

# The Guidepost



St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
5320 Limestone Road  
Wilmington, DE 19808



## May 2023

**She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.**

- Proverbs 31:25

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14, 2023**



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

## **Just a Few Updates . . .**

Since we were close to the end of the program year, I thought I'd use my space in this newsletter to give you a few updates about things happening behind the scenes at St. Philip's.

First, I know many of you want to know the status of the call process for a new associate pastor. Well, it has been quiet, overall. The call committee has not received any new names of anyone from the Bishop. However, I have been in conversations with a potential candidate, who would like to be considered here. This person is currently in a call and would like to move and is excited about the possibility of coming to St. Philip's. I'm trying to get them to the point where I can introduce them to the call committee, but things definitely will not officially move forward with this person until the summer. In the meantime, things are going well with just one pastor. Sometimes it gets hard when there are multiple commitments that I need to a part of at the same time. But, other than that we are all doing very well.

Second, you are going to see some improvements to the livestream capability. Now, without a doubt, the preference is for us to be worshipping in person—after all, community runs on being physically present with one another. I like phone calls from my son checking in from college—it's something—but it doesn't replace when he comes home and spends time. The same is true of our church community. Nevertheless, our ability to livestream really has helped with folks who truly cannot make it to worship, who are out of town, and who are just unable to be present for whatever reason. They are still part of this community and are never far from our hearts. So, Stephen Benscoter, and a handful of our members have been working on upgrading our livestream capability to include a second camera which was donated last fall by one of our loving members . . . Thank you so much for that gift!! That will make changing "scenes" or camera angles must smoother. Also, Stephen is working on making it possible for hymns and other images to be displayed on the livestream so that those at home can see more of what we are doing in worship. Thank you Stephen, for heading that work up.

Finally, we are going to updating our lighting in the sanctuary—now the fixtures will stay the same, but the ability to dim, brighten, and do different lighting "settings" will be able to be done from an iPad tablet . . . Very cool. Stephen and Louise James are heading up that work too.

Thank you all for your love and support of St. Philip's every week. Blessings and Peace!!



Stephen Ministers are individuals right here in our church, St. Philip's, who are trained to journey with and pray with you during times of transition, loss, grief, illness, confusion/indecision, or hardship. On Sunday mornings you'll see them with the special blue name tags indicating that they are Stephen Ministers.

The reality of life is that we all need someone to vent and talk with in times of trouble. We need people to talk with to help walk with us toward renewed joy and life. And one pastor or two pastors simply are not enough to "be there" all the time through prolonged situations. Plus, when Jesus called us to love one another as we have been loved, he didn't mean to hire someone to do for us what we are uncomfortable doing for ourselves. Pastors will still care for us—of course they have specialized skills and of course they will be there!!! But Stephen Ministers minister to only one person, connect weekly, are available to talk to at a moment's notice, and hold everything in confidence.

These are caring people who desire only to listen and pray and help guide us through these times. If you are interested in receiving care from a Stephen Minister contact Gigi Mueller or Pastor Patrick.

Hello: I was looking around at our congregation one Sunday morning and I thought—Wow! So many new faces! At one time I was one of those new faces and what kept me here was the wonderful sense of connection and community that I found.

If you are new, please introduce yourself to whomever sits in your pew. Wear your name tag so we can learn your name. Ask someone to introduce you to whoever might be chairing something you'd like to do.

Every Sunday, Pastor Patrick reminds us of our mission here at St. Philips—Make Disciples, Praise God, and Serve the Community. God encourages us to take care of each other and build a community of love. We are currently studying the Gospel of John in our Sunday small groups. In John 15:12-13 we are told: “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” The people of St. Philips are my source for love, joy, and encouragement. I have made many friends here and everyone is always, and I do mean always, willing to lend a hand or an ear—whatever is needed.

As I write this I am reminded of a Diana Ross recording from 1989. Here are some excerpts:

Reach out and touch somebody's hand  
Make this world a better place if you can.  
Take a little time out of your busy day to  
give encouragement to someone who's lost the way.

So, whether you are a newbie or an oldie, reach out and touch somebody in love and faith! Have a Blessed Day!

“Hot tempers cause arguments, but patience brings peace.” – Proverbs 15:18

We all face situations that try our patience on a daily basis, the kids are bouncing off the walls, you're stuck on hold with customer service, and the Wi-Fi is painfully slow. When times are stressful, it is even more difficult to persevere with a good attitude. Sometimes that “Keep Calm and Carry On” poster just isn't enough to calm your nerves and get you in a better mind set. Sometimes at the height of your frustrations you will read an uplifting quote or watch a short funny video that is meant to lift your mood. Does this typically bring you back down to earth and re-center you? Or are you like me, and just need 5 minutes of complete solitude to yourself? If you are a parent, you may be running short on solitude. So, then what do you do? You are driving in the car with a long mental laundry list running through your mind while you have one kid asking what's for dinner and another kid who is scream-crying because they simply just don't want to be in the car any longer. How do you push through this? This typically is the part of my day that my patience starts to run extremely thin. You just got done with your work day and you gave all of yourself to the people you work with and now you are expected to turn on the parent mode. You start to go into overdrive and your nerves become shot. In the meantime, you also need to give the best of yourself to your spouse and make time for them as well. It can become extremely overwhelming.

Now that we are getting back into a more normal routine again, I have found that worshipping every Sunday is what truly helps recenter me. Spending time together on Sunday, having the kids all together, and sharing stories from our week is a form of therapy. The members of St. Philip's are like no other. This is the most caring, compassionate, and generous group of people that I have ever met. After spending Sunday morning with our church family, I truly feel ready and prepared to take on the week. I know that I can conquer whatever challenges are thrown my way, and if I can't, then I have a whole team of people that I can lean on and call at a drop of a hat. This is something that money cannot buy, having this type of support is priceless.

“Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself” - Saint Francis De Sales

## DEATH PENALTY BILL SUBMITTED IN DE LEGISLATURE

Representative Sean Lynn has introduced a bill in the State Legislature which would ban the use of the death penalty in Delaware.

The state does not currently have the death penalty because a few years ago the law which covered it was ruled unconstitutional by a judge. Following a case from Florida that had gone to the Supreme Court, the judge ruled that the Delaware law gave too much discretion to the judge and was thus not allowable.

Representative Lynn wants to make sure that the use of the death penalty will not come back to the state. His proposal requires life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for a person over eighteen years of age who is convicted of first-degree murder.

Lutherans are not necessarily pacifists, so we would not argue in principle that the state never has the power to take life. However, the Lutheran church has usually taken the position that state-sponsored violence (i.e. war, capital punishment) should be used rarely if at all.

The ELCA has a Social Statement (long-standing, adopted already in 1991) which says that *"Capital punishment focuses on retribution, sometimes reflecting a spirit of vengeance...capital punishment makes no provable impact on the breeding grounds of violent crime...We would be a better society by joining the many nations that have already abolished capital punishment...we urge the abolishment of the death penalty."*

The statement also makes the point that capital punishment is rarely used equitably. The rich, in murder trials, seldom face the death penalty; the poor often do.

Do you have an opinion about this bill? Your legislator would like to know.

—Gordon Simmons, DE Lutheran Public Policy Officer

There will be a "Lutheran Day at the Capitol" this year, at Legislative Hall in Dover on Thursday, June 8 from 10:00 to 2:00. There will be presentations, and opportunities to meet with State Legislators. You can register now at [delutheranpublicpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:delutheranpublicpolicy@gmail.com)

**Mark your calendars for the return of the Christian Music Festival on Saturday June 24** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Invite family and friends to join you for great music in a variety of genres and enjoy some lunch from a local food vendor. Look for a volunteer signup closer to the event! See Chuck Cory for more information.

**Two great opportunities to support Lutheran Community Services are coming up in May and June!**

-- **The free 2023 Room at the Table Breakfast on Wednesday May 3rd from 9-10 a.m.** This year the event will be held at the Delaware Museum of Nature & Science, 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807, with catering by Jamestown Catering. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. You are also welcome to check out the museum exhibits after the breakfast is over. This is a great opportunity to learn about the ways LCS serves the Wilmington community through food, housing, and health assistance programs. Registration for in-person attendance is now open at [lcsde.org](https://lcsde.org). A zoom option to listen to the program will also be available through the lcs website.

-- **2023 LCS Golf Classic Fundraiser Tournament** – This annual golf event will be held on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at Fieldstone Golf Club. If you are interested in joining one of the St Philip's foursomes, contact Dave Frampton.

**Lutheran Day at the Capitol** -- This event returns *in-person* at Legislative Hall in Dover on Thursday June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join Pastor Gordon Simmons and other Lutherans from across Delaware for presentations and opportunities to meet with State Legislators. This is a great opportunity to learn more about pending legislation and how to make your voice heard on issues that are important to you. You can register for the day at : [delutheranpublicpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:delutheranpublicpolicy@gmail.com). If you would like to attend but need a ride, see Susan Mack.



# Christian Music Festival 2023



St Philips Lutheran Church,  
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June 24th from 11AM to 7PM free admission

Featuring:

Richard Porto, Elena Sarkissian, Harps to Halos, Rockdale Boys Gospel Bluegrass,  
L Carlton Allen, Gina Miller, Mark Fansler and Steve Harkey, Aaron Smith, Face Value,  
Nykisha "Treasure" Gaines and friends.



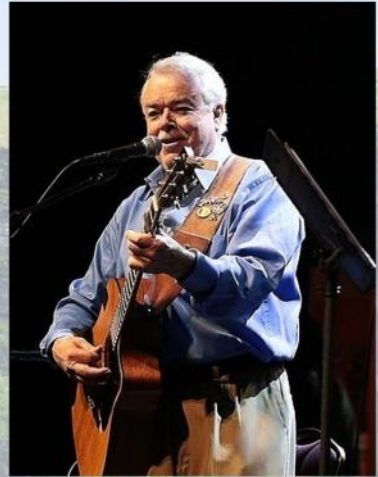
## Carroll Brown in Concert!

*Come see the renowned Irish troubadour!*

**June 23rd 7 PM in social hall**  
(6:15 PM for fellowship)

- Bring your own snacks and beverages
- \$20 donation
- Signup sheet in narthex

Contact Mark Davis with any questions!



## Summer of Service 2023

**Exciting things are coming,  
Watch for more Information!**

**JUNE**

**JULY**

**AUGUST - 25,000 Meals**

**HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH!**

Build relationships, meet new people, find an activity that works for you!

**NURSERY** is open during both services and during the Christian Ed hour. Contact Sandy Budd for more information.

**KID'S CLUB** for children preschool through 5th grade meets from 9:15 - 10:15 in the education wing each week. The children listen to bible stories about "creation", play games and do arts and crafts. Contact Sandy Budd for more information.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** is for middle and high school youth. The youth share food, fellowship and learning each Sunday morning at 9:15.

**ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** We are continuing to study the Gospel of John. Even if you did not participate in the fall sessions feel free to join in. Contact Sharon Price for more information.

**YOUTH GROUP** (Pastor Patrick) and **MISSION KIDS** formerly KID'S CLUB EXTRA (Anna Grieder). continue to have monthly activities. Contact Pastor Patrick or Anna for details.

**GROWING IN THE GOSPEL** takes place during the 10:30 service. Children in kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to hear an age appropriate lesson and participate in an activity during the sermon.

**SUMMER OF SERVICE** begins in June and will run through August. Information will be out soon about our June activities but save the date August 26 - for our 25,000 Meals assembly.

**The program year will end on May 14 for Kid's Club, Breakfast Club, Adult Bible Study and Growing in the Gospel. These programs will resume again in September.**

Check out the **Lending Library** in room 128 where you'll find bible reference books and books by Christian authors with a wide range of topics. Use the sign out sheet if you want to borrow a book; when you return the book sign it in and drop it in the basket next to the book shelves.

This month the kids gathered for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! We all enjoyed lunch together and Mission Kids was able to partner with the Youth Group to celebrate the Easter festivities. The Youth Group helped hide the eggs on the back lawn behind the church. We had two groups; the first group was for the ages of three and under and the second group was for the ages of four and older. We had a great turn out this year and the weather was perfect!

Also, you may have noticed the beautiful hand crafted centerpieces on the tables in the Fellowship Hall during the Easter breakfast. These were brought to you by Mission Kids! And Anna so graciously planted beautiful and colorful flowers to add an extra touch to the kids flower pots!

Our next event is a luncheon for Mommy & Me and is scheduled for Mother's Day on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a simple lunch where the kids will have the opportunity to serve their mom lunch and enjoy a little "Mommy and Me" time together! Be on the look out for more details and a SignUp Genius for the event!

Here are some pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt!







Some of St. Philip's  
Youth gearing up to  
serve Easter Breakfast!

Thomas Krapf  
Jon Downes  
Gillian Sparrow  
Sarah Myers  
Abby Litterst



The Youth Group,  
thanks to you, raised  
\$1,200 toward their  
Workcamp Trip to  
Erie, PA this summer!

Thank you!

Photos by: Diana Longhenry





**Women's Daytime Book Group** Our **May 16th at 12:30 p.m.** meeting will be a Kentucky Derby celebration at Pat Colucci's house with both virgin & non-virgin cocktails. On **June 20th at 12:30 p.m.**, we will christen Gigi's new gazebo with a salad & dessert social. *No book required.*

Upcoming selections are:

**July 18th-By Her Own Design**

Piper Huguley

**August 16th-Unsheltered.**

Barbara Kingsolver

Hope to see you there!

**Koinonia:** If you're looking for a small group that has fellowship, food and support for one another a koinonia group (Greek for fellowship) might be right for you! One group's next meeting is **Sunday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** We will be discussing *How Happiness Happens, by Max Lucado.* A second group, that meets with the Mueller's, that Koinonia group will meet on **Sunday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mueller's.** We will be lead by Susan Mack. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome. Please let Gigi Mueller know if you have any questions and if you are coming. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.



The Women's Evening Book Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Our time together is much like a happy hour with good friends! Feel free to bring a snack or beverage to share. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. We hope you will join us.

Our upcoming reads are:

May: The Personal Librarian - Marie Benedict

June: Rock Paper Scissors- Alice Feeney

July: All We Ever Wanted - Emily Giffin

Aug: The Heart's Invisible Furies - John Boyne

# Everyone is welcome!





**Attention Widows, Widowers, and Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones!!** If you have lost a spouse, partner, or close loved one and would like to have some fellowship and support, there is now a support group meeting for fellowship and to provide comfort and support through this life transition. The next gathering is **May 11th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in the Social Hall here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

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**Ministries at St. Philip's****Ellen Lenker and Sharon Holeman**

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**Pinner and Knotter**, a longtime ministry at St. Philip's, is meeting on **the third Wednesday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall**, and always seeks new volunteers for this important work. Ellen Lenker or any current worker can answer any questions about the ongoing projects. Consider joining for the fellowship, a chance to be creative, and continue this important ministry. The next meeting will be in **Wednesday, May 17th at noon!**

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**Ministries at St. Philip's - Care Kits****David & Donna Porter**

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**CARE KITS for homeless persons are available** under the coat rack in the narthex. Consider picking up one or two to share with homeless persons you may encounter in your travels. Thanks to Teri Suddard and Jodi Newcomer who developed this initiative a few years ago, and to Dave and Donna Porter for updating the kits.

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**Ministries at St. Philip's - Shepherd's****Sally Krapf**

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The next Shepherding Team Meeting will be on Monday, May 1st at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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**Ministries at St. Philip's - Altar Guild****Carol Oesterbo**

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The next Altar Guild Meeting will be on Monday, May 8th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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**Food Insecurity due to inflation is on the Rise! Can you help?** Food demand still continues to be very high. If you are at the grocery store or if someone goes for you, you can pick up needed items and drop them in the box in the narthex. We are especially in need of: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce** (cans are best and Dollar Store has good prices), Shelf **Milk (2%, Almond Breeze, Whole, or Soy** – Again, the Dollar Store is a good source), **Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Salt & Pepper, Crackers, Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix/Frosting.** Thank you so much for your generosity!!

**GROCERY CLUB CLOTHING**

We have been getting requests from members for clothing, so Grocery Club is once again accepting donations. We are especially in need of children’s clothing of all sizes but are also looking for men’s and women’s clothing. Summer clothing is preferred. Please contact Nancy Zinnato if you have items to donate.

**GROCERY CLUB**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 and April 24, 2023**



*Grocery Club*

Our Family Promise host week is coming up (date below) and we need your help. A sign up to provide dinners the following dates will be sent out very soon and will also be in the narthex. Here are the dates: 6/4, 6/7, 6/9 & 6/10.

Also, during that week, we need the following donations if you are able to help us out. These will be on the signup as well:

paper towels  
toilet paper  
trash bags

laundry detergent  
cleaning supplies  
hand & dish soaps

**FAMILY PROMISE**

**Our Next Host Week: June 4 to 11, 2023**



**Family Promise®**

Building community, strengthening lives.

This Committee was formed as an effort to educate our members and get our congregation involved in the Racial Justice issues of our times. I look back on the first year of our existence and am amazed at the progress and activities we have generated. We have had several “field trips” including a trip to the National Museum of African American History & Culture and the “Underground Railroad” tour. We have read and discussed several books and had guest events and speakers including a screening of the movie “One Small Visit”. We have collaborated with Unity Lutheran Church on several events and are building a relationship with that congregation.

This has been a great educational experience for me and many others. I have come to realize that I knew very little about the struggles of the minorities in this country. I knew very little about slavery and the aftermath of this evil institution. I have become much more aware of my own biases and shortfalls in this important area of personal growth.

I realize now that it is not good enough to just ignore our history and accept the status quo. We as Christians need to speak up when we see any group of people that are being treated unfairly. We need to be intolerant of racially biased and bigoted speech and actions in our society. We need to examine our own speech, thoughts and actions, not allowing ourselves to hold racially biased or racist viewpoints. And we need to ask God to help us to be accepting of those with different backgrounds and different views on how to make this society better. We need to be a voice of acceptance and of God's love for all people!



**Volunteers for Grass Cutting are Needed!!** While we have a lawn service take care of the main part of our property, we are responsible to cut the “back forty” of the property from time to time. If you are willing to help out by working on a two person team contact Mark Myers. We will train you and pair you up with an experienced volunteer. Let us know if you can help us out.



**Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group Continues to Meet at St.**

**Philip's** - The Alzheimer's Assn. of the Delaware Valley is sponsoring a monthly support group for anyone who has a loved one with any form of dementia, including Alzheimer's. Living with or caring for a person with dementia can be extremely challenging, overwhelming and exhausting. The group offers education, support, and the opportunity to connect with others in a similar situation. Free and open to the public, the group will meet on the **second Tuesday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **May 9th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Bonnie Chauvot.



**Worship Assistants Are Needed!!!** We could use everyone's help as we work through this pandemic time. A small group of us have taken on the task of leading worship and ushering and greeting during the pandemic. Before COVID, we had a huge team doing this task. We need our worship assistants to begin returning to their jobs. We also would love to welcome new servants into this ministry. Contact Louise James if you are willing to help.







# 2023 Golf Classic

## To Support Homelessness Prevention



### FIELDSTONE GOLF COURSE

Play the award winning course!  
**Monday, June 5th**  
**12:30 pm, shotgun start**

#### Pricing:

<b>\$250</b>	Per Golfer
<b>\$1,000</b>	Per Foursome
<b>\$1,500</b>	Per Corporate Foursome

Additional sponsor packages are available!

#### The Day Will Include:

- Hole-in-one Car Giveaway
- Contests & Silent Auction
- Gift Bags
- Boxed Lunch
- On Course Beverages
- Reception & Dinner 5pm

#### For Questions:

Contact Dave Frampton if you are interested.

### TRACKMAN

Virtual ball tracking technology

Take your game further, with Fieldstone's TrackMan tracking app!



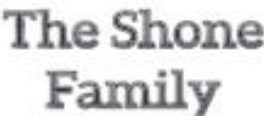
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One of only four Philly area golf courses with this technology!



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**Thank you to our Sponsors !**



We often hear that every day is a little Easter because we should be celebrating the resurrection every day. I think we should celebrate Pentecost every day, as well. Pentecost recounts the time when the Holy Spirit came to the apostles fifty days after the resurrection.

*<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)*

God's timing was perfect, as always. Jews from all over the known world were in Jerusalem, celebrating one of the three pilgrimage festivals in the Jewish calendar. During Shavuot, all men were supposed to come to the temple in Jerusalem to worship and sacrifice. This festival was to celebrate the wheat harvest, as well as the giving of the Law. Because the Holy Spirit entered the apostles and made it possible for them to preach in the languages of the pilgrims, many people came to believe in Jesus Christ that day. Three thousand were baptized and became believers in Jesus as the Messiah and Savior.

It seems like "The Acts of the Apostles" should really be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit, Working through the Apostles and Other Believers." The entire book follows the Holy Spirit, who enables believers to preach, teach and perform other acts, which brings the message of Jesus and the resurrection to others. Then, the Spirit enters those hearers, gives them faith and then enables them to share the message with others. The early church lived the command that Jesus had given them, to love one another and love their neighbors.

*<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

The Holy Spirit is still working today, every moment of every day. The Spirit is in each one of us, enabling us to share the good news of the resurrection. We are enabled and encouraged to share God's love and grace with others. The Spirit wants us to be God's hands and heart in a broken, hurting world.



### LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at the University of Delaware

Wow, it's May once again, with another academic year drawing to a close. LCM at UD has been wonderfully blessed this year with strong student leaders, great theological discussions, fun outings, and consistent service through FISH, *Fellowship In Serving the Hungry*. We're grateful for God's faithful provision and continued guidance amid ongoing changes and opportunities.

As our LCM students finish this school year, we invite your prayers for focused times of study, meaningful learning, and successful outcomes on final projects and exams, as well as rich times of fellowship and worship to close out the year together. May they remember that they are loved not for what they do or for how well they perform, but for who they are, God's beloved children. Please also pray for open doors before them for summer internships and employment opportunities!

Thank you for your continued support through prayers, volunteering, and financial gifts. LCM is a shared ministry of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, many congregations, and a beautiful network of individual volunteers. Special thanks to those who have served on our LCM Directing Committee (board), as well as subcommittees like FISH and Mutual Ministry, this past year. Our committed and gifted lay and pastoral leaders help LCM to thrive, and I'm grateful for our shared teamwork!

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service +  
*Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD*  
302-368-3078; [chaplain@lcmde.org](mailto:chaplain@lcmde.org)



*A few of our LCM students, wishing you sunny, blessed days!*

### *Grants and Self Esteem*

It's only April, but planning has begun for this year's Summer Camp at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. A key aspect of that planning occurred this spring as the Hilltop Center was awarded a \$36,000 grant from the United Way of Delaware for the Governor's Fellowship Program. Hilltop Executive Director, Michelle Williams, reports "This program will expand summer learning opportunities for elementary and middle school students who may not have access to high-quality summer learning experiences. The program will also provide 2 additional support staff."



In addition, a couple of months ago we told you about a new jobs program proposed at the Center to train interested area residents to drive forklifts. While the training simulators are quite expensive, fear not, Michelle reports the cost was recently paid by another timely grant.

"The City of Wilmington will cover the cost of the two forklift simulators (\$54,991) up front. I will complete an orientation in the coming weeks and once that is completed, onboarding for the Simulator Forklift training program will begin. We are looking to begin the first cohort in June." Stay tuned.

Another topic we discussed earlier this year was the Barbershop operated as a training center at Hilltop. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh says the program is having a very direct impact on area residents.



"On the very first night of our new efforts, one of our long-standing parents brought back his three sons to get haircuts. As the boys entered the building," Brandon reports, "the father expressed to the staff... that this service was a huge blessing to him, because he had just lost his job in the previous week. Before becoming aware of the barbershop services offered here at Hilltop, he wondered how he was going to financially manage getting haircuts for all of his sons."

Later, Brandon says, Hilltop was noted in social media by a follower who posted, "'Is there anywhere in Delaware where I can get a child's haircut for less than \$40.' It is evident that this program is really helping to alleviate some of the financial burden of our families, while boosting the self-esteem of the participants."

Congratulations on the grants and the efforts at building self-esteem, so badly needed these days.

*Eric F. Mease  
Member, Board of Directors  
Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center*



## 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:***

Ron Henry, Russ Hokanson, Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Dave Frampton, Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, John Newcomer, Sr., Carol Ruckle, Lamont & Sharon Smith, Louise James, Ethel Reichley, Shawn Nascembeni, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sam Cory, Richard Pierce, Daniel & Phyllis Bolgiano, Phyllis Brown, Eleanor Georgiana, Lauren Conrad, Charles Bowles, Leo and Lorraine Velez, Bryan Lenker

***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):* **Jeff Oliver**, friend of Jodi Newcomer; **our soldiers serving overseas and their families**; **Lois Seay**, sister of Lorraine Velez; **Michael Sinovich & Family**, **The Colazzo Family**, friends; **Ruth DiDonato**, sister, **Family of Earl & Irene Meyer**, aunt and uncle of Linda Burkum; **Donna Miller**, sister of Debby Miller; **Emily Ruckle**, granddaughter & **Tina Davis**, niece of Carol Ruckle; **John & Carly Hoeni**, family of Lynn Muller; **Beckie McNelly**, sister of Bob Gibble & Barb Williams; **Lou Cookson**, father of Nick Cookson; **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **The Greer Family**, friends of Bob Warner; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Jacob Buckworth & Dawn Cupsie**, grandson & daughter of Lamont & Sharon Smith; **Donald Oesterbo, Jr.**, son of Carol Oesterbo; **Jaxson Davis and Family**; friends of Heather Nolan; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simpers; **Mary Jane Myers**, mother of Mark Myers; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son of Yvonne Cilento; **Lee and Patricia Craig**, friends of Scott & Sandy Budd; **Greg Moore**, friend, **David Martin**, nephew, **Diane Balinski**, niece, **Debra Jennings**, daughter & **Barney Jennings**, son-in-law of Russ & Barb Hokanson; **Dolores Nolan**, mother of Tom Nolan; **Jansen Family**, family of Dan and Phyllis Bolgiano; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **Jermaine & Joslyn Sanders**, friends of Nancy Zinnato; **Phyllis Mensinger**, niece of Mark & Marge Davis, **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar, **Danny Brown**, uncle of Trevor Freburger, **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; ; **John, Sr. & Anna Longo**, parents of John Longo; **Paul Budd, Sr.**, father of Scott Budd; **Lew & Donna Longhenry**, parents of Bryan Longhenry; **Steve Gibson**, friend of Jean Kunkle; **Walter Stadelberger**, brother of Paul Stadelberger; **The Family of Robert Schuh**, brothers family of Diana Longhenry; **Martin Page and Family**, friends of Mike Rosen; **Norman Richards**, brother-in-law of Mark & Marge Davis; **Brian Gale**, son of Nancy Gale; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Marie Lion**, sister-in-law of John & Ginny Lion; **B J Lawson**, daughter of Jean Kunkle; **Ken Worme**, close friend of Bob and Delores Wardwell; **Family of Rosemary Herron**, Loved ones of Edna Basilio; **Debbie Russell**, sister of Nancy Zinnato, **Henry Houtmann**, grandson of Anne Hamilton; **The Family of Brad Scott**, friends of the Brennemens, **Erich Molnar and Chris Allen**, son and relative of Beth Molnar; **Bob Gilmour**, friend of Donna & Monika Daugherty



Pat Colucci	5/4	Anna Bardenhagen	5/18
Abby Litterst	5/5	Cole Opderbeck	5/20
Valerie Aunet	5/6	Marion Irwin	5/25
Karen Stahl	5/9	Melissa Bollman	5/26
Heather Nolan	5/9	Harold Holeman	5/26
Ruth Henry	5/9	Debbi Miller	5/26
Matthew Grieder	5/15	Joseph Papili	5/28
Tom McDonough	5/15	Sara Budd	5/29
Fred Pratola	5/15	Alan Andrade	5/30
Gigi Mueller	5/16	Logan Cookson	5/30
Kelly Sanderson	5/16	Rhys David	5/30

May God Bless You on Your Special Day!







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- 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 email address has changed or you are planning to move, locally or out of town.
- You have a prayer request.
- You feel the church can help you in any way.

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	Pam Sheffer
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Property.....	Dave Frampton
.....	Mark Myers
Racial Justice Task Force	Phil Duncan
Worship and Music.....	Louise James

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### ***Sunday Morning Schedule***

8:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Large Group, Christian Ed for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary

\*\* Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall Between Services