

The Guidepost



St. Philip's Lutheran Church
Wilmington, Delaware

January 2012



The Season of the Epiphany of Christ



WISE MEN
STILL
SEEK HIM

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

Being What God Has Made You To Be

Pastor Patrick

One of the great things I was able to do over the Christmas holiday was read a really great book entitled, *Boomerang* by Michael Lewis. It is about how the financial crisis that culminated in 2008 consumed the entire planet in financial chaos and ruin. One of the key things that stood out in my reading of places around the globe, like Greece, Ireland, and Iceland is the way in which the people in these countries were all trying to become millionaires while economies were booming and credit was cheap. But they were not trying to do it by being as they were . . . They had to become someone else.

For example, in Iceland, throughout Iceland's history, they have only been good at two things: fishing and generating energy from the volcanic activity on their island. Now, while the energy cannot be exported, the fish could. But regardless, they were very, very good at both: generating energy for their needs and fishing. They were great at it. But when credit became cheap people stopped fishing and decided to try their hand at something new: Investment Banking and Hedge Fund Managing. The fact that they had not skill at these things didn't matter . . . They were able to get the money to do it, so they did. And these folks made millions of dollars/billions of dollars doing it. Until it all failed.

Ireland was a similar story as was Greece. It was the story of people who throughout their history were known one way, but who abandoned those identities to become someone/something else. It was not good enough to make an honest living, work hard, be valued for being good at what they did. They had to have more and be more.

I'm not knocking capitalism . . . All these folks were capitalists when they were fishing and making good money doing it too. I'm raising the issue of what their calling was in their lives. And by way of thinking about that asking about our calling in life: I'm asking what are the gifts God gives us and asking how we are using them, not in the service of ourselves, but in the service of making the world a better place.

That has always been one of the great gifts of a new year . . . Although it really is just another day, it is also symbolic of our baptismal calling: the calling of God to us out of the waters of Baptism to serve him and one another. I know everyone talks about New Year's resolutions (often as if they are really just something to be broken) at this time of year. But I would prefer us at this time of year to talk about how God gives us new life in our baptism - it is not just about "being saved from" but rather "being saved to." What were you saved to do? What were you saved to be? How will that look different this year than last?

Dear Members of St. Philip's,

I wanted to just take a moment to thank everyone so very much for the wonderful monetary gift that you gave our family this year. This was our 10th Christmas here at St. Philip's and as I was reflecting on the decade that we've spent here, I could not help but give thanks for the blessing that these years have been, both for me personally, and for my family. I truly look forward to continuing to grow together in faith and service of God. May the New Year continue to bring you and your loved ones God's blessing and love. Again, many thanks for all the ways you touch my life and the life of my family.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Patrick and Family

Pastor JoAnna

It may say January on the Calendar, but as the new year dawns, we are still in the 12 Days of Christmas, and so in the spirit of Emmanuel, God with us, God for us, and God in us, we would like to remember the blessings of the past year, and give thanks for the blessing of having God with us in our lives.

In February of last year, we were welcomed into the St. Philip's community when I was called to be the Associate Pastor. It was a major life change for us in many ways, but the transition was made easier by all of the help and support we received from everyone. Later, in June, I was ordained and officially installed as Associate Pastor of St. Philips. It was such a blessing and a very amazing moment to have the support of the whole congregation as we join together in ministry of our church and community, and the church in general. It is a very powerful promise that we all have committed to.

Even though I am the pastor of our family, I am not the only minister in the family. Chris has been very happy to be involved in his own form of call, helping around the church in support of various activities, whether at the Rummage Sale, as Reader or Assisting Minister at Services, Choir, Youth Group, or doing work with the Property Committee. Many may not know he also works with the Catholic Youth Ministries as a Youth Football coach. It is his way of fulfilling his call by serving the greater community. He feels very blessed to have the opportunity to help be an A.A.A. (affirming, available, authentic) adult for youth mentoring both at church, and at football practice.

We are also very thankful that after a very long process, we have finally "closed" on our house. It is a house we absolutely love, and are so blessed to have. Given the state of the economy, not everyone can have a home that is safe, warm, and fulfills their needs, and we are so grateful to be able to pursue this new life stage. We cannot mention this without a huge thank you to Lauren Hill, who tirelessly worked to find us this beautiful home. THANK YOU!

We are also blessed that even with all the health issues that have troubled both our families, and even grieving the loss of a few family members who have passed, we can still give thanks and praise to God, because we know that God is with us, as a family, as a church, and as a community; as we are all members of his flock, through the Grace we are given.

Through good or bad, that is what we are driven by. Grace. It is what allows us to praise God when things are good for us, but it also allows us to know that if things are bad, God is still with us, walking with us, and calling us to serve others. People who have less or are worse off than we are. Even people just like us. Even people who seem to have it better than us. Serving can take many forms, but when it is done to help someone else, no matter how small the help is, people can see God in us, and as we build those relationships, we can see God in those that we serve.

In these twelve days of Christmas as we look back at the past year and dream of the future, planning how this year will be different, and better; how THIS year I will exercise three times a week (Really I WILL!) Let's remember that it is STILL Christmas, at least until January 6th! And we are to remember that the sovereign God came to earth to abide with us, and calls us to abide with others, so that they too might know of God's grace and love for them, always and forever, AMEN!

The Year of the Protestors

2010 was a year of worldwide protests. We watched protestors in Egypt and Libya as they overthrew their respective governments, ousting one leader and ultimately killing another. We still watch the protestors in Syria as they too try to rid themselves of a dictator whose regime has allegedly been responsible for murdering thousands of innocent civilians. Of course cities all across the United States have had their fair share of protestors as well. The Occupy Wall Street movement has been in the news for many months now. Those involved have protested against various government policies and politicians, homelessness, high unemployment, fiscal greed, our country's involvement in various wars around the world along with a whole slew of other more mundane social issues. These protests are driven by anger and frustration at a political and financial system that they feel is unfair and unjust.

Used as a noun, *protestor* is defined as someone who publicly shows their opposition to something such as law or policy. In Mark 11:15-17, Jesus himself expresses his anger;¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

People have a right to be upset about injustice and should take a stand against it. Whether or not you agree with the protests going on throughout our country and throughout the world, taking a stance for something you believe in is important. But more importantly, we must do it in a way that does not allow us to fall into sin. Jesus' response to the people in the temple was not sinful. Obviously, he made his point without committing any sin. We must always remember that no matter how passionate our opinions may be, we must always use the examples Jesus set for us in our daily lives.

The Next Council Meeting:
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Congregational Celebration

**On January 29, 2012 we will hold our
Annual Congregational Celebration**

**Join us as we continue to celebrate the wonderful
ministry that God has called us to here at St. Philip's.
The meeting will be held after the 10:30 a.m. worship
service that day.**

**Make this one of the first items you mark down
on your 2012 calendar!**





It may only be January, but Easter is coming! At this time of year we invite all children who are ready to receive Holy Communion to join this year's First Communion Class, in preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. These are typically children in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grades and above.

The three week course will be taught by Pastor Downes and requires the participation of both students and one or both parents. The three course sessions will be held February 26 and March 11 and 25 at 2:30 pm. Each session is 1 1/2 hours.

All interested families should fill out the form below, detach it, and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. We look forward to sharing in this sacramental journey with you and your child. Please speak with Pastor Downes if there are any questions.

First Communion Registration Form

Student's Name: _____

Grade in School: _____

Number of Family Members attending the Class: _____

Parents E-mail and Phone: _____

Stephen Bencoter

**“Fall On Your Knees!”, “Rejoice With Exceeding Great Joy!”,
“Il Est Né le Devine Enfant!”**

Friends, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a blessing it is to come together in friendship and fellowship to celebrate the nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. During the week of December 18th, especially, worship and music waited with anticipation for the coming of the Lord. Throughout that week, we celebrated Jesus’ birth at Festival of Carols, on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day with beautiful music and vivacious fanfare to the Glory of God now and forever. However, through the busyness of the week, I hope that you had time to remember the purpose of that celebration. With the world around us celebrating with Rudolph, Santa, and Frosty, it becomes harder to meditate on the true purpose of this season.

On December 18th, the choir and worship and music ministry team presented a service of lessons and carols. We came together to sing joyous praise, gathered in warm fellowship, and stood in awe of that remarkable Christ Child. Yet, the focus of Festival of Carols was not to throw a party – however deserving Jesus is, nor was it to be an excuse for us to gather (with food; even though we are Lutheran after all); it was instead an opportunity to share God’s love and grace in outward expression, through the gift of food gathering for the needy, through the sharing of the word, and through meditative contemplation. I hope that you were able to join us – or at the very least had a chance yourself to meditate and to do something as an outward expression of God’s work in your own lives.

Thanks so much for your support of music ministry at St. Philip’s. I personally look forward to many more festival celebrations with my new church family.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

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 Meeting:
Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7 p.m.

January

1th - Worship at 8 & 10:30, No Small Groups, No SPEW. Happy New Year!

8th – Worship at 8 & 10:30, Small groups for all ages 9:15. SPEW-Friends (a great opportunity to bring friends!) 6:30-8PM (8th-12th grade).

15th – Worship at 8 & 10:30, Small groups for all ages 9:15. SPEW-God 6:30-8PM (9th-12th grade).

20th – 22nd – Road Trip! A synod youth retreat weekend for high school youth (9th-12th grade).

22nd – Worship 8 & 10:30. Small groups for all ages 9:15 except for those at RoadTrip!

29th – Worship 8 & 10:30, Small groups for all ages 9:15. SPEW- FUN TIME AND EVENT TBD. Invite your friends! How about Rock Climbing or Ice Skating?!?! What do you think? Other Ideas?

February

4th - SPAGHETTI DINNER and BINGO!!! 6PM.

5th – Worship at 8 & 10:30, Small groups for all ages 9:15. SPEW-God 6:30-8PM.

12th – Worship at 8 & 10:30, Small groups for all ages 9:15. SPEW-Friends (a great opportunity to bring friends!) 6:30-8PM.

19th – Worship at 8 & 10:30, Small groups for all ages 9:15. SPEW-God 6:30-8PM.

22nd – Worship at 7PM, Ash Wednesday

24th-25th -- 30hr Famine Lock-in with Grace Lutheran Church. Fasting begins at 12 noon on Friday. Meet at Grace at 6PM with your overnight stuff and lots of fluid! We will have our FEAST on the 25th at Grace and parents and friends are ENCOURAGED to come and celebrate breaking the fast with us! ALL YOUTH are invited grades 6th-12th. This is our World event for the month.

26th – Worship 8 & 10:30. Small groups for all ages 9:15.



St. Philip's Congregational Pasta Dinner and Bingo Night Saturday, February 4, 2012



Bingo!!!

Pasta Dinner!!!

Join us **February 4th** at **6:00 p.m.** for a homemade pasta dinner followed by the most highly competitive night of bingo you've ever seen. The most exciting prizes donated by local merchants will be awarded to winners.

It will be great fun for both adults and children. The cost is just **\$5 per adult** and **\$3 per child**. Bingo cards will be \$1 per adult and \$.25 per child.

*Fun for Adults
and Children!!!*

Fantastic Prizes!!!



KOINONIA UPDATE

The Sunday night Koinonia group continues to meet twice a month in members' homes. The group is studying Rob Bell's Love Wins. January gatherings will be on the 8th and the 22nd. Contact the Hansen's or the Kittles' for more information. If you're interested in a day time Koinonia group, contact Pastor Patrick.

From Altar Guild



We are currently recruiting for **new members** to our committee. We meet four times a year and would love to have you share your time and talent with us.

Please contact Lorraine Velez or Carol Oesterbo for more information.

From the Financial Secretary

Offering Envelopes and Automatic Withdrawal Forms are available in the narthex. If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes, please be sure to do so. Picking them up saves us hundreds of dollars in postage. Additionally, if you wish to join several of your fellow St. Philip's friends in having your giving automatically withdrawn from your checking account, you may pick up a form to do so on the same table as the envelopes. Just return the form to the church office when you have filled it out.

Please remember to use your offering envelopes *every* week. The Financial Secretary's job goes so much faster when envelopes are used. So lets help her out!!!

Remembrance of Baptism Worship Service

is Sunday, January 8, 2012.



At both worship services, we will celebrate The Baptism of our Lord by, once again, having a Remembrance of Baptism service. In previous years, this worship experience was loved by those who attended it. We'll be focusing our worship on how we are saved through our Baptism into Jesus' own death and resurrection. Don't miss this remarkable experience the coincides with the return of our small groups and our sermon series that will be examining Baptism!!!

Family Promise Thank You!

Family Promise Thank You - Many thanks to everyone who helped out last week by sleeping overnight, preparing meals, providing fellowship, setting up, cleaning up, providing food throughout the week, and the many other jobs that went into hosting our homeless families!!! It was a wonderful week. Family Promise returns to St. Philip's March 18, 2012. We'd love to have you help out in this wonderful ministry.

Letters from the Congregation

St. Philip's Members,

I sincerely thank everyone for your prayers, get well cards, and visits, during my recent stays in the hospital. The concerns and thoughtfulness meant a lot to me and accelerated my recovery. Thanks for caring!

John Reichley

Small Groups have begun, but it is never too late to join a small group.

The 2011-2012 theme is
*†Servants and Kings:
Daniel, Mark, and Us†*

Complete a registration form
found in the narthex or outside the church office
and drop it in the offering plate.

OR

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

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.**



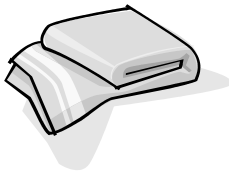
Recycle!

Psalm 24:1 The Earth is the Lord's

How To Recycle

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) is pleased to announce that it will expand its plastic recycling efforts. Starting immediately Delaware Residents can begin recycling #1, #2, #4, #5 and #7 plastics. These numbers, known as the resin identification code, are located on the inside of an arrow-shaped triangle found at the bottom of each container. Some examples of new items that can be placed in Recycling Drop-Off Centers and curbside recycling programs include; ketchup bottles, yogurt cups, fruit and vegetable containers, margarine tubs and lids, cream cheese tubs and lids, lunchbox-size pudding and gelatin cups, sour cream tubs. Growth in the recycling market has lead to the ability to accept these new items into Delaware's recycling stream. DSWA has also partnered with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to create a "How to Recycle Guide" for Delaware residents. With the changes in recycling that have occurred over the past year, DSWA and DNREC felt that a booklet explaining where and how various materials could be recycled or properly disposed of in Delaware was necessary. The booklet will be provided in digital form here [How To Recycle](#) at dswa.com or by requesting a hard copy by calling DSWA's Citizens' Response line at 1-800-404-7080. For more information on DSWA, its facilities or programs please call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080 or visit www.dswa.com.

This 13 page booklet give you additional resources, contact information, frequently asked questions, special waste collections, yard waste, household hazardous waste, and electronic goods recycling information. It is well worth the call or 13 sheets of paper.



Kris Dierks

Family promise will not be at St Philip's for a few more months, Hilltop gifts have been delivered, gifts for our grocery club and produce distribution clients were raffled off, home Christmas decorations are packed away for 2012 and New Year's resolutions have been made. So now what?

We are seeing many new families at our produce distributions. So many are asking for the basic's - clothing, shoes, sheets, and towels. Items that we have possibly way to many in the closets. When you have time please go through your clothes, storage and linen closets and donate those extra items to the church. You can look at the "ITEMS NEEDED" list posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall for items that are needed by our families.

There has not been a single item donated that was not taken with much appreciation by one of our families. So keep up the great work!

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

PRODUCE/CLOTHING

Grocery Club

Produce (only)

Monday, January 2, 2012

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Monday, January 16, 2012

The Flower Dedication Poster for 2012 is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to give flowers for any Sunday in 2012, sign up on that poster (and please note that open spaces in November and December are not for this year.), take a form and colorful envelope. You must submit your form prior to your Sunday and use the envelope for your payment. Any questions, call Pam Sheffer at 994-5912.

Pillowcase Ministry - We continue to sew pillowcases as gifts for each of our Family Promise guests. These are for all the men, women and children who come to our church. We are in need of yard goods, especially ones appropriate for children, and for men. Novelty prints for children are good, and masculine-looking fabrics for men. It is easier for us to use fabrics sold by the yard, but we can use sheets. Any fabrics you have available will be gratefully received! Any questions, call Fran Fisher at 302-234-4199.

The Next Gathering for the Prayer Group will be Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to join us for this exciting and growing ministry here at St. Philip's. This has been an amazing new ministry for people in St. Philip's, both who are in need of time to pray, but also for those who are not skilled at praying. No reservation necessary, just drop in Tuesday night.

Please Make a Note: If church services have to be cancelled due to weather and bad driving conditions call the church office and there will be a message on the answering machine as to whether or not there will be church (that is, if Pastor can get here to leave a message). We'll also try to send out an email to those who have signed up to receive regular email updates from the church. You can also check by tuning into radio stations WDEL AM-1150 or WJBR FM-99.5. If you hear nothing anywhere, you can safely assume that we will have a normal worship schedule. However, use your own best judgment before you venture out regardless of whether we are open.



Help Wanted: LCS Seeking Volunteer Coordinator

Lutheran Community Services is seeking a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to manage our volunteer program. Experience managing social service volunteers; strong communication, people, computer and organizational skills a must. Degree preferred. Send resume and cover letter by 1/15/12 to LCS, 1304 N Rodney St. Wilmington, DE 19806 or email info@lcsde.org.

Bank Grants Fund Volunteer Position

For a long time, Jean Warren, Executive Director of LCS, has had a dream that she would be able to hire a Volunteer Coordinator to direct the hundreds of volunteers LCS counts on to make the agency operate efficiently and effectively. Now, thanks to grants from **Citi Bank and Bank of America**, LCS has begun the search process for a Volunteer Coordinator. With the help of the new Volunteer Coordinator, LCS will be wonderfully positioned to achieve its mission of *Sharing God's Blessing by Helping Others in Need*.

Brand and Logo Upgraded

This is our 53rd year of operation and we have a lot to be proud of. We have accomplished so much in that time! One way of emphasizing this is through our logo. The phrase "Since 1959" has been added after the words "Emergency Food Housing and More." Our goal is to get people to focus on the services we provide – and emphasize our commitment to our less fortunate neighbors, as we have been doing since 1959. That's a lot of experience!

Quitline

News Year's is a great time to make a resolution about quitting smoking. If you or someone you know is trying to quit, suggest they call the Delaware Quitline at 1-866-409-1858. LCS plays an important role in this by providing vouchers for pharmaceutical aids like gum, the patch etc.

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, Beverly Reedy, Ron Henry, Gilbert Barrett, Russ McCauley, Tom Brenneman, John Reichley, Joe Cilento, Taylor Reilly, Harry Walker

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; **Raymond Viel**, TACP Air Force, nephew of Jean & Daniel Mignogna; **Cdr. Brian Bowles**, son of Charles & Ruth Bowles; **Velma Ferguson**, mother of Steve Ferguson; **Lesma Jones**, friend of Carol Oesterbo; **Peggy Morrissey**, **Pat Mroz**, **Karen Maskas & Margaret Luchtman**, friends of Sally Krapf; **Lois & Carroll Seay**, sister & brother-in-law of Lorraine Velez; **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; **Cecilia Mancari**, sister of Marie Mancari, **Peyton Emma McHale**, grandniece of Hazel Mahoney; **Jimmy Reeves**, brother-in-law of Michele Castagna & Pam Sheffer; **Col. Richard W. Koeneke**, son of Suzanne Lincoln, **Kathryn Baker Family & Robert Karschmer**, friends of Linda Bruner; **Betty Wolfe**, cousin of Charles Bowles; **Marie Tuneff**, sister of Ruth Bowles; **Connie Ripper**, friend of Barbara Williams, **Donna Miller**, sister of Debbi Miller; **Rindi Taylor**, daughter-in-law of Fran Taylor; **Robert Keller**, brother of Bev Reedy, **Steve Ammerman**, brother of Sharon Price, **Jane Webb**, sister of Marge Davis; **Dorothy Giudicessi**, sister of Jean Schoenbeck; **James Bereda**, brother of Gladys Owens; **Jack Young**, grandson of Phil & Kathy Young; **Mark Fawzi**, son of Judy & Maged Fawzi; **Tom Smith**, nephew of Ann & Charlie Young; **Stephen Crosby**, friend of Charles & Marie Thomas; **Rosemary Kittle**, mother of Dick Kittle; **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; **Ethan Howard Learn**, grand-nephew & **Shawn Nascembeni**, son of Arlene Favreau-Pysher; **Ann Patterson**, daughter of John & Ethel Reichley; **Leah Webb**; **Glenn Taylor**, son of Fran Taylor; **Jim Marine**, father of Heather Stirk; **Rich Rosa**, friend of Gordon & Fran Fisher; **Debra Jennings**, daughter of Russ and Barb Hokanson; **Margaret Pastore**, sister of Bev Reedy and Glenda Brick; **Darlene Bentz**, friend of Suzanne Mason; **Jospeh Mignogna**, husband & **Virginia Nartis**, sister-in-law of Nancy Mignogna; **Phil Coneybeer**, son of Martha Coneybeer; **Lucille Jennings**, friend of Barb & Russ Hokanson

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
Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hilltop Lutheran Community Center
Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Zion Lutheran Church
Community Lutheran Church
Tree of Life Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Lutheran housing projects throughout Delaware



FROM YOUR ST. PHILIP'S FAMILY!

Nancy Duncan	1/1	Lori Gregg	1/21
Dalton Fricke	1/2	Ryan Zinnato	1/23
Ian Stirk	1/2	Mattie Mason	1/27
Tom Brenneman	1/3	Marion Santak	1/27
Jean Kunkle	1/3	William Cox	1/28
Kathy Fricke	1/4	Phyllis Brown	1/29
Lindsey Schneider	1/4	Danielle Bye	1/29
Keaton Davis	1/11	Kevin Mutschler	1/29
Lori Everhart	1/11	Brennan Cotton	1/30
Elma Larson	1/14	Amy Papili	1/30
Brent Mancari	1/15	Shirley Arndt	1/31
Betty Trivits	1/15	Justin Bailey	1/31
Witold Brick	1/16	Chris Berkheimer	1/31
Lana Borrelli	1/18	Cynthia Start	1/31
		Alice Downes	1/31

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

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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...

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.