

The Guidepost



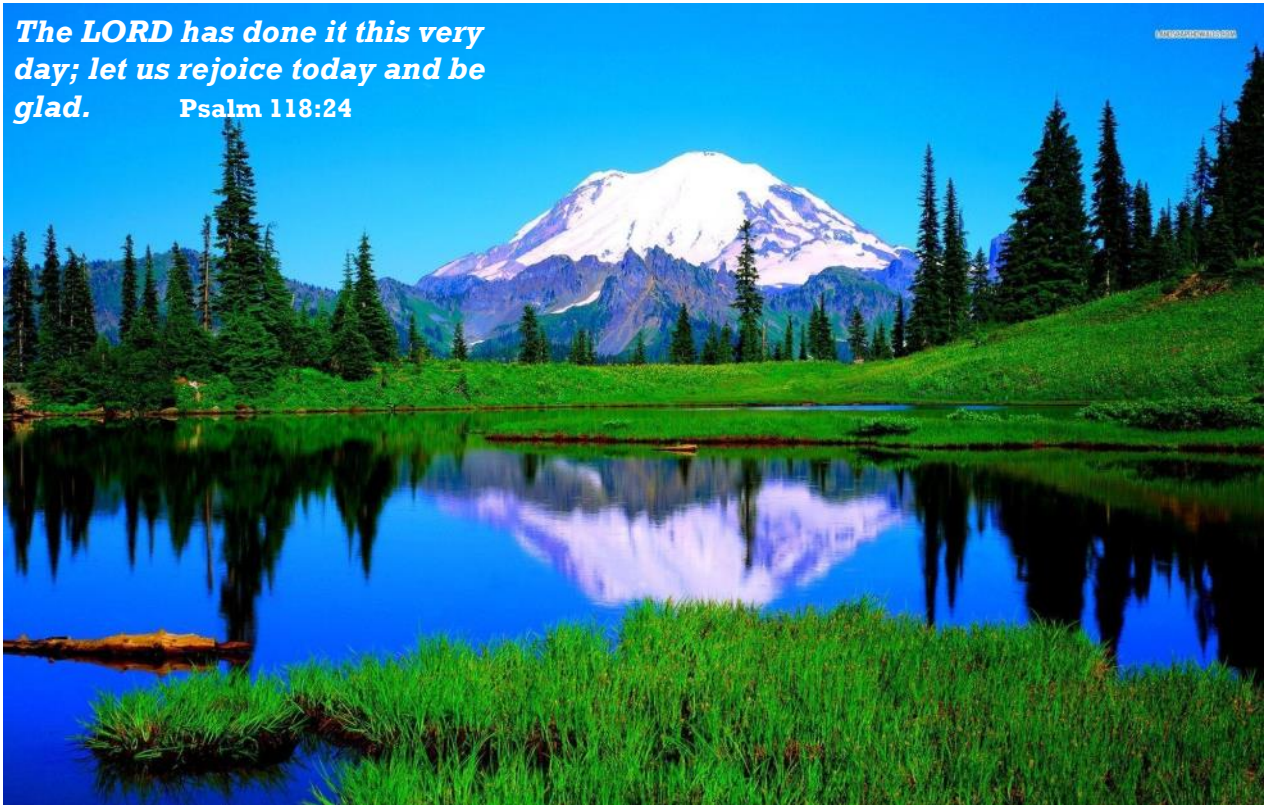
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June 2023

The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Psalm 118:24



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

Small Groups Re-Visioned for the Fall!!

So, we have come to the end of another program year here at St. Philip's. Other than our ongoing ministries like Family Promise and Grocery Club and other than the summer concerts we have later this month (see next page), we enter into a time when things slow down quite a bit here . . . That is, at least on their face, the ministries seem to slow down. Did you know that since the Spring, most ministries have already been knee deep in planning for the Autumn months? It's true . . . You might have been living through the Easter Season and looking toward Pentecost, but most ministry teams were looking toward Rally Day and Fall/Winter Planning.

One of the things I am very excited about is the revisioning that has been done surrounding Small Group Ministry here at St. Philip's for the upcoming program year, which starts in September. If you are new to St. Philip's, Small Groups have been over the last two decades one of the premier adult programs here at St. Philip's - at least in regards to the *Making Disciples* portion of our Mission Statement. The idea behind Small Groups is that by immersing ourselves in God's Word alongside other people of faith, we grow in our understanding of who God is for us, we grow in understanding who we are as people called into Christian community to love and serve one another, and we grow in what we are able/willing to give as we *Praise God* and *Serve the Community* together.

This year Small Groups will feature four sessions with four distinct topics - you do not need to commit for the entire year, but you are welcome to do so. The topics are: Water in the Bible; Biblical Meals/Hospitality; the Holy Spirit; and the Resurrection. But beyond the learning, we want to provide more opportunities for groups to fellowship with one another and we want to strengthen our ability to pray with and for one another. Because that fits our goals for these groups: learning, fellowshiping with each other, and praying with and for each other. In that way, you will get to know people better and we'll be able to support one another as well. And we do that all within the context of learning about God's grace in our study.

If you have questions about Small Groups, let me know and I'd be happy to share more about them. I'm so excited to be a part of this ministry once again and I can't wait for us to launch into another great year of this great program.



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!



Do you ever think about why you attend service each Sunday? Do you ever think about why you come to St. Philip's in particular? Is it for spiritual growth, fellowship, a community connection, or maybe the singing, or our wonderful Pastor?

My list of reasons could go on and on. But I think, for me, the most important one is that when we are in this building together, I feel a certain presence and closeness to our Lord, Jesus Christ. And, when we leave, I feel renewed with a right spirit and willingness to serve in any way.

However, there were many years when I did not feel this way. I attended a church where the Pastor was enmeshed in a series of personal problems and could not, in my opinion, truly serve the community as they deserved. So, what did I do? I quit. I stopped going. That was my biggest mistake. I didn't stop believing in God, but I stopped seeing my Church as an instrument of faith that brought me closer to God — a necessary and indispensable part of my life as a Christian.

So, when we moved here, I wanted to give it another try. I felt the need not only to be part of a Congregation, but to be active in Church life. From the moment I walked into St. Philip's, indescribable feelings and emotions stirred in me. I knew I was exactly where I belonged.

The lesson that I learned was this — God had not given up on me. He knew what I needed, and He led me to St. Philip's — a church of faith, of worship, of fellowship, of caring and participating, and serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our mission statement, our services, and many opportunities to serve, our Church provides us with a chance to set aside personal problems or biases or issues and seek our Lord, Jesus Christ, just as we are supposed to. St. Philip's is a place of deep faith and community and friendship - a place so comfortable, I call it home.

Why do you attend service? Think about it and remember all the reasons — there are so many!

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AT SPLC

Our Church Council has decided to proceed with a program to improve environmental stewardship at St. Philip's Lutheran Church.

This endeavor will be organized through, the newly formed, "Environmental Stewardship Team," with David Porter [that's me], leading the team and reporting to Church Council.

This environmental stewardship program will include efforts to assess, prioritize issues, solve problems, educate, and improve and/or sustain solutions related to:

The energy efficiency and environmental impact of our church building and its operations,
The environmental impact of our grounds and the activities that happen in this space, and
The impact of the environment on all people. By caring for our environment, we care for our neighbors too.

These will be ongoing activity that can help build our community as we share in the care of this place.

I thank the Church Council for listening and being willing to place environmental stewardship as a priority for us at St. Philip's.

My passion for environmental awareness and care started in a dominant way during my employment as Art Director of SolarAge Magazine in the early 1980s. I believed, at that time, that I had landed a perfect job. I was an artist with a purpose, designing for good, and helping to move our nation, or at least our readers, away from our reliance on fossil fuel and the destruction of our atmosphere. It is interesting to see such initiatives find their way back into public awareness. SolarAge Magazine existed during a time of great controversy over energy resources and during an administration led by a President who did not see things as we did at SolarAge. The tax credits to solar industries were cut, SolarAge lost its advertising base, and had to reposition itself as a more generalized engineering magazine, and I had to look for other work.

So, this initiative at St. Philip's is something that many people have worked on individually, locally, nationally, and worldwide for decades. It is encouraging to see things coming to some fruition again regarding solar and other renewable energy solutions, and it is most encouraging to be at this church where we are now embracing environmental stewardship and demonstrating our desire to be responsible for our part of creation.

Thank you to all who have come forward, already, to assist me in this endeavor. It is obvious that there has been high interest in making sure we are caring for our place in as responsible a manner as possible.

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Susan Mack has informed me of our long-standing environmental concerns expressed in the Outreach and Christian Education Committees. She recalls the organization of the Earth Day event a few years ago by Mary Duncan. Susan has provided information for possible grants and programs from “Energize Delaware” and the “Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.” The Interfaith Power and Light organization supports area congregations in improving their energy efficiency and to help them progress toward the use of clean energy. Through these and other connections we hope to begin our energy assessment soon.

Mary Duncan and Donna Porter, in consultation with Lisa Kalinowski and Dave Frampton, are streamlining and modernizing an “Environmental Guide for Congregations” checklist that will help us organize our concerns and set priorities. Interestingly to those of us new to SPLC, many environmental concerns were addressed in the design of this new church building. For instance, we all see our energy efficient lighting systems at work to save energy, LED lightbulbs have been installed to lessen our monthly bills as well as save energy, and our building is well insulated. These and other “sure saver” choices give us a great starting point with our energy and environmental assessments.

Phil Duncan and Mark Meyers worked with recommendations from Sacred Grounds representative Kerry Wilson to determine what we can do to improve our forested area. Be sure to come out to our Clean Up Day, now scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd where the identification and initial removal of invasive plants might take place, as part of that work day. We have learned that until all invasive plants are removed, it will be difficult for us to grow a healthy forest of canopy trees, mid-level trees, shrubs, flowers, and even a pollinator garden for the bees. Note that the forested area where the bee hives are is a good example of what our final healthy forested land should look like. So along with our volunteer efforts, plans are to bring in professional help to eradicate all invasive plant species in the hope that we can then sustain our natural plant species by finding and spot removing invasive species as they try to sneak their way back into our land. I thank Phil and Mary Duncan for sharing their experience with the Mount Cuba Gardening Center and Sacred Spaces. Phil has also begun the task of seeking grant funding for removal of invasive plants from our property and that looks promising.

Regarding the building, we will soon be assessing our operations, activities, energy efficiency, conservation and recycling efforts, and more. We will make sure we are handling the first-level and easiest tasks to be as energy efficient as possible. Hopefully, we can have an Energy Star /Lutherans Restoring Creation representative come to SPLC for an initial walkthrough assessment.

So, that is where we are as of this writing regarding the Environmental Care Team and its programming.

I invite anyone who is interested in the environmental stewardship of our place to contact me to join us.

With positive “energy” to you and yours.

5/8/2023
02:45p

St. Philip's Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report by Major Group
April of Fiscal Year 2023
Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General

	April Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget
Income				
Group 00	41,839.31	159,114.44	157,667.36	100.92%
Total Income	41,839.31	159,114.44	157,667.36	100.92%
Expense				
Administration	1,378.51	18,812.40	11,766.72	159.88%
Committees	11,165.86	46,281.59	58,926.68	78.54%
Pastor	10,441.04	43,035.87	42,231.36	101.91%
Staff	8,389.10	44,426.00	65,204.08	68.13%
Utilities	346.58	8,802.64	6,066.68	145.10%
Benevolence	1,458.33	5,833.32	5,833.32	100.00%
Total Expense	33,179.42	167,191.82	190,028.84	87.98%
Income Less Expense	8,659.89	-8,077.38	-32,361.48	



Small Groups Return September 2023!!

In September we will start the first of four sessions of Small Group Studies that will run through the program year. You can join all of them or come and go as your interest/time allow.



Water in the Bible - Sept/Oct 2023

Water is an important biblical symbol - so important that we use it in baptism today. It is used in scripture from the very start of creation to the very end with the New Heaven and New Earth. Water was important to the people of Jesus time and location for life. How does this symbolic necessity speak deep meaning to the people of the bible, but also to us today?



JESUS EATS WITH EVERYONE

Biblical Meals/Hospitality - Nov/Dec 2023

People are always gathering for meals in scripture, but it is normally not just to eat. Typically in the hospitality shown in the bible, there is a larger message of blessing and welcome both for the host and guest. Did you know that hospitality is one of the most important themes in the entire bible? How can we learn from scripture how we are to welcome one another in grace?



The Holy Spirit - Mar/Apr 2024

Let’s be honest: we don’t understand the Holy Spirit at all. We talk about this third person of the Trinity all the time, but what is the Holy Spirit and how does it work? Why do we care? Can’t we just stick with Jesus? And why is the understanding of the Holy Spirit different in different books of the bible? Explore why the Holy Spirit is so important to us as God’s Church.



Resurrection - Apr/May 2024

Okay, let’s get to the heart of our faith . . . What happens to us when we die? What will we look like? Will we recognize our loved ones? Do we get partially raised while we wait for the end of the world? It is bodily resurrection or just spiritual? New life and resurrection are the heart of our faith - come explore this complex idea that is at the heart of Christianity.



Small Group Registration - Cut and Drop in Offering Plate

Name: _____ Email: _____

Session Registering for: ☐ Water ☐ Meals/Hospitality ☐ Holy Spirit ☐ Resurrection

Group I prefer to be in: ☐ Men’s ☐ Women’s ☐ Mixed Gender ☐ Tuesday Morning

HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH!

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

The **nursery** will be open during both services during the summer.

Although normal programs are completed until September there are still many ways that you can learn and serve during the summer.

- **SUMMER OF SERVICE** begins in **June** with the **Tower of Food**. We will be building a tower in the narthex with items needed by both St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries. All contributions are welcome but suggested items are listed on the Summer of Service page. Look for information each week in the bulletin to learn more about food insecurity. We can help make a difference in our community.

- **MISSION KIDS** will deliver the food items to St. Stephen's pantry on July 8. If you have young children this is a great opportunity to show them how to help others.. The children will help stock the shelves and learn about what the pantry does.

- **YOUTH GROUP** will be traveling to Erie, PA in early July for their annual workcamp.

Check out information about the **ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** coming this fall. There will be four different sessions throughout the fall and spring. The sessions will revolve around topics instead of books of the Bible. The first session will explore Water in the Bible.

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.



Summer of Service 2023

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

JUNE. Tower of Food

- Donate non-perishables to build our tower
- High need items include canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, shelf milk, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, size 2-5 diapers, baby wipes
- Donations go to St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries
- Mission Kids will deliver food to St. Stephen's and help stock their shelves

JULY. School Supplies for E.A.G.L.E.S. and St. Philip's Grocery Club

- Sign up to donate supplies for the Dominican Republic school and our Grocery Club.
- Help pack up supplies for shipment

AUGUST. 25,000 MEALS - A Community Event on August 26

- Help fund this project (\$0.35/meal = \$8750)
- Assemble meals on Saturday morning
- Invite friends and neighbors to help
- Meals go to St. Stephen's pantry and the Delaware Food Bank

Mission Kids

Mission kids celebrated moms with a luncheon and ice cream social on Mother's Day. It was a fun and relaxing way to wrap up the year before heading into the summer vacation season. This summer, Mission Kids are tasked with delivering food to help stock the food pantry at St Stephens Lutheran Church. Kids Club helped create posters to promote food collection. On July 8th, we will bring some of the food collected in June for the Tower of Food summer of service project. Following this adventure, we will gather for lunch and a pool party.





Kids Club wrapped up a successful year with 7 eager and enthusiastic students. Each week we read stories, watched videos, colored pictures, completed crafts, and even built Lego scenes (a class favorite). Over the past few weeks, the kids have worked on painting rocks which will display encouraging words. They will spread these rocks in the community as a way to spread Jesus' word. So if you come across a painted rock that say #kidsclubrocks, pick it up and re-hide it somewhere else in the community as a way to continue spreading Jesus' word. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer and we look forward to meeting new friends in the fall!





2023 High School Graduate

Arianna Downes

will be attending

West Chester University

Ministries at St. Philip's - Youth Group Beach Retreat 2023



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Women's Daytime Book Group On **June 20th at 12:30 p.m.**, we will christen Gigi's new gazebo with a salad & dessert social. *No book required.* Gigi Mueller's house will be the host location for summer.

Upcoming selections are:

July 18th-*By Her Own Design*

Piper Huguley

August 16th-*Unsheltered.*

Barbara Kingsolver

Hope to see you there!

From Women's Book Club

Dawn Downes and Donna Daugherty



The Women's Evening Book Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. 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. Everyone is welcome!

Our upcoming reads are:

June: Rock Paper Scissors- Alice Feeney

July: All We Ever Wanted - Emily Giffin

Aug: The Heart's Invisible Furies - John Boyne



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.



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 **June 13th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Bonnie Chauvot.

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, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** We will be discussing *How Happiness Happens*, by Max Lucado. Then this group will take a pause for the summer.

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.



St. Philip's photographer!?!? We're looking for volunteers that could take pictures at our events! Often time we are at the event and realize we don't have anyone to capture the moment we want to share. Contact the Church Office if you would like to be our photographer!

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 **June 8th 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.

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

Pinners and Knotters, 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 Pinners and Knotters will be taking a pause for the summer.

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

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.

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

The next Shepherding Team Meeting will be on Monday, August 14th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

The next Altar Guild Meeting will be on Monday, September 11th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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!!

Every year, the Girl Scouts donate cookies to our Food Pantry. This year, **Lynn and her daughter Elaina**, delivered **16 cases** of cookies for our Grocery Club families.



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, June 14, 2023 and June 28, 2023



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

And so it continues----racism, antisemitism, anti-LGBTQ+, anti-Asian, anti--, anti---, anti! Gun violence is up. Antisemitism is up. One act of violence after another against political figures.

Depression, loneliness, nervousness, and anxiety---up in this country. Ask yourself why the Scandinavian countries are the happiest in the world? What is wrong with us? Even the black vote is still being suppressed---unthinkable in 2023!!

Several of us at St. Philip's just had a discussion on the book, "The Cross and the Lynching Tree". Powerful! Most of us are familiar with the lynchings in the South, torture, and the horrific atrocities that went on. But books like this one describe in detail how inhumane the treatment of innocent African American men, women, and children was. It is inconceivable how human beings could treat other human beings like they did. Is it hatred? Is it fear? Whatever it is, we as Christians have a duty to help put an end to this insanity!

The faith of these persecuted black people was what sustained them—amazing!. And the comfort they received from their music-- blues, jazz, spirituals. Hope in the darkest of times—they never lost it. These are people who are mindful of the pain and tears of the past, yet stand on the strength and faith born in adversity. We can see people who have been mistreated and oppressed, but find reason to rejoice and petition our God for justice. These children of God hold tightly to the hope that sustains them as they look to a brighter day for future generations.

St. Philip's and Unity Lutheran Church are planning to join one another in attending a Blue Rocks game with a pregame tailgate fellowship. The date is Tuesday, June 13. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. More details will follow. Please come and bring friends and family. What a great way to get to know our brothers and sisters from Unity.

Night at the



**Unity Lutheran Church and
St. Philip's are planning
a night at the Blue Rocks together.**

**The date is Tuesday, June 13th. The
game starts at 7 pm, but there will be
tailgate with food and
fellowship at 5:30 p.m.**

There is a sign-up poster in the narthex.



Sometimes I feel overwhelmed and discouraged by the seemingly endless news of homelessness, hunger, poverty, environmental degradation, violence, and ... well the list goes on, doesn't it? Why haven't we been able to "solve" these problems despite the determined efforts of so many people over the years? Does anything we do really make a difference?

After listening to the stories of staff and clients of Lutheran Community Service at the recent Room at the Table fundraising breakfast, my answer to the last question is YES!! I was so impressed by the work LCS is doing in our community and their creativity in taking new approaches to old problems. I found the new Food Farmacy program particularly intriguing. LCS is collaborating with Christiana Care to provide healthy food and individualized support to at-risk persons with chronic health conditions. Two of the speakers at the breakfast were a young woman who suffers from diabetes and a mentor from Christiana Care who is providing six months of one-to-one coaching on things such as selecting healthy foods and preparing healthy meals. The LCS client has already made big improvements in her medical condition with the healthy food from LCS and the medical expertise of her Christiana Care coach. I left the breakfast with renewed hope that, through an organization like LCS, we can truly make a difference in individual lives and our community as a whole. It is also clear how much LCS relies on the financial support and volunteer efforts of churches in the community such as St. Philip's. Learn more and change lives by visiting lcsde.org!

There are many opportunities to *get involved and make a difference* at St Philip's. Here are a few upcoming in June:

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--**The week of June 4th**, volunteers from St Philip's are preparing and serving meals for at the families living at Jesus House with **Family Promise**. Sign up on the poster in the narthex if you are able to help out this week, or watch for signups for one of our assigned weeks later in the year. This is a great way to make a difference in the lives of families looking for permanent housing and learn more about what Family Promise does in the community.

--Join one of the foursomes at the **Golf Outing on June 5th to support LCS**. See Dave Frampton for more information.

--Learn how you can affect public policy in Delaware to better address the many challenges facing our state at **Lutheran Day at the Capitol** on Thursday June 8th from 10-2:30 in Dover. Delaware is a small state and your voice can make a huge difference on concerns important to you and the community. (Advocating for good public policy is one way to *do* something about all those discouraging problems I mentioned at the beginning!) To register for Lutheran Day at the Capitol, email Pastor Simmons at delutheranpublicpolicy@gmail.com or see Susan Mack.

Schedule of events:

- 9:30 Plan to arrive; coffee, rolls
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:15 Bishop Gohl, keynote
- 10:30 Presentations from legislators (about 8 legislators will speak -- separately for about 10-15 minutes each on specific bills, with various positions represented.)
- 12:00 Lunch (freewill offering to cover expenses) hoagies, etc.
- 12:30 Instructions for visits to legislators
- 1:00 Visits to legislators
- 2:00 Senate and House open for attendance; stay for as much as you like.



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2023 Golf Classic

To Support Homelessness Prevention




FIELDSTONE GOLF COURSE

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

Pricing:	
\$250	Per Golfer
\$1,000	Per Foursome
\$1,500	Per Corporate Foursome

Additional sponsor packages are available!

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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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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.

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SWIMSUIT	TAN	WATERMELON

Learning Opportunities

It's annual inspection time again at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. This year, Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams says the news is good! The inspector for the Delaware Stars program recommended the Center for renewal of our license! Congratulations to the Hilltop Center and its staff.



Another state program called the Early Childhood Innovation Center (ECIC) invests in Delaware's childcare workforce like those individuals working at the Hilltop Center. Michelle says the ECIC "offers career advisement, full comprehensive associate & bachelor's degree scholarships, an innovative cohort model to obtain the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, and more!" In addition, Michelle says incentives are offered to potential students. "...incentives include a free laptop, \$1,000, \$5,000, or even \$10,000 in milestone stipends and scholarship opportunities that will be available beginning in June 2023! Several staff and myself, have attended an initial information session and they are looking forward to learning more about how to participate in this program."

Among our students, the older kids, grade 3 and up, are concentrating on basic math and writing skills. Hilltop Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen says the program encourages children to dream. "I prompted our friends to think of a place that they always dreamed of going to and write a short passage about why they picked the place they did and present it to the group." Meanwhile, Renaissance Learning, a national assessment and learning platform, will be doing student evaluations. "Our young scholars will be assessed on their literacy and math skills. The learning platform," according to Teresa, "will use collected assessment data to create individualized lessons for each child. It also supplies a host of data reports in real time so that we may keep on top of the participants' struggles and successes."



Finally, Hilltop staff took a field trip to William Lewis Elementary School to participate in the school's virtual reader program. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrow says staff chose the book to read, *The 1619 Project Born on the Water* by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renee Watson. "This book illustrates the lives of enslaved people before being brought from Africa to America, and how a new culture was birthed through the hardships and oppression. The YouTube link for this virtual reading is as follows;

https://youtu.be/ZxiM_uavSR4."

This is a powerful read. Please take the 19 minutes and 47 seconds needed to watch and listen.

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:

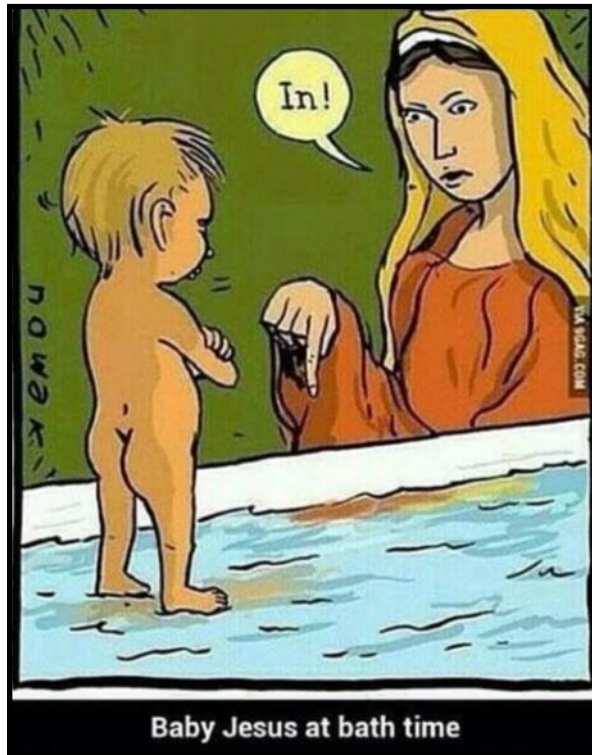
Ron Henry, Russ & Barb Hokanson, Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Dave Frampton, Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, John Newcomer, Sr., Carol Ruckle, Lamont & Sharon Smith, Louise James, Ethel Reichley, Shawn Nascembeni, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sam Cory, Richard Pierce, Daniel & Phyllis Bolgiano, Phyllis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

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 Debbi 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 Simperts; **Mary Jane Myers**, mother of Mark Myers; **Joe Cilento, Jr. and Mark**, sons 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; **Rodney Spangler**, friend & **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; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman



Peggy Barker	6/1	Celeste Mutschler	6/13
John Newcomer	6/1	Amber Cory	6/14
Jodi Newcomer	6/2	Shealey Imgarten	6/14
Stephen Benscoter	6/3	Sally Krapf	6/14
Jillian Obara	6/3	Delores Wardwell	6/14
Wayne Pouser	6/3	Patrick William Downes	6/16
David Rosario	6/3	Wesley Morrison	6/16
Kendra Cutler	6/4	Mark Myers	6/17
Jenna Start	6/4	Ernie Frisicchio	6/17
Stephanie Mignogna	6/5	Ronald Henry	6/18
Debra Gelesh	6/7	Brandon Snyder	6/19
Liz Freburger	6/7	Arianna Downes	6/23
Debbie Galonsky	6/8	Donna Daugherty	6/23
Katherine Fry	6/8	Teri Suddard	6/23
Kelly Krapf	6/8	Hilde Cox	6/25
Gregory Meador	6/8	Kim Christopher	6/27
Samantha Papili	6/8	Audrey Everett	6/28
Naomi Maza	6/8	Nancy Gale	6/28
Nancy Zinnato	6/9	Dave Frampton	6/29
Barbara Dickinson	6/10	William Krapf	6/29
Beverly Reedy	6/10		
James Stevens	6/11		
David Suddard	6/12		

May God Bless You on Your Special Day!



Please call the church office at 302-239-2100 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 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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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