



St. Philip Lutheran Church
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St. Philip Spirit



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE

9 am: 4th Sunday of Advent Worship and Holy Communion

Join us for the lighting of the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath as we wrap up our time of Advent.

4 pm: Family Christmas Worship and Holy Communion

Bring the whole family, friends, and neighbors to our joyous Christmas Eve Worship with candlelight, brass band, and carols.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 11 pm Worship Service this year.



EPIPHANY PARTY—Sunday, January 7th at 10:30 am

Join us after worship on Epiphany Sunday, January 7th for a fun, ALL-AGES celebration! We will eat King's Cake, make candle holders for candles made from our old paschal candle, and other interactive activities! *You won't want to miss this!*



You can also pick up chalk and the words for an Epiphany Home Blessing ritual.

***Most importantly, as the magi brought gifts to the manger, we invite you to bring non-perishable foods and personal hygiene items to help restock the Northfield Township Food Pantry after their busy holiday season.*

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S WINTER OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Tuesdays 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Thursdays 12:30 pm—2:30 pm

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Recent Accomplishments



- + We've totally replaced all of the windows in the facility (except the sanctuary stained glass).
- + The chancel platform has been re-constructed and the whole sanctuary was re-carpeted. The new liturgical furniture and altar railing is scheduled to arrive this week!



- + The lower windows in the sanctuary have been replaced.
- + The kitchen has been demolished and remodeling has begun!
- + The counters in the Narthex have been stripped and stained.

Coming Soon



- + New carpeting and flooring throughout the rest of the facility
- + Patching and painting all the walls and ceilings
- + A completely renovated kitchen
- + Reframed lower stained glass windows will be installed by Christmas
- + A more functional office space and technology for our support staff

We give thanks for everyone's patience and tireless work to accomplish this renewal. We hope for all of our capital projects to be completed before our 50th Anniversary Celebration on February 11th.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION | FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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This event will be here before we know it! We will have a special Worship Service followed by a cake and coffee reception in the Fellowship Hall. Bishop Wayne Miller will preach. We have sent invitations to some former pastors as well. We will then have a luncheon at Mission Hills Country Club in Northbrook. We are still looking for names and addresses of former members and friends of St. Philip, as well as your children, to add to our invitation list. Please give to Mary.

Do you have any memorable or humorous event memories from the past? If so, please submit to Mary Roth as soon as possible.



We look forward to celebrate this milestone in our church life!





Faith Formation

GLOWOS INC: GLOW On Saturday Intergenerational Nativity and Crafts



Saturday, Dec. 2

12-2:30 pm (Lunch provided)

**All ages are invited to join us
for crafts, carols, and the
retelling of the Nativity Story.**

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.

6:45-7:15 pm

Midweek Worship

Reflective Taize Services December 6, 13

During these services, we will gather in a darkened sanctuary filled with the light of candles to pray through simple, repetitive lines of music. These carry us away from the busyness and darkness of the world to the peace our Savior brings.

Blue Christmas - Dec 20

Dealing with the death of a loved one, relational stress, financial difficulties, or living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future can make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregation and community. In this service we hope to create sacred space for people to acknowledge where they are and place their lives in God's hands.

7:30-8:30 pm

Adult Bible Study Dec 6, 13, 20; Feb 7 and onwards

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 - Jan 10 @ 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION

In order to be intentional and faithful in our reading and give people time to actually reflect, we have altered our schedule. Our discussion on pages 115-184 will take place on Sunday, December 17th. The remaining chapters will be on Sunday, February 4th.

We hope that you take the time to read this book slowly and intentionally, and especially, reflect or journal on the questions at the end of the chapters.

Sun., Dec 17 (pages 115-184)

- *25 Years of Tossing and Turning*
- *Leaving My Comfort Zone*

Sun., Feb 4 (pages 187-249)

- *Inner Work*
- *Outer Work*
- *Reclaiming My Humanity*

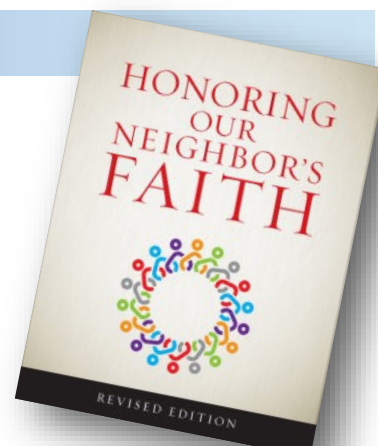
BOOK DISCUSSION:
"Waking Up White"



HONORING OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH

We continue our exploration of the faith communities in our local community with an information session on Judaism on Sunday, December 3 after Worship. This is followed by a visit to Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook on Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 am.

Other faith communities we are working to schedule sessions with include Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church and Immanuel Church of Chicago (the congregation that worships in our building).



FINDING OUT MORE

St. Philip

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Sunday, January 21, 2018

10:30-noon

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please save the date for our annual congregation meeting on January 28, 2018 following worship. This year, our 2018 financial plan will be presented during the annual meeting. See you there! - Steve Parks, Council President.

Council will be considering new candidates for its membership at its December meeting. If you have any interest in serving the church in this capacity, please let Pastor Kyle or Steve Parks know.

Council liaisons and team leaders:

Team annual reports are due no later than 1/2/18. Please submit to Gemma in a WORD document format. Gemma will organize these reports for distribution to the congregation. Thanks for your attention to this and your leadership of these teams.





Worship

Sundays, 9 am

Family Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesdays, 6:45 pm

Midweek Worship (Dec 6, 13, 20, Feb 7, 14)

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
Dec. 3	Mike B.	Pam	Vicar Julie	Katie	Bill & Sharon	LuAnn
Dec. 10	Vicar Julie	Max	Melanie	Vicar Julie	Rita & Jack	Marzee
Dec. 17	Vicar Julie	LuAnn	Terri	Ellen B.	Lyle & Gayle	Steve
Dec. 24 9 a.m.	Vicar Julie	Elaine	Clyde	Bonnie	Bob & Pam	Sharon
Dec 24 4:00 p.m.	Pam	Pam	Vicar Julie	Clyde	Doug & Lynne	LuAnn
Dec. 31	Vicar Julie	Max	Melanie	Katie	Bob & Pam	Steve
Jan. 7	Vicar Julie	LuAnn	Terri	Vicar Julie	Rita & Jack	Marzee
Jan. 14	Mike B.	Elaine	Clyde	Gemma	Doug & Lynne	Mimi
Jan. 22	LuAnn	Pam	Terri	Mike W.	Bill & Sharon	Ron
Jan. 28	Don	Max	Vicar Julie	Bonnie	Lyle & Gayle	LuAnn
Feb. 4	Vicar Julie	LuAnn	Clyde	Elaine	Rita & Jack	Sharon
Feb. 11	Vicar Julie	Elaine	Melanie	Nancy	Doug & Lynne	Gemma

Fellowship & Outreach

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



CROP HUNGER WALK: Update

Thank you to all those who walked and those who sponsored our walkers. We raised \$1470 from our church! The total walk raised over \$30,000.

PADS HOMELESS SHELTER

There are several opportunities to serve PADS throughout the year. We are usually assigned the third Monday of the month in 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.



HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who have donated to this wonderful program. Please ensure items are at church or given to Elaine Bilowich by **December 3**. All items must be UNWRAPPED and LABELED with the individual's name and ID#.

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: January 10



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



LADIES BUNCO

Friday, January 12. Carol Downs hosting.
Sign up sheet will be posted in hallway.

JAZZ NATIVITY

Saturday, December 9. Car pool available.
Sign up sheet in the hallway.
See Paula Parks for more details.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Save the Date

Sunday, April 22, 6 pm



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Sharon Holmstrom *Fellowship*

Marzee Eckhoff *Finance*

Pam Blackstone *Outreach*

Season	Due Date for Items
Lent/Easter	Jan 26, 2018
Pentecost I	May 5, 2018
Pentecost II	Aug 15, 2018
Advent/ Christmas/	Nov 17, 2018