Feb 21—Mar 21) Soup Supper**

**6:45—7:15 pm Midweek Worship**  
Holden Evening Prayer

**7:30-8:30 pm Adult Bible Study**  
**Feb 7, 14, 28, Mar 14: Romans**  
**Feb 21, Mar 7, 21: Women and Justice**

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

**7:30-8:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**  
*Lift your voice to the glory of God in preparation for our Sunday morning service.*

**GLOW SERVE - May 9 @ Feed My Starving Children**

## WEEKLY 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.

# Outreach & Fellowship

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



**GREATER  
CHICAGO  
FOOD  
DEPOSITORY**

### GCFD

Serving March 17. Sign up sheet in the hallway. Also must register online. Meet at St. Philip on the day and then carpool to Chicago.

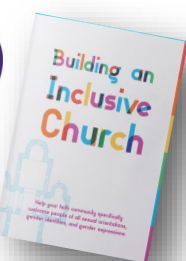
### PADS HOMELESS SHELTER

There are several opportunities to serve PADS throughout the year. 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. Next serve: Mar 19 (Co-ed serving)



**Reconciling  
in Christ**



### BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH—April 6 and 7

Two-day session led by Reconciling Works facilitators on how can we grow in our welcoming ethos as a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation. Look out for more details.

### GLOW SERVE

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! Next session: May 9



## FELLOWSHIP : All are welcome!



### LADIES BUNCO

Friday, March 9. Mary Roth hosting.

Sign up sheet will be posted in hallway.



Wednesdays in Lent at 6:15 pm

**Easter Breakfast**

7:30 am



### LUNCH BUNCH

Next Lunch in March.  
Date TBD.

### St. Philip Lutheran Church



### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AT ST. PHILIP

Please make sure you pick up a copy of the History of St. Philip covering the past 50 years. Also, included in this newsletter are letters from our local community and past St. Philip family.



# Worship

Sundays - 9 am

Family Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesdays - 6:45 pm

Midweek Worship

**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. Asst.	Sacristan	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers	Greeter
<b>Feb. 14</b> Ash Wednesday	Vicar Julie	Maxine	Vicar Julie	Pr. Kyle	Bill & Sharon	Pam
<b>Feb. 18</b>	Vicar Julie	Elaine	LuAnn	Vicar Julie	Jack & Rita	Steve
<b>Feb. 25</b>	Vicar Julie	LuAnn	Terri	Marzee	Doug & Lynne	LuAnn
<b>Mar. 4</b>	Vicar Julie	Maxine	Michael W	Melanie	Bob & Pam	Sharon
<b>Mar. 11</b>	Vicar Julie	LuAnn	Vicar Julie	Nancy	Jack & Rita	Cris
<b>Mar. 18</b>	Vicar Julie	Nancy	Clyde	Katie	Doug & Lynne	Steve
<b>Mar. 25</b> Palm Sunday	Vicar Julie	Elaine	Vicar Julie	Elaine	Marzee & LuAnn	Pam
<b>Mar. 30</b> Good Friday	n/a	n/a	n/a	Vicar Julie	Mimi & Ron	Melanie
<b>Apr. 1</b> Easter Sunday	Vicar Julie	Maxine	Vicar Julie	Bonnie	Bob & Pam	LuAnn
<b>Apr. 8</b>	Vicar Julie	Pam	Melanie	Gemma	Doug & Lynne	Pam
<b>Apr. 15</b>	Vicar Julie	LuAnn	Terri	Michael W	Bill & Sharon	Melanie
<b>Apr. 22</b>	Vicar Julie	Elaine	LuAnn	Vicar Julie	Jack & Rita	Sharon
<b>Apr. 29</b>	Vicar Julie	Nancy	Clyde	Terri	Marzee & LuAnn	Cris
<b>May 6</b>	Vicar Julie	Maxine	Vicar Julie	Elaine	Doug & Lynne	Steve
<b>May 13</b>	Vicar Julie	Pam	Michael W	Bonnie	Bob & Pam	Mimi & Ron

# Letter from Senator Dick Durbin

RICHARD J. DURBIN

ILLINOIS

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AND ADMINISTRATION

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1304  
January 10, 2018

The Rev. Kyle R. Severson  
1609 Pfingsten Road  
Glenview, IL 60025

Dear Rev. Kyle R. Severson:

I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to St. Phillip Lutheran Church on celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This milestone is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the positive impact St. Phillip Lutheran Church has had on so many individuals and families in the Glenview community. The Church should be very proud of all that it has accomplished.

For 50 years, the St. Phillip Lutheran Church has been a pillar of support and compassion in the Glenview community. Through your various outreach and charitable efforts, St. Phillip has helped countless children and families in time of need. I was very impressed to hear of the Church's work with the Glenview Police Department regarding mental health, as well as your clothing drive with the Northfield Township Food Pantry. I applaud Pastor Severson and all of the Church's leadership for building and maintaining such a special place of worship. I look forward to seeing how the Church will continue to grow and flourish in the years to come.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to the St. Phillip Lutheran Church congregation and its leadership on this momentous occasion. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator





# Letter from Pastor Doug Gast

January 18, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Philip

Wow - it is hard to believe that St Philip is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It seems like just a few years ago we were together celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. St. Philip has always had a soft spot in our hearts. We are sorry we will not be able to celebrate with you in person, but we send our love and best wishes and please know that we will be with you in spirit.

We know that through the years the ministry of St Philip has touched the lives of so many people. We came to be known as "the little church with the big heart." Big hearted love is what we felt and experienced in the ten years we served there and even in the years that have followed.

Those were some formative years for myself, Terri and our family. Two of our four children were born while we were there. Together we paved the parking lot, added on the fellowship/Sunday school space, and changed the sanctuary from being an "everything space" to a dedicated worship space. The St. Philip Art Fair was not only an enjoyable fellowship event but it gave us a wonderful opportunity to reach out into the community. The auction was always a highlight and provided us a fun way to raise some significant funds for ministry and mission. We were the only softball team that had shirts printed with our church name on the front and Bo James Saloon on the back! Friendships were forged in the joys and sorrows we shared together. And we always seemed to have a really good time no matter what we did together.

The faith we shared and being faithful to our Lutheran heritage and theology were core parts of who we were and bonded us together in so many ways – both inside the church and outside its walls.

May the celebration of 50 years of mission and ministry bring great joy and fond remembrances of the role St Philip has played in the hearts of so many people and may this be a time to look forward to the next chapter to see where God is leading you. We pray the Spirit of Christ will continue to grow within your church and throughout the community and into the entire world. The best is yet to come.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug



# Letter from Pastor Lars Hammar

February 7, 2018

To the members and friends at St. Philip,

I want to congratulate everyone on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I hope you have a wonderful time. I regret that I am not going to be able to make it the trip from Arizona, but know that I will be with you in spirit.

Kristie and I remember our time well at St. Philip, and how graciously you took us in to the church family. My years with you were formidable for me as a pastor. You taught me much, just coming out of school, and I thank you for everything. My son Leif can still remember a little of his time, such as being the only one in Sunday school some weeks, but not the Christmas program incident during "Go Tell It On the Mountain".

Over the years you have been blessed with many great leaders and great times, and some struggles as well, but I hope that you will cherish most this day the good times and many ways that God has been at work in you, and the lives that you have touched. I will continue to hold you in my prayers, and may God bless you with another 50 years, and more, of serving the Glenview community and touching lives with the Gospel.

God Bless,

Pastor Lars Hammar  
and Kristie, Leif, Abigail, Karl, Johan, and Tobias

*We are in Florida but hope all goes well!*  
*- Alice and Walter Kratsch*

*Wish we could join you!*  
*- Alex and Tekla Heinze*

*Thank you for the invite. We cannot attend but wish all at St. Philip  
a wonderful time!*  
*- Barb and Brian Mitalo*



# Letter from Pastor Mike Lawyer

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
1001 Ninth Street, PO Box 187  
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(309) 526-8406  
Rev. Dr. Michael R. Lawyer, Pastor

October 12, 2017

The Rev. Kyle R. Severson  
1609 Pfingsten Road  
Glenview, IL 60025

Dear Pastor Severson and Members of St. Philip,

Debbie and I want to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Philip on February 11, 2018. We must regretfully decline as we have prior commitments here at St. Paul. We want to congratulate everyone on being faithful servants of Christ as you have brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ to life in so many wonderful ways over these 50 years. St. Philip has a rich history of a faithful witness to the love of the Lord. I remember a small plaque that hung over by the organ that said: "The little church with a big heart."

St. Philip and the people of the congregation hold a special place in our hearts as this was the place where I answered God's call to enter seminary at LSTC and prepare for the ordained ministry. Pastor Doug Gast was my shepherd, guide, and confidant throughout those four years at seminary. He became my friend and spiritual mentor and he graciously allowed me to preach and lead worship at St. Philip many times during those years. Doug served as my sponsor for my ordination service which took place at St. Philip on Sunday, June 29, 1986. We have many special memories of our time as members of St. Philip. One of the first ministry programs we participated in shortly after we started attending St. Philip was when we joined one of the "Koinonia" groups that met on a regular basis. This provided an entry point for us to get to know folks and begin to develop special friendships. Soon thereafter we became members of St. Philip.

As I write to you I am approaching my 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of ordination. I have currently served in my present call at St. Paul in Orion for thirteen years. I give thanks to God for bringing us into the church family of St. Philip. I am a pastor in God's church due in large part to Pastor Doug Gast and the family of God at St. Philip.

We wish you God's blessings as you celebrate this special milestone in ministry. Our prayer for you is that God continue to bless and empower you to be a beacon of the light that permeates your community and the world with the love of God in Christ. May God in Christ surround you and hold you always in the awesome power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,

*Pastor Mike and Debbie Lawyer*  
Pastor Mike and Debbie Lawyer

# Letter from Township Supervisor Jill Brickman



## ***Township of Northfield***

February 11, 2018

The Rev. Kyle R. Severson, Pastor  
St. Philip Lutheran Church  
1609 Pfingsten Road  
Glenview, IL 60025

Dear Pastor Kyle:

Congratulations to your congregation on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Five decades of serving our community as part of your worship is quite an accomplishment and one we join you in celebrating.

Your commitment to helping our neighbors in need has been clearly demonstrated by your services to our food pantry clients, going back to when St. Philip hosted Nurture cooking classes for them as well as your community suppers. Currently the clothes closet and pet food pantry meet a need in a way that we can't.

We are well aware of the challenges facing people dealing with mental illness and are appreciative of your work to help them access treatment and encourage all of us to look for solutions. Combined with your personal commitment to meaningful community involvement, this has proven to be a force for good in Glenview.

Thank you for all you've done to strengthen our community, congratulations on your milestone, and best wishes as you move forward toward continuing your good work.

Sincerely,

Jill A. Brickman  
Supervisor

# Letter from Jim and Diane Staes

January 8, 2018

Hello everyone at St. Philip and best wishes for your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration!

Unfortunately, we are not able to come to Illinois to join in the festivities, but are enclosing a donation in honor of your anniversary. We are in good health but not the young family we were back in 1967 when we joined St. Philip.

We moved to Glenview in the summer of 1967. Jim had just come off active duty as a Navy pilot and continued in the reserves, so it was the Glenview Naval Air Station that drew us to Glenview. St. Philip was already built, but new and Lowell Anderson was the first pastor. I don't think we were founding members, so somehow the numbers aren't adding up. Maybe St. Philip was a mission church when we joined. Do you have a written history that you might share?

We moved from Glenview to Rancho Palos Verdes, California in January of 1972 and joined St. Paul's Lutheran church where we are still members. Our 3 children, Betsy, Scott and Amy are all adults now with children of their own. Jim and I were the junior high school youth leaders, among other things at St. Philip and remember several trips to Camp Augustana with these youngsters. We have many fond memories of St. Philip and our church family there.

I am enclosing a copy of the cook book the women composed in 1971. You might get a kick out of reading it and seeing the names. No need to return it.

We send good wishes for your celebration and wonder if we would even know anyone any more. If anyone still remembers us we'd love to hear from them.

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<b>Faith Formation</b>	Gemma Batty	Pastor Kyle Severson
<b>Fellowship</b>	Mary Roth	Sharon Holmstrom
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<b>Stewardship</b>	Clyde Walter	Steve Parks
<b>Worship and Music</b>	Melanie Chavin	Melanie Chavin

Season	Due Date for Items
Pentecost I	May 5, 2018
Pentecost II	Aug 15, 2018
Advent/ Christmas/ Epiphany	Nov 17, 2018