

# The Guidepost



St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
Wilmington, Delaware

July/August 2011



## Enjoy summer!

And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!'

*Matthew 13:3-9*

*"As an inclusive and caring congregation, our mission is to make disciples, praise God, and serve the community"*

## Remember Chris Duckworth? Exciting News!

*Pastor Patrick*

I had breakfast the other day with a good friend, both of mine and of St. Philip's. It was Chris Duckworth. For those of you who do not know Chris because you have come to St. Philip's in the last couple years, Chris was a young man who was working his way through seminary and discerning his call to ordained ministry. As I was alone here at St. Philip's at that time, I would often invite Chris to come and preach and help out on Sunday mornings while he was discerning whether he really wanted to return to seminary and pursue his calling. In that way, St. Philip's became a place that nurtured Chris in his calling and which gave him the confidence to do what God was drawing him into—he was our original “intern.” When I preached at Chris' ordination at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, VA a couple of years ago (where Chris was called to serve as Associate Pastor), Chris credited St. Philip's for playing a large role in where his life had come to.

Enough background - onto the good news . . . Chris' wife Jessicah was called to teach at Luther Theological Seminary in Minneapolis earlier this year. And Chris was recently called to serve as the Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in St. Paul. So, the whole Duckworth family will be moving to Minnesota in the next couple of months.

The reason I share this with you is not simply to share good news with you, but I also share it with you because of how important faith communities are. In an age in which people talk about how we can be faithful without “going to church” Chris Duckworth and his journey from wondering what God is doing with him all the way to St. Paul is an amazing example of how God continues to work to guide our lives through the blessing of the Church (not just *going* to church, but **being** Church: being people who serve, nurture, and care for one another and the world in faith and love).

But there is another reason I share this with you. Most likely you have never heard of Grace Lutheran in St. Paul. Most likely, you do not know one single person who is a part of that faith community. Most likely, you did not know they were in need of a pastor. And most likely . . . You really did not care. But you cared for Chris. And because of the way in which our church loved, nurtured, and supported him (we were Church for him), he can now be a blessing throughout the Church. And that is how God works . . . Through you . . . Through us . . . Called, baptized, and blessed people of God.

If you'd like to see and learn more about the faith community Chris is going to serve, (also known as the congregation you helped prepare a pastor for) you can check out Grace Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota by going to their website at <http://www.gracelutheranstpaul.org/index.htm>

Grace and Peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*Pastor Jo-*

I want to take a moment to say a profound thank you to all the people of St. Philip's. For all who came to the Ordination or Installation (or both!) and for all who were there in spirit and prayer, you can not know how much it meant to my family and I during this special time.

For those who were unable to be present for either service, or for those who were there, but may have been a little emotional or were struggling to hear or remember exactly what was said, I wanted to share the promises made over the course of the weekend.

- At the service of ordination the bishop asked me these questions, and I responded to each, "I will, and I ask God to help and guide me!"
- Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?
- The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?
- Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?
- Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?
- Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responded: Amen.

At the service of installation at St. Philip's, more promises were made, and questions asked by the bishop, to which I responded, "I will, and I ask God to help and guide me."

- Pastor JoAnna, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?
- Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?
- Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and sacraments,
- and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?
- Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?
- Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responded: Amen.

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The Bishop then addressed the people of St. Philip's

- People of God, will you receive Pastor JoAnna as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

The assembly responded: We will, and we ask God to help us.

- Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

The assembly responded: We will, and we ask God to help us.

These are BIG promises! These are GREAT expectations! If left to our own devices, we would all surely fail. But thanks be to God! We are not left orphaned. We are not abandoned to our own devices! We are not the only ones who make promises! We all respond, "Yes! As long as God is there!" And God PROMISES! I am with you always, even to the end of the age. God will be with us as we prayerfully and gracefully struggle into the future together. Thank you all for this opportunity to serve side by side with you in this ministry! It is an honor to be called as your pastor. I pray that God will bless our time together, and guide us towards his will for St. Philip's and the surrounding community, and help and guide us to spread the good news of God's love and grace to all we meet.

*"Lord, God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*  
LBW, p. 153, Evening Vespers

### *From the Vicar*

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Dear Members of St. Philips,

*Vicar Karen Lar-*

"Thank You" just doesn't seem to adequately express all the gratitude that I feel for the wonderful send-off (and roasting), the cards, the well wishes and the love outpoured, especially during the final weeks and days of my time with you. I am so appreciative of the beautiful scrapbook full of sentiments that so many were able to contribute to; of the cards and gifts; the hugs and well-wishes. I was extremely touched that so many of you were able to put aside a few hours at what I know is a very busy time to share memories, laughter (and a few tears) with a bountiful array of pot luck dishes.

My internship experience is one that I will never forget as we walked a bit of The Journey with one another. For those of you who were present on my final Sunday morning with you, I hope that you felt as I did, the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit as you laid hands on me and sent me on my way to complete the work God has in mind for me. You will all hold a special place in my heart, and I will be forever grateful to Pastor Patrick for opening the door to such a wonderful experience of ministry and learning at St. Philip's. God bless you all, until we meet again.

With love and thanksgiving,  
Karen Larson



Synod Assembly

on

Saturday,  
June 4, 2011

In

Ocean City, MD

Pastor  
JoAnna M. N.  
Patterson's

Ordination

Congratulations!





*Come Hang Out On*  
**MAIN STREET**  
*at St. Philip's*  
**Vacation Bible School**

Spend time at Sidewalk Celebrations music,  
Parable Productions Bible stories,  
Firehouse Fitness games, Fun Factory crafts,  
and Brown Bag Bistro snacks.

July 11 - 15  
9 a.m. to Noon

Ages 3 thru 13 years



## Vacation Bible School 2011 Registration

Families, please submit one form per child no later than July 3, 2011

Check Here Only if You are Registering for the Middle School Component!!

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade (Fall 2011) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex / Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency, if we cannot reach the parent/guardian listed above, who else may we contact?

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical condition (s) of which we should be aware? \_\_\_\_\_

(allergies, medications, etc.) If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

My child would like to be in class with the following friend (s) \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned gives permission for his or her child to participate in the above named activity and releases St. Philip's Lutheran Church, its officers, employees, and agents from any liability whatsoever for any injury or death to person or loss or damage to property sustained by the undersigned for any member of his family, in attendance, and the undersigned agrees to defend and indemnify St. Philip's Lutheran Church, its officers, employees, and agents from any liability or loss they might sustain by reason thereof. In the event I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the director of children's ministry to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this registration form you agree that any photographs taken of your child at or during this event are the property of St. Philip's Lutheran Church and may be used in future publications as deemed appropriate.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS** are encouraged to attend a training meeting this Wednesday, July 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Any questions, contact Holly Davis or Pastor JoAnna.

**VBS is in need of the following items:** margarine containers, old magazines, tin cans (10-16 oz.), paper towel tubes, fabric (light color solids or small prints at least 7" x 7").

*From Chris Patterson*

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## **Play an Instrument? Have a talent?**

The St. Philips Youth Group will be hosting a community event on Saturday, July 30th, and so a call to all performers has been sent out.

### **What is being asked for:**

**Bands** (family friendly a must, any genre,  
Christian, positive, or secular)

**Solo performers** (like singer-songwriters)

**Talents** (dance groups, comedians, origami artists,  
if you can entertain a crowd, you are needed!)

**Members who Play an instrument** and would be interested in  
joining The St. Philip's Big Band Jazz Revue.

Please contact Chris Patterson if interested, at  
(302) 650-9141 or [rulesofchaos@gmail.com](mailto:rulesofchaos@gmail.com)



**2011**

SATURDAY  
**July 30th**

**RUMMAGE SALE  
AND COMMUNITY DAY!**

Come out and support the youth of St. Philip's Lutheran Church as they prepare to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012! Enjoy LIVE Music, Good Food, Face Painting, Lawn Games, Rummage Sale, Bake Sale, Dunk Tank, and More!

All Proceeds/Donations support the Mission and Ministry of the Youth!

*Items for the Rummage Sale may be donated beginning July 24 at 11:30AM thru July 29 at 2PM.*

## Gearing Up for the Future.....A Worship and Music Manifesto

*Lee Derr*

Wow! Hasn't this been some year for the congregation! A new Associate Pastor; having a Vicar for the better part of a year; and now here we are in the process of hiring a Director of Music.

But these are all necessary parts of the greater whole, of our congregation's growing pains, if you will. As of this writing, we are also looking to recruit more people for our choir; we also could use more people who play instruments; in short, we need YOU to become involved, if you are able and willing.

In a few weeks, we will begin choir rehearsals for the new season; in addition to singing, we could use your help on the committee level with various types of tasks. We invite you to join us and become involved.

*Worship and Music Mission Statement: "The mission of the Worship and Music Team is to use varied worship and music experiences to welcome all people into God's grace and to move all people to dynamic faith in Jesus Christ."*

**The Next Worship and Music Committee Meeting:**  
Tuesday, July 26, 2011 and August 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

*From the Altar Guild Committee*

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**Altar Guild Committee - WE NEED YOU!!!!**

Fulfill your commitment to St Philip's  
Join a great group of dedicated members.  
Come to our meeting September 20th!!!  
Any questions or if you are interested,  
call Carol Oesterbo - 410-398-7975  
or email - [lorac45@comcast.net](mailto:lorac45@comcast.net)

## Proclaiming the Lord as Savior

*Mark Myers*

This past weekend my family visited New York City which was our kid's first trip to the "Big Apple". It was a wonderful time and provided many new experiences for them. They experienced their 1st taxi ride, their 1st subway ride and their 1st INDOOR ferris wheel ride (Times Square Toys-R-Us). The sights, sounds and smells of NYC were an experience they will not soon forget.

While waiting in line to board the ferry to visit the Statue of Liberty they experienced another first, a young man standing on a public sidewalk boldly and confidently professing his faith before a crowd numbering several hundred people. Having experienced this myself before in NYC (and at the Jersey shore) I was interested in what their reaction might be. We overheard a man in line behind us commenting "what is his point?" and "why is he talking to the crowd?" I suspect his thoughts were shared by many in the crowd. As for Ryan and Sarah, the spectacle didn't seem to faze them. Allyson and I were talking about this on the drive home. Perhaps our kids, having been raised in the family of Christ, didn't find it particularly unusual for someone to openly and publicly talk about their faith in Jesus. After all, conversation about Jesus and the Bible are commonplace events in our home and church.

Unlike the many street performers we encountered that were seeking money, this young man sought only our attention to listen with a heart open to receiving the Word. Some in the crowd listened, many ignored and several responded with criticism. Two millennia ago when Jesus preached to the crowds he was met with similar response and far worse.

As Christians, we are called to boldly speak of our faith. [Mathew 28:18-20]. While a park in NYC may not be the venue of choice for many of us, each of us has daily opportunities to share a personal message of faith with our friends, co-workers and acquaintances.

**The Next Council Meeting:**

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 and August 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, September 11, 2011, is our  
kick-off to the program year.

### **Schedule**

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Early Worship Service with<br>Holy Communion                |
| 9:15 a.m.  | Small Groups and Christian Education<br>Return for All Ages |
| 10:30 a.m. | Mid Morning Worship Service with<br>Holy Communion          |
| 11:45 a.m. | Annual St. Philip's Fall Picnic<br>on the Green             |

Join us on this Special Day as We Begin our  
Fall Sermon Series

Prophet † King † Messiah Daniel & Mark,  
Celebrate the Return of the Fall Programs, and  
Bring to a Close our Summer Sabbath Time

Small Groups will begin again in September 2011.

The 2011-2012 theme is  
Prophet † King † Messiah  
Daniel & Mark

aims to engage those who are new to small groups and those who are continuing.

Complete a registration form  
found in the red book at the end of each church pew  
and drop it in the offering plate.

OR

Complete the form below and  
leave it in the church office.

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**LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAY** \_\_\_\_\_ **EVENING**

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose your preferences for type of group using 1st (and 2nd, if willing):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Women**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Men**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Young Adults**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Mixed-Gender**

**Choose your preferences for meeting time using 1st (2nd and 3rd, if willing):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sundays 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mondays 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Psalm 24:1

Kris Dierks

The Earth is the Lord's...

You can donate “recycle” any of the following items into the bins in the Social Hall or narthex:

Used eyeglasses and sunglasses, travel size (from hotels) personal items, coffee packs from hotels, labels for education, manufacture cents off coupons, pop-top tabs, spools of thread & yarn (all colors, weight and amount), cell phones, Zingo grocery store receipts, gently used towels, sheets, shoes and clothing.

Also, posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall is the every changing Small Needs List requests from the members of our Grocery and Produce Distribution. So please look over the list every so often and see if you have any of the items sitting around your home taking up space.

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**Summer is here** – officially on June 22. Our pantry is in need of food items that can be made quickly and not heat up the whole house. Here are a few suggestions: “helper foods” that can be made with tuna or beef, boxes of “Suddenly Pasta Salad”, how about pre sweetened drink mixes. And our pantry is always in need of Toilet Paper, Paper Towels and Laundry Detergent.

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*Social Ministry Mission Statement: Create an environment where our entire congregation is involved in Christ-centered ministries and missions to support, strengthen, and nourish individuals, families and communities in need.*

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

NO Produce & Clothing

Grocery Club

Produce (only)

Monday, July 4, 2011

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Monday, July 18, 2011

Canned Good Give-a-way

Tuesday, July 5, 2011 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Produce & Clothing  
Monday, August 1, 2011

Grocery Club  
Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Produce (only)  
Monday, August 15, 2011

## Some of our Social Ministry Programs

*Kris Dierks*

1. **Produce Distribution** – the first and third Mondays of each month. Some time between 8:30 and 9:30 a truck from the Food Bank of Delaware arrives at the church. No ID or income information is needed for the clients to receive food or clothing. There is no charge to St. Philip's for receiving this food. ***Help is needed in carrying the food to the church, to help count, sort and/or carry out the food to the client's car (90 minutes).***
2. **Clothing distribution.** Clothing is picked up at the clothing bank of Delaware and brought to the church for distribution on the first Monday of each month. Special orders are taken for clothing and shoes.
3. **Grocery Club.** Proof of low income qualifies our 45 families to receive a box of food. On the Second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm two persons with large vehicles or trucks go to the food bank of Delaware and pick up an order of food. We select and pay for the food. The cartons of food are brought back to the church and then packed into 45 different boxes for our families ***Your help is needed if you have a large vehicle and can drive to the food bank and help load the food into it (45 minutes). Others are needed to carrying the food to the church, to help count, sort and/or carry out the food to the client's car (1 hour).***
4. **Family Promise.** Every 13 weeks up to 4 families come to our church. We provide transportation, meals, fellowship and a place to sleep. ***Are you able to help clean the rooms before our families arrive (2 hours), drive the 15 passenger van (am and pm for ½ hour each), make a meal with others to feed 20 persons (2 hours), spend a few hours talking to the families, spend a night in a private room at the church and be out early enough to get to work in the morning (8 hours), clean the rooms before the families arrive (2 hours), set up the rooms for the families (90 minutes), take down the rooms after the families leave at the end of there week (90 minutes), wash the sheets and towels the families used (2 hours).***
5. **Mission trips.** ***Persons are needed to take charge in researching and planning of the Mission project.***

You can help 1 time for whatever amount of time you have to share. More information about the other Social Ministry programs in the coming months. Contact Mark Gunderson or any of the members of the Social Ministry Committee.

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**Family Promise Job needs** – on the same bulletin board is a list of Family Promise Members who are in need of a job. The person's job experience and there current specialty are listed. If your business or you know of a business that is hiring persons with their qualifications please call the Family Promise Day Center at 302-998-2222.



## Youthful Volunteers

Just before the close of the school year, a group of students from Friends School did some volunteer work at the LCS Pantry at St. Stephen's in Wilmington. As luck would have it, a big shipment from the Food Bank of Delaware arrived. Three of the kids went to work counting the food that arrived, carrying it into the building, shelving it, breaking down the boxes for recycling, and then wheeling the pallets around the building to where they are picked up. Two students went to the Acme to get our regular "day old" baked goods donation. It was a Wednesday, and there was a long line of folks waiting in the heat for free produce (every Wednesday at St. Stephens). A couple of kids busied themselves providing clients with ice water. They had a cart with pitchers of ice water and paper cups, and they served the clients as they came in. Some of the students also worked in the pantry with the regular adult volunteers and packed bags. These kids were a great help. We believe it's critically important to provide them with a fulfilling experience as we encourage future volunteerism. Other schools we work with include Tatnall and Tower Hill.

## New Board Members

LCS has added four new board members and now has a full complement of 15. They represent our core of Lutheran Churches along with a number of other non-Lutheran partner churches and the community. The new board members include Sharon Boland, Manager for Community Development Programs at Citibank; Syl Legutko, Hope Lutheran; Jeremy Loesch, Our Redeemer Lutheran; and Pat Tomlan, Concordia Lutheran.

## Grants Improve LCS Food Ministry

LCS was thrilled to receive a grant from the **Delaware Community Foundation** for freezers at three food distribution sites: St. Stephen's, St. Paul's, and Zion. The \$5,000 grant was enough to get large, high quality freezers that allow us to keep more healthy frozen food on hand. We also received a grant – for the first time ever – from the **Lutheran Home and Hospital Foundation, Inc.** in Baltimore for \$2,000 for nutrition literature for LCS food clients.

**Summertime... Here We Are!!** Summer is here in all its glory and so is Summer Camp at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center! The annual camp began on June 13<sup>th</sup> and enrollment was strong even before it began. As usual, Hilltop Summer Camp means much more than sports, games, and field trips. There is a strong education element. Camp educational emphasis this year is on character development, working on self-esteem, teamwork, anger management, communication, self-discovery, and coping skills. Spanish will also be introduced to those children entering kindergarten in the fall. Speaking of Spanish, we are in the process of interviewing candidates for a Spanish tutor for the kids starting in the fall. That person will be in place prior to summer's end.

Money is always at issue at Hilltop and this year is no different. United Way announced that its funding level for 2011-2012 will be the same as last year: \$19,118 for Youth Services at Hilltop and \$18,042 for Early Childhood Education, totaling \$37,160 for both programs. The Delaware General Assembly will announce its State Grant in Aid allocation by the time you read this article and we'll communicate it in our next edition. Also waiting in the wings is word on our Early Childhood Development grant which was submitted to the state in May. That too should be known by mid July. Finally, two money questions have already been answered for the fall: the "Purchase of Care" grant and the Delaware/Maryland Synod grant. "Purchase of Care" is the state assistance given to those parents who are trying to pay as much of their child's Early Childhood Development bill as possible. This "Purchase of Care" amount will be increased later this year to allow more parents to take advantage of Early Childhood care. In other words, the state gave us a raise which will help us help more parents care for and educate their pre-school children.

Some of you may have already heard that the Delaware/Maryland Synod is cutting many of its outreach ministries. Unfortunately, Hilltop is among those cut from the Synod budget due to lack of funds. In 2011 the Synod gave us \$8,464. This news will hurt the center financially, but it will also hurt psychologically as The Delaware/Maryland Synod has been a long time ministry partner with Hilltop and that relationship will be missed. This is yet another reason why your financial and volunteer contributions to Hilltop are greatly needed and much appreciated. Thank you.

*The Board of Directors - Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center*

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## Luther Tower Aides Need Help!



Could you spare 5 hours a month to bring a smile to a senior citizen? Perhaps one who has no family close by and just needs someone to talk to? If this is the case CTA could use your help. For the past 39 years this organization has been involved at Luther Towers. Because of age, moving away upon retirement, or death our membership is decreasing to the point that our service to the Towers is being affected.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Our biggest needs are waitresses in the Pineapple Restaurant and as cashiers in the gift shop. This about it, God wants us to reach out and help one another. There is no better way than to help those seniors who have given many years of their lives helping others.

If you are interested or want more information please see or call Yvonne Cilento at 292-2190.

## Second Quarter 2011 Newsletter



### **Executive Director Update**

We are continuing to search for a new Executive Director. The position will be posted again soon.

Merrie Bailey, our Interim Executive Director, continues to serve our guests and the organization while we search for the right person to lead and expand Family Promise.



### **New Staff and Board Members—Welcome!**

As of July 1, we welcome Rev. Dr. Kymm Hockman as a staff member! As Congregational Coordinator, Kymm will work with our current congregations to ensure they have everything they need to make this a rewarding experience, as well as recruit new congregations for our network. Kymm is a member of Hockessin UMC. Welcome!

We recently expanded our Board of Directors. We welcomed our new Board Members in March 2011. Thank you for your service!

- **Beverly Lewis** Associate Pastor, Aldersgate UMC
- **Dennis Marshall** Pastor, Chippey AUM Church
- **Clarice Ritchie** Works in Development at Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries and member of St. Mark's UMC
- **La Vaida Owens-White** MSN,RN, Faith Community Nurse and member Christ Our King Catholic Church

### **New Congregations - Welcome!**

We welcome Impact Family Worship Center in Hockessin as a new Support Congregation. Welcome to the family! Check them out at: [www.ifwconline.org](http://www.ifwconline.org).

### **Keep Up With Family Promise Online**

Blog [www.familypromisede.blogspot.com](http://www.familypromisede.blogspot.com)

Facebook Family Promise of Northern New Castle County

[www.familypromisede.org](http://www.familypromisede.org)  
302-998-2222

[info@familypromisede.org](mailto:info@familypromisede.org)  
2104 St. James Church Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808

## **Second Quarter 2011 Newsletter**



### **Family Updates**

One of our families graduated this quarter. This family experienced a fire and came to us with only the clothes on their back. Both parents have obtained part-time jobs and they continue to look for full-time employment. The Apartment Angels Program selected this family to receive six months of rent, free of charge. They then stay in the same apartment and pay the regular rate. Thank you for helping to provide necessities for their new place!



Another family that graduated during first quarter had their baby at the end of May. Mom and baby are doing very well!

### **Box City Event—Save the Date!**

**What?** Each participant raises at least \$100 in contributions and sleeps overnight in a cardboard box "home" as a resident of our Box City in order to raise awareness of homeless families in our community. There will be activities, entertainment, and food for participants.

**When?** Sept 30 @ 6pm to Oct 1 @ 7am

**Where?** Hockessin United Methodist Church

**More Info?** Registration forms will be available on our website in July.



### **Supporting Family Promise**

- We have launched Life Skills & Parenting classes, and Financial Literacy classes (with a one-on-one budgeting component). Thank you to our volunteer leaders! We couldn't do it without you!
- We still need drivers who can assist, as time permits, with driving guests to appointments. Please contact us if you can help.

[www.familypromisede.org](http://www.familypromisede.org)  
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The Property Committee are looking for Lawn Mowing Volunteers for the up coming spring-summer-fall season. It works best if you sign-up as a team of two for each week. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have never done it before, we will be glad to train anyone who volunteers. *Work on your tan while cutting grass at God's house!*

Any questions, please ask Mark Myers or Dave Frampton.

**The Flower Dedication Poster** for 2011 is posted in the Narthex. **PLEASE** read on as the procedure has changed. If you would like to give flowers for any Sunday in 2011, sign up on that poster (and please note that open spaces in November and December are not for this year.), take a *new* form and *new* colorful envelope. You must submit your form prior to your Sunday and use the *new* envelope for your payment. Any questions, call Pam Sheffer at 994-5912.

*Letters to the Congregation*



June 10, 2011

Pastor Patrick Downes  
St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
4501 Kirkwood Highway  
Wilmington, DE 19808

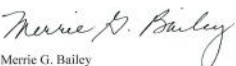
Dear Patrick,

Thank you for your recent contribution of \$2,850.00 to Family Promise® of Northern New Castle County. Your gift helps us continue to combat homelessness among families in New Castle County, Delaware. Mothers, fathers and children throughout our area are kept together through difficult financial times because you have joined with us to serve those most needy.

Family Promise® is a community of faith-based congregations, volunteers and homeless families with children growing in faith, hope, and love. Family Promise® provides a safe, homelike place where families can stay together and spend time with caring volunteers. To improve their situations, families are provided job readiness training, assistance with finding employment and housing, and referrals for counseling and medical care. This environment and assistance is only available through financial gifts like this and the generosity of our many volunteers.

Please retain this letter for your tax purposes. Family Promise® of Northern New Castle County did not provide any goods and/or services in return for this contribution. Family Promise® is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.



Merrie G. Bailey  
Interim Executive Director  
Family Promise® of Northern New Castle County

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(302) 652-8133 www.friendship-house.org

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

May 24, 2011

St Philips Evangelic  
4501 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19808

Dear Friends,

On the behalf of all the men, women and children that have come in need to the various ministries of Friendship House this year, I wish to thank you for St Philips Evangelic Church's generous donation of \$60.00.

Thank you for caring. Thank you for seeing what we see when we serve these wonderful folks whom God has woven into our lives. May the Lord continue to use us in His service. For tax purposes, I affirm that you have received neither goods nor services for your gift.

Your Friend,



Bill Perkins  
Director

## **Remember Us When You Pray**

*We believe in the power of prayer, so please remember to keep the following persons and their families in your prayers. Even if you do not know them it means so much to them to know that they are remembered in our daily prayer lives. Also, it would be a wonderful gift for them to hear from their church family:*

### *We Pray for the Members of St. Philip's:*

Brittany Washburn, Angela Teague, Shirley Knappenberger, Gordon Kyle, Sr., William Wheatley, Melba Hutnyan, Renata Burkum, Edna Smith, Louis James, Beverly Reedy, Ron Henry, Ruth and Charles Bowles, Shirley Stewart, Fran Fisher

*We Pray for our Loved Ones: (Though we do not explicitly name these beloved ones in worship during our prayer time, please lift up their names in prayer aloud or silently during the time set aside for other intercessions):* **Marion Shuman & Barbara Humphreys**, sister & niece of Liz Schantz; **Darrell & Rose Rott**, parents of Jodi Newcomer; **LuAnn Brown**, friend of Elma Larson; **our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Airman F/C Cameron Lincoln**, grandson of Art Lincoln; **Velma Ferguson**, mother of Steve Ferguson; **Lesma Jones**, friend of Carol Oesterbo; **Pat Mroz & Elaine Hamilton**, friends & **Daniel Pinto**, nephew of Sally Krapf; **Lois & Caroll Seay**, sister & brother-in-law of Lorraine Velez; **Matt Knutson**, cousin of Jean Mignogna; **Kathy McCool**, friend of Liz Schantz; **Nick Petro, Myrtle Giest, & Edith Tinsman**, friends of Bev Reedy; **Haydee Bonilla & James Pratt**, friends & **Donald Lincoln**, brother of Art Lincoln; **Scott & Kathi Stilwell**, son-in-law & daughter of Jean Kunkle, **Cecilia Mancari**, sister of Marie Mancari, **Peyton Emma McHale**, grandniece of Hazel Mahoney; **Jimmy Reeves**, brother-in-law of Michele Castagna & Pam Sheffer; **Armand Zinnato**, father of Ken Zinnato; **Laura & Stanley Barry**, family of Steve Barry, **Col. Richard W. Koeneke**, son of Suzanne Lincoln, **Kathryn Baker Family & Robert Karschmer**, friends of Linda Bruner; **Marie Tuneff**, sister of Ruth Bowles; **Connie Ripper**, friend of Barbara Williams, **Heather Smith**, friend of Lindsey Falkowski, **Donna Miller**, sister & **Barry Brown**, friend of Debbi Miller; **Rindi Taylor**, daughter-in-law of Fran Taylor; **Robert Keller**, brother of Bev Reedy, **Steve Ammerman**, brother of Sharon Price, **Dan Bolgiano**, father of Teri Kennedy, **Jane Webb**, sister of Marge Davis; **Dorothy Giudicessi**, sister of Jean Schoenbeck; **James Bereda**, brother of Gladys Owens; **Kevin Quinlan**, brother-in-law of Phil & Kathy Young; **Mark Fawzi**, son of Judy & Maged Fawzi; **Tom & Teresa Smith**, nephew/niece of Ann & Charlie Young; **Stephen Crosby**, friend of Charles & Marie Thomas; **Rosemary Kittle**, mother of Dick Kittle; **Patrick Brennan**, father of Vicar Karen Larson; **Jeff Oliver**, friend of Jodi Newcomer; **Paul Scheibe**, brother of Ruth Henry; **Chris Debnam**, family of Erik Opderbeck; **Jacque Huntley**, friend of Donna Miller; **Betty Williams**, mother-in-law of Barbara Williams; **Christine Bistline**, mother of Tina Malatesta; **George Martz**, father of Peter Martz; **Annie Chin**, friend of Peter Martz & Allison Gullo; **Krista Jennings**, granddaughter of Russ & Barb Hokanson; **Kaitlyn Nello, Kevin Kenerly & Family, & Heather Dalton**, friends of Brian & Brittany Washburn; **Ethan Howard Learn**, grand-nephew & **Shawn Nascembeni**, son of Arlene Favreau-Pyshser; **Aunt Tee**, aunt of Dante; **Nancy Bennett**, friend of Kris Dierks & Nancy Zinnato, **Alex Marra**, nephew of Shirley Stewart; **Jim Stoldt**, brother of Judy Fawzi;

### **We also hold in prayer, our sisters and brothers in ministry in the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA:**

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
Grace of God Lutheran Church  
Spirit of Life Lutheran Church  
Office of Public Policy  
Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church  
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Hilltop Lutheran Community Ctr.  
Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Community Lutheran Church  
Tree of Life Lutheran Church  
Rivers of Life Community Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the  
Good Shepherd  
Lutheran housing projects in DE  
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
St. Philip's Lutheran Church

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# Happy Birthday!

FROM YOUR ST. PHILIP'S FAMILY!

William Symonds	7/5	Elaina Fournakis	8/1
Fran Fisher	7/7	Coleman Bye, III	8/2
Cathy Snyder	7/8	Pam Brenneman	8/4
Gerard Sikora	7/8	Ashley Borrelli	8/8
Sandra Mutschler	7/10	Megan Smith	8/8
Tiffany Coleman	7/11	Julia Hable	8/9
William Cavalier	7/12	Nicole Sheffer	8/10
Martha Coneybeer	7/12	Kylie Stirk	8/11
Ellen Gundersen	7/12	Lenore Hoffman	8/12
David Culley	7/13	John Reichley	8/12
Richard Palmer	7/14	Marjorie Davis	8/13
Dolores Smith	7/14	Ryan Myers	8/13
Angela Teague	7/14	Corie Sheffer	8/17
Janet Bailey	7/19	Grace Mason	8/18
Cameron Hewlett	7/19	Jan Roulstone	8/22
Carol Walton	7/19	Connor Davis	8/25
Lee Derr	7/21	Al Cavalier	8/26
Richard Kittle	7/22	Stephen Ferguson	8/26
Tyler Bye	7/23	Dolly Frampton	8/27
John Newcomer Jr.	7/23	Joseph Borrelli	8/28
Margaret Wagner	7/23	Benjamin Start	8/30
James Everhart, Jr.	7/26		
Melba Hutnyan	7/26		
Lori Bowles	7/28		
Michele Smith	7/30		
Barbara Berkheimer	7/31		

May God bless each one of you on your special day!!!

## OUR GOAL

**(From St. Philip's Lutheran Church Vision Statement)**

St. Philip's goal is to create a vibrant Christian congregation in which our members will be actively involved in learning, prayer, worship, and service to others. This means that with the help of God, by 2015 St. Philip's will:

- **Provide place of Worship, Service, and Community for Young Adults**
- **Each member of the congregation will give at least 24 hours of service through St. Philip's Social Outreach Ministries**
- **90% of regularly attending congregation involved in small groups and Christian education**
- **400 regularly attend weekly worship gatherings of which 100 will be Young Adults**
- **Continually strive toward passionate and exciting worship and music that is relevant to an ever-changing world**
- **100% of St. Philip's Members Will Actively Engage in Prayer and Scripture Reading Every Day**

# Evangelism...

Share a smile and a personal greeting  
with a stranger.

**Please call the church office at 302-998-0171 when:**

- You or a member of your family is sick or in the hospital.
- You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event so it can be placed on the church calendar, in the bulletin, and in the Guidepost.
- A baby is expected in your family.
- You want to arrange for a baptism or a wedding.
- Your telephone number, address or e-mail address has changed or you are planning to move, locally or out of town.
- You have a prayer request for our prayer chain.
- You feel the church can help you in any way.

## Who Does What at St. Philip's

### Staff:

Rev. Patrick V. Downes, Pastor.....office: 998-0171  
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 .....email: [trystandog@gmail.com](mailto:trystandog@gmail.com)  
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 Lisa Kalinowski, Office Assistant..office: 998-0171  
 ..... home: (610) 274-0828  
 .....email: [stphilipswilmington@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipswilmington@gmail.com)  
 Tiffany Coleman, Nursery .....home: 737-0629

### Officers:

Coleman Bye, President..... 292-1924  
 Sharon Kittle, Vice President..... 239-7108  
 Amy Papili, Secretary..... 454-1623  
 Teri Suddard, Treasurer..... 369-0123  
 Marty Budd, Financial Secretary..... 235-2631

### Council:

Brandon Zinnato ..... 995-2147  
 Mark Myers..... (484)508-8209  
 Pam Brenneman..... 234-6760

David Gale..... 239-2838  
 Chris Hewlett..... 999-1383  
 Lauren Hill..... 369-1285  
 Edna Smith..... 994-5629  
 Brian Washburn..... 521-6418  
 Leona Schechinger..... 998-4682

### Committees/Activities:

Worship and Music..... Louise James..... 378-1113  
 Altar Guild..... Carol Oesterbo...(410)398-7975  
 Evangelism..... Steve Ferguson... 737-0629  
 Finance/Audit..... Mel Schoenbeck. 738-3359  
 Greeters..... Jane Newcomer.. 239-4445  
 Fellowship..... Judy Fawzi..... 239-3837  
 ..... Jane Newcomer.. 239-4445  
 ..... Ellen Lenker..... 998-3640  
 Property..... Dave Frampton... 368-3314  
 ..... Mark Myers.....(484)508-8209  
 Social Ministry..... Mark Gundersen(610)388-0695  
 Stewardship..... John Reichley.... 239-0160  
 Prayer Chain..... Marie Wise..... 993-1171

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*Address Service Requested*

### *Sunday Morning Schedule*

8:00 a.m. .... Worship Service In Sanctuary  
 9:15 a.m. .... Small Group and Christian Education  
 (*Christian Education will return in September*)  
 10:30 a.m. .... Worship Service In Sanctuary  
 \*\* Coffee Fellowship in Social Hall Between Services