

The Guidepost



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



September 2023

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Grab your coffee, come and chat,
There isn't any curriculum at this time

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

We'll Be Voting to Call A New Associate Pastor on September 24th!!!!

If you have been playing along, by now, you know that on September 24th we will be holding a special congregational meeting to vote on a new Associate Pastor. While we are withholding this pastor's name until that weekend since she is currently in a call and the Church world is a small place . . . someone always knows someone and how heartbreaking would it be to hear that your pastor is leaving from some third party at another church. We don't want that to happen to her church.

But from pronouns you know that our candidate is a woman. I am personally excited about that fact because women pastors bring a whole set of gifts and sensibilities. The contrast to me would be a great gift to the congregation. Additionally, I am excited about this candidate for a whole host of reasons. She has a big personality . . . she is fun, she is passionate about so many aspects of ministry of which we are in need. She is passionate about children, families, youth. But also as a woman, there is a whole host of pastoral care issues that she can minister to with all of you that maybe I don't always understand.

One of the things I always try to be aware of is my own blind spots. My goal in this call process is to find someone who is different from me. That is a blessing to you, our church, and our community. But regardless of how I feel, this is not a done deal - the decision is yours as a congregation. You will get a chance to meet her, hear her preach, and be a part of her worship leadership on the weekend of September 24th. Then you can vote. Below is your invitation!

Come Be a Part of the Discernment for our New Associate Pastor

Saturday, September 23rd at 6 pm

**Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall—Bring a Dish to Share and
Join us for a Meet and Greet with the Associate Pastor Candidate**

Sunday, September 24th at 9:30 am

**We'll Only Have One Worship Service that Day Followed by a Special
Congregational Meeting - Hear the Candidate Preach and Lead Worship
And then We'll Vote Whether to Extend a Call as Associate Pastor**



St. Philip's Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 10, 2023



Rally Day!

Kick off the Program Year!

- **8:00 a.m.** - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- **9:15 a.m.** - Small Groups for All Ages begin.
- **9:15 a.m.** - Kid's Club will meet in the Christian Ed Wing
- **9:15 a.m.** - Youth will be in Fellowship Hall
- **9:15 a.m.** - Adult Bible Study will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an introduction to Small Groups for Fall
- **10:30 a.m.** - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- **11:45 a.m.** - Annual St. Philip's Picnic Lunch with Fun and Games for Children of All Ages including a Bounce House!!!

**Join us on this Special
Day as We Celebrate
the Return of the Fall
Programs, and
bring to a Close our
Summer Sabbath
Time.**



Women's Fall Retreat

**Saturday, October 28th
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Autumn

A Season of Surrender

**Sign up will be
available soon!**

Change. Change of season, change of employment, change of school, change of health, change of technology. Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, has been quoted as saying, “Change is the only constant in life.” This is emphasized in Ecclesiastes 3:1, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”.

The challenge is how to traverse changes in life. Some changes we look forward to, some not so much.

Sometimes one change kicks off another change. Currently our son is moving to another city beyond the Northeast region. Some of the furniture in our home will be resettled to his next apartment. The last few years have felt like an extension of time in college. He was close and his imprint in the house was still undisturbed. We enjoyed his visits, picking him up from the train station was easy. But this is different!

Change is not easy to deal with on one’s own. Here are some ways that have helped me through.

1 – Prayer. God is there for us 24 x 7, without fail. Sometimes I rely on the Sincerity prayer. “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” In addition, I may request patience and strength.

2 – Community. It helps to be part of one or many communities. Through our faith, we know we are not alone. It does help to have face-to-face time with others. This may be as simple as a welcoming smile at church or having coffee with a friend.

3 – Being in the present. Isn’t that where God wants us to be? Jesus says that we should “not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matt. 6:34) Practicing Yoga helps me to be present for a time.

4 – Activities. If there is nothing to be done about the change that is affecting me, there is always some place else to focus my energy.

Change happens. I thank God that He is always there and that He brought me into community at St. Philip’s.

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

	July Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget
Income				
Group 00	30,425.94	272,599.35	275,917.88	98.80 %
Total Income	30,425.94	272,599.35	275,917.88	98.80 %
Expense				
Administration	1,734.10	25,230.73	20,591.76	122.53 %
Committees	10,435.84	86,288.01	103,121.69	83.68 %
Pastor	10,441.04	74,358.99	73,904.88	100.61 %
Staff	8,315.32	69,205.53	114,107.14	60.65 %
Utilities	2,891.33	14,004.06	10,616.69	131.91 %
Benevolence	1,458.33	10,208.31	10,208.31	100.00 %
Total Expense	35,275.96	279,295.63	332,550.47	83.99 %
Income Less Expense	-4,850.02	-6,696.28	-56,632.59	





Four-legged friends get ready! St. Philip's
will be hosting its annual

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1st at Noon

Our Blessing of the Animals service is held in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis, a Christian saint revered for his connection to animals and nature. We are inviting all members of the congregation with pets to join us in the back of the church for a short service of prayer and blessing. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Patrick.



The Annual Fall Clean-up day is
Saturday, September 23rd from 8:00 am to noon
(rain date is Saturday October 14th)

This year we will again be focusing on sprucing up the outside property. We will have both big and small jobs so something for all abilities. This is a great opportunity to serve and help beautify the church property. Whatever time you can give would be most appreciated. Contact Mark Myers with any questions! We will be working mainly in the back of the property. The shed out back is a good meet up point.





If the person sitting next to you has a beautiful voice, write his or her name on the card and drop it in the offering plate.

Name: _____



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Name: _____



Sarah Myers and Crew



Sarah Litterst and Crew



Mattie Mason and Crew



Sara Budd and Crew



Ian Stirk and Crew



Kylie Stirk and Crew



Gillian Sparrow and Crew



Breanna Swift and Crew





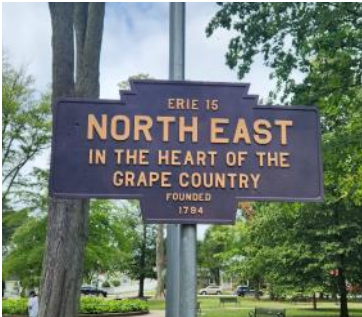
Arianna and Jon Downes and Crew

Pastor Patrick’s Crew



Abby Litterst and Crew

Avalon Sparrow and Crew



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!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to **St. Philip's Summer of Service!** We helped feed our local community and provided school supplies for local children and those in the Dominican Republic. Check out the Summer of Service photos in the Guidepost.

Beginning on Rally Day the **Nursery** will be open for both services AND during the education hour in between. If you have any questions contact Sandy Budd.

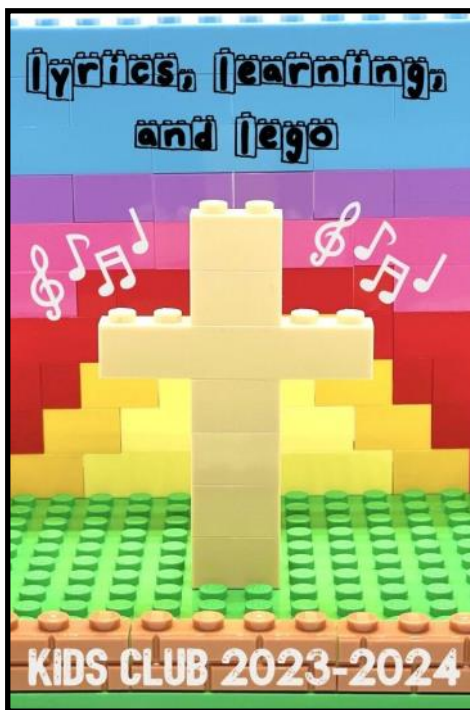
RALLY DAY (September 10) is the start of our fall programming. There are opportunities for all ages.....**Small Group Bible Study** and **Rise and Shine** for adults, **Breakfast Club** for youth and **Kid's Club** for 3 years through 5th grade. Look for specific information and locations for these groups in other sections of the Guidepost.

As we come back from our summer hiatus the Youth Group and Mission Kids will resume activities. For more information contact Pastor Patrick (youth) or Anna Grieder and Liz Freburger (kids).

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.



**The Tower
of Food
2023**



Kids age 3 through 5th grade are welcome to join Kids Club in September! Kids Club, also known as Sunday School, is held weekly throughout the educational program year for 1 hour. This year we have an exciting new format incorporating lyrics, learning, and Lego! The children will meet every week in the sanctuary at 9:10am for a music lesson with Ms. Lauren and Mr. Stephen. Afterwards, we will move down to the classroom for a lesson and an activity or a craft with Ms. Sandy and Ms. Anna. This year we will cover parables, the Christmas & Easter stories, and many more lessons each with a corresponding Lego activity. Please sign up your child using the form below or the poster in the Narthex. This sign up helps us plan age appropriate activities and allows us to prepare the necessary supplies for the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing you in September!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe29_pGtmKAptqJ-y_Fa_ZHOj3PjNmCtuuXVXNIUWmUQteuXw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Parents! We did not forget about you! Bring your coffee and come spend time with other Kids Club parents while the kids are in class. Location and details to follow.



Rise and Shine! Hello young adults of St. Philip's! We are excited to share that we will be creating a new Sunday morning small group for the Fall 2023 programming! Our group name will be Rise and Shine. This group will be geared more towards the young adults of the church. Whether you are a parent that is dropping a kid off at Breakfast Club or Kid's Club or if you simply never found the right fit in another Sunday morning small group. We would like to welcome you to a space that is available to sip your coffee, or water, and get to know the other young adults of the church. We would like to create a space to hold casual conversations with friends and a place to share the highs and the lows from your week. This group will not be following along with the weekly Bible Study, and there is zero commitment involved. This group will meet every Sunday at 9:15 AM in room 130. We hope to see you there! Please contact Liz Freburger if you have any questions or would like more information!

Ministries at St. Philip's from Koinonia**Sharon Kittle and Gigi Mueller**

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 will **resume in September**. A second group, that meets with the Mueller's, that Koinonia group will meet on **Sunday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Mueller gazebo , for lively discussion. Look for topics to be coming soon. Please let Gigi Mueller know if you have any questions and if you are coming. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

From Christian Ed - Youth Group**Pastor Patrick**

Youth Group is Starting a New Year!! Will You Join Us? The Jr./Sr. High Youth Group is already looking forward to another great year starting this fall. If you are 6th through 12th Grade youth and you like to have fun and serve the community, then we've got a place for you. St. Philip's Youth Group is starting the fall program with a get to know you pool party on August 27th (tentatively) and will roll out the program year from there. If you are interested, let Pastor Patrick know.



Ministries at St. Philip's - Mission Kids!

Anna Grieder and Liz Freburger

On July 8th, Mission Kids delivered over 1,000 items of food to St Stephens Food Pantry. These items were collected during our Tower of Food Summer of Service project in June. The children learned how the food is sorted, counted and distributed to individuals with food insecurity in our area. Afterwards, we enjoyed a pool party and cookout!

Our next event is **Rally Day on Sunday, September 10th** to kick off the education year! The planned event through the holiday season include: **Trunk or Treat, Friendsgiving, and the Advent Workshop**. Stay tuned for detail regarding exact dates and times!

Outreach committee will be meeting the FIRST TUESDAY of the month during the coming program year. Please join us as we work to serve the community and provide opportunity for St Philip's to learn about and connect to the world around us. We will meet QUARTERLY IN PERSON on 11/7/23, 2/6/24, 5/7/24, and 8/6/24. We will meet virtually on zoom as needed on the other months.

Next Family Promise week begins August 27th. Thanks for your support and flexibility as we navigate the changes in the FP program and provide meals at the Jesus House location where families now live. Family Promise recently completed the purchase of the Jesus House property so this will be the permanent place for housing families. St Philip's plans to provide meals for the families residing there during four weeks over the coming year. Our final week in 2023 will begin November 5th.

Join area Lutherans and many others for the Lutheran Community Services "Bash Out Hunger Block Party" on September 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.! The event will again be held at Concordia Lutheran Church and feature the LCS community day and a 5k walk/run at 10 a.m. Free food, drink, and music. T-shirts for those who raise \$20 or more for the walk/run. See the event flyer elsewhere in the Guidepost.

Ministries at St. Philip's from Women's Daytime Book Group**Gigi Mueller**

Women's Daytime Book Group: September 19th we will be discussing, Claire Keegan's book, *Small Things Like These*. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. **For October**, the daytime book club will visit Winterthur's exhibit on Ann Lowe. Details to follow.

Please plan on attending our annual Women's Retreat on October 28th. This will be a Fall theme. Please mark your calendar. Help is needed for decorations and food planning. Let Gigi know if you can help.

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 would love to have you join us. Everyone is welcome!

Our upcoming read is: Sep: Horse - Geraldine Brooks

Men's Fall Retreat is October 19th through 22nd!!! The St. Philip's Men's Group will be heading out on their fall retreat once again this year. The dates are set and we are looking at renting a home in Western Maryland or Virginia. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, contact Chuck Cory.

Ministries at St. Philip's - Worship Assistants**Pastor Patrick or Louise James**

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.

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.

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

The next Shepherding Team Meeting will be on **Monday, November 6th at 1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Ministries at St. Philip's from O.W.L.S

O.W.L.S will return in October! More details coming soon.

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 **September 12th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

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 **September 14th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in the Fellowship Hall here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

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 meeting on **Wednesday, September 20th at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you!!!


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Bash-Out Hunger Block Party

Saturday September 16th, 9 am - 2 pm
 Concordia Lutheran Church 3003 Silverside Rd.
 Wilmington, DE 19810



LCS Community Day
and 5K Walk/Run for Hunger

Join us for a day of food, drinks
music, games, and more!

All food, drink,
and activities are
FREE!!

5K Walk/Run to take
place at 10 am





Support Delaware Food Pantries while having a good time!

**Bring item to donate to our
Toiletry Drive!**

- Toilet Paper
- Tampons / Sanitary Pads
- Bodywash
- Shampoo
- Laundry Detergent (pods pref)
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Dish Soap
- Poise Pads or Adult Pull-up Diapers (all sizes)
- Children's Diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6)

**Everything is
FREE OF CHARGE:**

- Fundraiser Walk/Run (raise \$20 for an event shirt)
- Meal tickets for food & drink "limit 1 per guest"
- Live Music
- Face Painting, Tattoos, & Caricature Artist
- Group Yoga Instruction
- Snacks and Drinks
- Bounce House
- Fire Truck

And MORE!!

Walk/Run
Will take place
at 10 am!

RSVP Here!

Scan the QR code, or visit
lcsde.org for how to sign up



RSVP

Please bring a donation for our pantry

****Want to fundraise for the Walk/Run?
Complete the form on the back!****

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, September 13, 2023 and September 27, 2023

Our hosting continues August 27 through September 2. Prior to COVID, the families (usually 3 or 4 families) were housed in different churches throughout New Castle County. During their stays, the hosting churches provided breakfast, lunch & an evening meal. During the 3 years of the pandemic, the host duty was to provide the evening meal. Beginning 2023, Family Promise families now live at the Jesus House off of Milltown Road. That changed has resulted in how and what the host churches provide and the 3 or 4 families now are 5+.

The families live in a cottage that have a kitchen and a laundry shared by all and separate quarts for each family. In order to make the families comfortable, host churches now provide food for breakfast and lunch, staples such as laundry detergent , etc. and prepare an evening meal. As the needs have changed, so is our way of asking for help. There will be sign up posters in the Narthex with menus and perishables items which will be collected prior to August 27 and a Sign Up Genius for the staples. The sign up for staples will begin early August and items may be left in the Narthex until August 21. A huge thank you in advance for your continued support and feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen or Marty Budd with any questions. Blessing to all.

FAMILY PROMISE

Our Next Host Week: November 5, 2023 to November 12, 2023

To everyone who gave items for both the Tower of Food and supplies for our food programs, THANK YOU! Because of your generosity we did not have to buy anything from the Food Bank for the month of July.

Thanks to Sharon Holeman, Dave Thompson, Bill & Shirley Rash and Ryan Zinnato for moving all that food to the pantry!

Grocery Club families were so happy to receive school supplies for their children. A total of 44 bags were given out. Thank you to Sharon Holeman, Shirley Rash, Ryan Zinnato, Charles & Ruth Bowles and Donna Daugherty for helping to pack the bags.



It Ain't Necessarily So –

“It ain’t necessarily so, It ain’t necessarily so, The t’ings dat yo’ li’ble To read in de Bible, It ain’t necessarily so.” [from George & Ira Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess* (1935), sung by the character “Sportin’ Life,” expressing his skepticism about certain biblical passages and life’s received “truths” in general.

I’m so old I remember playing “cowboys & Indians” as a kid. We chose up sides – who would be cowboys and who Indians. We ran through the neighborhood, cowboys in white (yes, believe it) hats, cap pistols blazing, and Indians with sticks-as bows, and bandana head scarves, tied so an end draped over one ear. At the end of the day, the cowboys “won,” and the Indians were no more. No one ever considered if this game was “politically correct” or not.

We did not think deeply about this game. The outcome was foreordained and obvious – we knew there were real cowboys “out west,” and we “knew” that there were no more real Indians – only actors on TV. Our game simply played out the “truth” of our received knowledge about cowboys and Indians.

Years passed, I grew up (well, I got older), and popular literature seemed to confirm what I knew about Indians. James Fenimore Cooper’s historical fiction novel *“The Last of the Mohicans”* and the subsequent hit movie seemed to confirm that, indeed, the French-Indian coalition against the English during the “French & Indian War” left only one old Mohican, Chingachgook, alive. One clear point from the movie was that Mohicans, and by extension, other Native American nations, were no more. [An historical aside – there never was a “Mohican” tribe. “Mohicans” can be understood as a proxy for all Native American tribes.]

Dee Brown’s powerful non-fiction history of Indians in the American West, *“Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee”* (1970), also describes what seemed to be the utter destruction of the Lakota Sioux nation after the last major attack by the US Army on Native Americans at Wounded Knee, South

Dakota. Other Native nations met the same fate, cementing the “truth” of Native Americans’ final and total destruction.

But, it ain’t necessarily so!! David Treuer’s *“The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present”* (2019) argues that “... Brown’s canonical work reinforced the public’s misguided belief that the lives of Indigenous people had largely evaporated by the turn of the [20th] century. Treuer’s work revises Brown’s tragic narrative by focusing on the ways in which Indigenous communities have endured despite displacement, forced assimilation, and cyclical poverty. ... For Treuer, the massacre does not represent the slow descent of Indigenous cultures, but it is one episode of many in which Indigenous tribes faced defeat after battles with the US government, **only to recover, adapt, and thrive.**” [Italics & bold face added] (citation from SuperSummary, Summary and Study Guide for Treuer’s “Heartbeat of Wounded Knee...”)

LEARN MORE!

Bringing Native American history closer to home, the Racial Justice Task Force is sponsoring two events this Fall, featuring Lenape Nations of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

On Sunday, October 15th, Chief Adam Waterbear DePaul will discuss the history and current status of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania at a Lunch & Learn session. Sign up for this fascinating presentation on the poster in the narthex.

On Thursday, November 2nd, the Task Force is sponsoring a discussion of Chief DePaul’s talk and JR Norwood’s short book *“We Are Still Here! The Tribal Saga of New Jersey’s Nanticoke and Lenape Indians.”* Norwood, a Lenape Nation member himself, presents a succinct history of the Nanticoke and Lenape, and discusses several myths surrounding them.

This session will begin with pizza at 6:30, with discussion to follow at 7:00. Look for the discussion sign up poster in the narthex. Hard copies of Norwood’s book are hard to find, so access to it is available at this link: <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-l-d&q=we+are+still+here++jr+norwood> OR, just “google” “We are Still Here – Lenape”

Please take advantage of these two events to learn more about the Lenape nations in our midst!

Hilltop Summer Happenings

The Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center summer camp ended with a successful flourish in late August and the campers are still talking about it!



Center Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen reports that this year's activities included working with the University of Delaware on nutrition. "The Univ. of Delaware food program started within each of our groups... teaching the children how to eat healthy on a budget. SummerCollab and their 'Reading Buddies' program have provided an opportunity for campers to read one on one with a youth volunteer. The addition of the MyOn and Accelerated Reader reading platforms have given our youth new outlets to interactive learning. We are starting to see progress in their reading and math ability."

Meanwhile, Teresa says some new field trip destinations were added to this year's camp itinerary including: "the Philadelphia Zoo, the Please Touch Museum, and Winterthur Museum. Onsite experiences at Winterthur included trying to solve a museum mystery for the older youth and finding lost objects for the younger campers. Our participants were also treated to playtime in the fairy garden."



Back at the Center, Executive Director Michelle Williams says that a wellness room was recently opened for our teachers. "The room will contain a massage chair, end tables, lounge chair, lamps, greenery, a charging dock, a calming sounds radio, aromatherapy oil and lotions, etc. This will be a shared space in the library. The staff and consultants are excited about it. Staff will still have access to the massage therapist who comes every other Wednesday and the mental health professional who will continue to come every other Thursday."

Late this summer the Hilltop Center put out the help wanted sign. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh says multiple positions are vacant. "With current staffing changes, we are currently searching for teachers, substitute teachers, and/ or floaters, as well as a candidate to fulfill the job responsibilities of an Early Childhood Education Coordinator." For more information check out Indeed.com. Interviews will continue until all positions are filled.



Finally, congratulations are in order for our Executive Director. Michelle Williams has successfully defended her dissertation and met all of her doctoral requirements! She will be awarded her doctorate degree in Philosophy with a concentration in Nonprofit Management and Leadership at the end of the current term. Our heartfelt congratulations to Michelle for a job well done!

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

For those of us who worshipped at St. Philip's on August 13th, you may recall that Stephen got beautifully creative with the closing hymn, which begins "When Peace Like A River," or is better known by its title, "It Is Well With My Soul." After playing a verse, Stephen's organ went silent, so that you could focus on the congregation, which had begun to sing quite robustly! It's pretty difficult not to be moved by this hymn. But just take a moment to consider its message and ponder why it's so uplifting.

It's easy to praise God and sing or say, "It is well with my soul," when everything is going great, isn't it? But what about when life's storms crash over and around us? The hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul," was actually written during a time of great sorrow, yet we can't help feeling the author's faith shining through this hymn of praise!

Horatio Spafford was a successful Chicago lawyer who was heavily invested in real estate. He was a devoted husband, the father of five children, and a devout Christian. Tragedy struck in 1870, when his only son died of scarlet fever at the age of four. The following year, all of his real estate investments were lost in The Great Chicago fire. In order to try to alleviate some of the family's grief and loss, Horatio made plans to take his family on a holiday to Europe. At the last minute, he was detained by urgent business. But he convinced his wife, Anna, to sail with their four girls, and in November 1873, Anna and the girls boarded the French ship, Ville du Havre. On November 21, 1873, the luxury steamer sank in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean after colliding with the British iron sailing ship, the Lochearn. It sank in twelve minutes and 226 passengers were lost, including his four daughters.

Several days later when the survivors had reached Cardiff, Wales, Horatio received a brief telegram from his wife: "*Saved alone. What shall I do?*"

In short order, Horatio boarded a ship to join his grieving wife. En route to England, the captain called him to the bridge to tell him they were very near the site where the Ville du Havre sank. It was on this journey, that Horatio wrote the four-verse song, "It Is Well With My Soul". Each verse ends with the refrain:

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul!

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul!"

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought –
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
If dark hours about me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

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Even after suffering a most horrendous tragedy, Horatio and Anna's faith in God remained strong. Horatio later wrote to Anna's half-sister, "On Thursday last, we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are safe...dear lambs." Although Anna was deeply grieved, she testified that in her grief and despair, she had been conscious of a soft voice telling her, "You were saved for a purpose!" She remembered that a friend had said, "It's easy to be grateful and good when you have so much, but take care that you are not a fair-weather friend to God."

When the world batters us with grief, medical issues, unsettled relationships, financial strain, pain and loss, we can stand strong in the assurance that God is with us, holding us in his loving arms. He made that promise to us! And so it is with us just as it was with Horatio and Anna Spafford. We can say and sing, "It is well with my soul," no matter what happens in our lives. Praise the Lord!

From the Environmental Stewardship Team**Mary Duncan**

Sustainable Environmental Practices

In a recent Prayer of the Church, we prayed for the well-being of creation and asked God to send us advocates for sustainable practices. St. Philips has responded and now there is the Environmental Stewardship Team. Dave Porter introduced the congregation to some of its goals. Now it is time to roll up our sleeves, examine current practices at St. Philips, and determine if there are better ways.

Recycling is mandated in Delaware. Posters in the kitchen and the narthex define what is accepted in single stream recycling and what is not. The question is - How can we be MORE sustainable? Here are some ways:

- Think carefully and read signs before putting anything in the blue recycling containers.
- Know that liquids and ice are **not** part of single stream recycling. Containers must be empty before placing them in a blue container.
- Place all K-cups and used coffee cups in the trash. They cannot be recycled at St. Philips.
- Use refillable water bottles and hot beverage containers at church and wherever you can.
- Send kudos to Pam Sheffer who empties our blue containers into the large outside bins. She fixes those "Oops" we make.

God's creation needs advocates! We can ALL show up.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at the University of Delaware

Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD is primed for another great academic year ahead! Our student group is strong, fun, and faithful, and we're pleased to welcome a new office administrator, Mike Mekailek, to our team. This past summer, various student members worked at externships and summer positions, traveled to Europe, took courses, volunteered at camps, and reconnected with family and friends.

Please save the date of **Saturday afternoon, November 4!** We will meet at Hope Lutheran Church in New Castle for our first in-person LCM fundraiser in four years. Hooray! We look forward to tasty food, a fun auction, and the grace of gathering with our wider LCM community once again.

During this fall term, we welcome your ongoing prayers for LCM:

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will draw new students to our group, for whom LCM can be a blessing and a safe Christian community. May we welcome them warmly and accompany them with grace and joy, as they grow in faith and service.

Please pray for wisdom in identifying new members for our Directing Committee (governing board), that we may expand and strengthen our leadership team. Thank you!

If you'd like to visit LCM on a Tuesday evening, please let Mindy know. We enjoy connecting with visitors and are so grateful to those who bring a dinner to share. Please keep an eye on our website (www.lcmde.org) for updates and opportunities. We're grateful for your continued support through prayers, dinners, and contributions, and we look forward to connecting this fall at the fundraiser.

We wish you God's blessings, abiding peace, and daily grace! J

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service †
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A great student retreat at the beach in I

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, 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, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Lauren Conrad, Charles Bowles, Leo & Lorraine Velez, Mark & Yvonne Cilento, Charlie Boss, Carol Goodman, Monika Daugherty, Maria Start, Dave Frampton, Debra & Charlotte Gesh, Danny Mason, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Diane Murray, Lynn Pouser

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; **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 Hokanson; **Jansen Family**, family of Dan and Phyllis Bolgiano; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **Jermaine & Joslyn Sanders**, friends of Nancy Zinnato; **Norman Richards**, brother-in-law & **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; **The Family of Robert Schuh**, brothers family of Diana Longhenry; **Martin Page and Family**, friends of Mike Rosen; **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; **Pastor Tom Carlson & Ken Worme**, close friends of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Family of Rosemary Herron**, Loved ones of Edna Basilio; **Henry Houtmann**, grandson of Anne Hamilton; **The Family of Brad Scott**, friends of the Brennemans; **Erich Molnar and Chris Allen**, son & relative of Beth Molnar; **Bob Gilmour**, friend of Donna & Monika Daugherty; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **Donna Reeves**, sister of Pam Sheffer; **Anna Longo**, mother of John Longo



Daniel Mignogna	9/1	Derek Frisicchio	9/16
Ken Zinnato	9/3	Heidi McDonough	9/17
Angela Klemens	9/5	Alexandra Viering	9/20
Ellen Lenker	9/7	James Suddard	9/21
Mike Rosen	9/8	Carol Goodman	9/22
David Kenney	9/8	Kyle Lawrence	9/22
Samuel Cory	9/9	Kim Bye	9/24
Anna Grieder	9/10	Michael Berkheimer	9/26
Douglas Larson, Jr.	9/10	Chris Hewlett, Jr.	9/26
Jonathan Downes	9/12	Shelby Suddard Donnelly	9/27
Rebecca (Becky) Harrington	9/13	Victoria Rice	9/28
Cherry Shellenberger	9/15		

May God Bless You on Your Special Day!



Michael, Meghan (Price) and Olivia Burton welcomed to their family, a new baby girl, Zoe James, on Wednesday, August 9th! She was 6 lbs. 2 ounces.

Proud grandmother, Sharon Price headed to New York to help out!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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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Prayer Ministry.....
Property.....

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Small Groups, Christian Ed for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary

** Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall Between Services