The Guidepost



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



October 2023



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

A New Associate Pastor!!!!

Well, as you have heard by now we will have a new Associate Pastor starting here at St. Philip's on November 6th. On Sunday, September 24th we called Rev. Amy Jensen-Wright to serve alongside us.

One of the things I heard immediately from folks was, "Now you have some help." I always appreciate the way that everyone at St. Philip's is always watching out for the staff here—never wanting us to burn out or be overwhelmed. And that is important. But to most of you who said that it me, my response was, "Well, that's great, yes, but the truth is that we get someone who is going to help us move our ministry forward." And that is the bigger part of calling Pastor Amy to serve here at St. Philip's Because there are a few things happening here.

The first is that I have been doing youth ministry for over 30 years—and while I still love, to this very day, being with the youth, I also know that I have lost some of my edge in doing that work. Planning the games and fun activities . . . I'm just not as good at that as I used to be. I still love the Workcamp trips and mountaintop experiences we are a part of, but our youth deserve and need a lot more. Second, we want Amy to help us with our young adults and young families. She is in that age group and has a huge passion for building up fellowship and events with those groups as well.

In addition, Amy has a passion for building ministries that create fellowship opportunities for all people here at St. Philip's. She also loves working with those outside the walls of church to introduce them to Jesus Christ. Pastoral Care ministry, worship . . . You name it, Pastor Amy can bring her energy and passion and faithfulness.

So, you see my point? It is not just that I get help . . . It's that with Pastor Amy we get help moving our ministry forward.

I can't wait for her to start and I can't wait to see what God has in store for St. Philip's! This is such an exciting time!!

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All Saints' Sunday—Alpha and Omega Saints!!! November 5, 2023

On November 5, 2023, at our worship services, we will recognize the annual celebration of All Saints' Sunday. In the past, on All Saints' Sunday we have celebrated our connection as members of the Body of Christ to all those saints who have gone before us as witnesses to the same Gospel that we celebrate today. These people, like us, are children of God and have been provided an important gospel witness to us through their faith and life. In that sense, we could call them "Omega" Saints . . . "Omega" being the last letter at the end Greek Alphabet and these "Saints" being at the end of their journey with us on earth. However, we proclaim as people of faith that our God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. So, in addition to recognizing the "Omega" Saints who have completed their journey on earth, we will also be recognizing the "Alpha" Saints - those who have been born this year and are beginning their journey with us as "Saints": those claimed by Christ.

So, on this day, during our worship services, we will be remembering all those saints who have been born this past year and those who have died before us whether during the past year or any time prior. If there is a loved one, friend, or family member that you would like to have named and/or remembered by name on this special day, please clearly write their name and either their date of birth or date of death below. We will read the names of those who were born or who have died this year and will print and remember all names during our prayer time on this very special day.

oha Saint Name:	Date of Birth:
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mega Saint Name:	Date of Death:
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Detach the bottom of this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

From the President Gerry Butler

What does a Church Council do? Did you ever wonder what goes on at those monthly meetings?

Along with the Pastor, the Church Council is a group of lay persons elected by the Congregation to oversee the "business" of the Church. They are basically charged with making decisions consistent with the Church vision. To further that vision, Council acts on proposals, sets policies, and establishes committees as necessary.

Here at St. Philip's, Council meets monthly except for July. The meeting opens with a devotional from one of the members. Next, the minutes of the previous meeting are reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report is presented and reviewed, followed by an extensive report from the Pastor.

Each of the standing ministry teams has a "Council Liaison" who interacts with the various Ministry Leaders. The Council Liaison reports what the ministries are working on and makes requests for funds or decisions which affect each team.

The major standing teams and their Council Liaisons are as follows:

Finance - Corky Bye
Property - Matt Greider
Environmental Stewardship - Dave Porter
Fellowship - Jerry Aunet
Worship & Music - Debbie Miller
Christian Education - Liz Freburger
Outreach - John Longo
Altar Guild - Carol Johnson
Mutual Ministry - Shawn Nascembeni
Racial Justice Task Force - Dave Porter

After the report of the Council Members, any old unfinished business is discussed or acted upon. Next, any new business is discussed, acted upon, or dismissed.

Adjournment is done with prayer.

Sounds pretty intense, doesn't it! While there is a routine to it, it is also important and exciting stuff. Along with the Pastor, this group coordinates, implements, and promotes all the ministries at St. Philip's. Pray for them, as they are your Church Council!



Women's Book Group

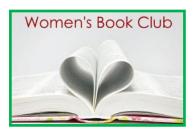


Women's Daytime Book Group: For October, the daytime book club will visit Winterthur's exhibit on Ann Lowe. Details to follow.

Sign up for the annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 28th, 8:30---1:00pm Autumn is a wonderful time of the year and holds many meanings for several of us. Come and share some wonderful insights of this special time of the year. Let Gigi know if you can help and if you have any questions.

Ministries at St. Philip's - Women's Evening Book Club

Dawn Downes and Donna Daugherty



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. Everyone is welcome!

Our upcoming reads are:

October - The Spanish Daughters by Lorena Hughes

November - By Her Own Design by Piper Huguley

December - Poetry Reading and Cookie Exchange

January - Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

February - We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza

March - The Mountain Sings by Que Mai Phan Nguyan



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Blessing of the Pets Pastor Patrick



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.

From the O.W.L.S Pastor Patrick



O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors) is back! We will gather on Tuesday, October 10th. Our presenter that day will be Beth Molnar. The topic will be "The Lutheran Church and the War Between the States." We will meet from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring whatever you would like to eat or drink that day. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

From the Finance Committee

Teri Suddard

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		August	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Percent of
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
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	Total Income	41,463.92	314,063.27	315,334.72	99.60%
Expense	,				
Administration		2,330.00	27,560.73	23,533.44	117.11%
Committees		10,610.41	96,898.52	117,853.36	82.22%
Pastor		10,441.04	84,800.03	84,462.72	100.40%
Staff		9,193.99	78,399.52	130,408.16	60.12%
Utilities		1,568.93	15,572.99	12,133.36	128.35%
Benevolence		1,458.33	11,666.64	11,666.64	100.00%
	Total Expense	35,602.70	314,898.43	380,057.68	82.86%
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There is an exciting ministry returning to St. Philip's in September! "DINNERS OF EIGHT"

There is within all three Abramic Faiths (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) a deep appreciation for and practice of hospitality. In the modern era, there are few opportunities to experience its main expression, that is, meal fellowship. "Dinners of Eight" seeks to offer members of a congregation, their friends, and, possibly in time, people of other faiths, opportunities to experience each other. It is small (actually, intimately so), relatively easy to pull off (eight is a manageable number to fit around any formal table so as NOT to exclude people with smaller homes), and once established, tends to sustain and grow itself.

Signup sheets are posted in the Narthex allowing all congregation members the opportunity to join a "dinner of eight". Those that choose to host should provide the main course and ask the others coming to dinner to bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad, or dessert. The offering of wine and/or beer should be decided by the whole group.

After meeting and sharing dinner, it is encouraged that the guests then host a dinner of their own, which is again open to the members of the congregation to join. Following these gatherings, the ministry would expand again in the same way with the guests hosting their own "dinner of eight". Our plan is to restart this program here at St. Philip's in September. I look forward to witnessing our congregation come together and grow into a community bound together in fellowship.

For more information please contact Allyson Myers or Gigi Mueller.





















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Together in Faith

A Community Learning Experience for all Ages

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29th *9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

- Adults and Youth will share breakfast and fellowship
- The Youth will talk about their experience at their Work Camp experience in Pittsburgh this summer
- Kid's Club will meet as usual.
- Sign up for bring food: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA5AB2BA7FE3-together2

*The Nursery Will Be Open!



Service of Healing - Feast of St. Luke Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Luke was not only the writer of the third Gospel. He is also known as "the physician". As part of the celebration of his life proclaiming the gospel for the healing of the world, we will be having a healing worship service on October 17th. This worship service is for anyone who would like to attend, but in particular those who have friends, family, loved ones, etc. who need prayers for healing . . . Even prayers for the healing of the world. We hope you will join us for this meaningful celebration of the ways in which God is constantly healing our broken worlds and spirits.

Daylight Saving Time is ending on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Don't forget to turn your clocks back. We don't want to lose out on an extra hour of sleep that day.





Reformation Sunday is Sunday, October 29, 2023 - Don't forget to put this special day in the life of the church on your calendar.

Everyone is encouraged to wear *red* clothing that day - **red** is the color of the Holy Spirit and the liturgical color of this special day!

HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH!

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

The Nursery is open for both services and during the education hour in between services. Contact Sandy Budd if you have. questions.

Learning Opportunities During the Christian Ed hour on Sunday morning

Small Group Bible Study (Adults) Learn about Water in the Bible and make connections with other adults

Rise and Shine (Younger Adults). Bring you coffee and hang out with other adults for casual conversation

Breakfast Club (6th-12th grade). Breakfast along with fellowship and learning

Kid's Club (3 yrs - 5th grade). Have fun with Lyrics, Learning and Legos

Youth Group is up and running again. Come have fun and serve the community.

Mission Kids has an activity each month. October will be Trunk or Treat.

Growing in the Gospel takes place during the sermon at second service. Children hear an age appropriate Bible story and have craft time.

Mark your calendars for October 29. TOGETHER IN FAITH BREAKFAST IS BACK AT 9:15 ON OCTOBER 29. Come enjoy food and fellowship; hear the youth talk about their experience at WorkCamp this past summer. Volunteer to bring food by signing up on the poster in the narthex or using the sign up genius link below.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA5AB2BA7FE3-together2

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.



Kids Club '23-'24 kicked off our Lyrics, Learning and Lego program on September 10th. The kids are currently learning the Kyrie with Ms Lauren and Mr Stephen. In the classroom, Ms Sandy and Ms Anna are using Lego to enhance the kids' learning of the parables and other Bible stories. We are excited for a fun filled year!

Hello Mission Kids! We have some exciting events planned for the next few months and we hope to see you all there! Look for emails to be sent out for updates and signups!



October – The Hockessin Small Business Association has officially set the Trick or Treat Candy Corn Trail date for Saturday, October 28th. We will plan to have lunch at the Grieder's house at noon, then we can head out for trick or treating around 1pm. Feel free to join us for all or part of our fun afternoon. Matt and Anna will provide pizza and drinks. Please consider bringing fruit, veggies, or other snacks to accompany lunch.



November – We will be getting into the thankful mood for our November gathering! On November 11^{th} from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM we will gather for Friendsgiving in the Social Hall at St. Philip's. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. An RSVP will be sent out towards the end of October for this event.



December - Advent Workshop is on December 3rd from 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM. Join us for crafts, snacks, and learning about the Advent season! This is a great event that is held annually and is open to kids of all ages! And friends and neighbors are more than welcome! An RSVP will be sent out for this event in November.

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 will meet **Sunday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. A second group, that meets with the Mueller's, that Koinonia group will meet on **Sunday, November 5 at 6:30 pm** at the Muellers, topic TBD. The Koinonia Christmas Social will be Sunday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. More details to follow. 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 Clean-Up Day Service Project - October 15th

As fall rolls in, are there leaves collecting on your lawn? What about leftover weeds from the summer heat? Do you need a little teenage muscle to help move things, winterize rooms, etc? The Youth Group is having its annual Clean Up Day Service Project after worship Sunday, October 16th. The youth can help with landscaping, taking out the trash, cleaning, or whatever you may need. Please contact Pastor Patrick if you would like to sign up.

Thank all of you who helped make our hosting week a successful one for the families. The donations of time and food were greatly appreciated. We had a new partner, The Zakat Foundation and will continue to partner with St. Michael's The Archangel through the end of 2023. Our partnership with St. Mike's has been a long and good one.

Our next hosting week will be the week of November 5th. We plan on asking for your continued support with a sign up poster in the Narthex and Sign up Genius.

Again, a very sincere thank you for making the families' stay an enjoyable one.

Blessings Rebecca and Marty

FAMILY PROMISE

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

Ministries at St. Philip's - Altar Guild

Have a safe and blessed Fall season!

Carol Oesterbo

Greetings to everyone!!

Blessings to all from Altar Guild & Bread Ministry members — We are always looking for new members — and if you have given a thought to "What would I like to do as part of my ministry for St. Philips" Altar Guild and the Bread Ministry team are here to welcome you — We meet approximately 4 times a year — Everyone is assigned on our quarterly schedules — approximately 2 or 3 times a quarter — and it entails — approximately 1 ½ — 2 hrs the weekend you are assigned. Bread Ministry entails making the bread and bringing it to church for Sunday Services — you are assigned usually 5 times in the year. Don't worry — if this isn't your area to get involved we understand — there are so many areas to share your particular expertise / excitement. I want to say a special THANK YOU to everyone on Altar Guild and the Bread Ministry Team for their continued support and dedication — also to Tom & Pam Brenneman and their team for taking care of changing the banners as the liturgical calendar evolves. If any questions/concerns — you can contact Carol Oesterbo.

On Tuesday, October 17th, at 6:30 p.m., we will have our next healing service, the Feast of St. Luke. St. Luke was a physician, so we meet on this night to think about all of the healing that is needed in our world and our lives. Jesus was very concerned about the brokenness of this world and what it does to people. As a human, he knew very well how much the pains and frustrations of this world can affect us and how much we need renewal.

In Matthew 5, Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. "Blessed" can also be translated as" Happy."

These don't seem like blessings that we are used to hearing. As he often did, Jesus has added a unique twist to the general thinking and teachings that are familiar to us. We usually think of blessings as coming with good fortune, but Jesus is blessing those who have been beaten down and feeling empty. Jesus has a deeper meaning to these blessings. First, there is the assurance that, when our time on this earth is done, we will receive God's total peace, love and joy, as we spend eternal life with him. This is a wonderful promise for us and a comfort that our loved ones, who have gone on before us, are already rejoicing in this heavenly blessing.

There is another meaning to Jesus' blessings in these words. We have the promised assurance that God is with us now, each and every moment of our lives. Sometimes, we need a more physical assurance that we are not alone and empty. That's when God sends us comfort and support through those around us. We are so blessed here at St. Philip's that we do have wonderful support. We have Stephen Ministers, who are trained and willing to walk one-on-one with someone who is going through a tough life situation. We have Shepherds, who check in with our members from time to time. We have Koinonia and other small groups, who gather together for fellowship, learning and support for one another. And, then, there is the whole congregation that is filled with loving, caring people. It's ok to let your feelings show here at St. Philip's. You won't be judged; you will be surrounded by loving arms and words of comfort.

If you are feeling the brokenness in the world or your life, please join us for the healing service

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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 Louse 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.



Grief Group - 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 **October 12th 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.

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 meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you!!!

Ministries at St. Philip's - Stephen Ministry

Gigi Mueller

St Philip's is fortunate to have **10 trained Stephen Ministers**. These are people who are extremely compassionate and are there to listen and offer support in whatever situation you may be going through.

Outside Group at St. Philip's -

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 October 10th at 1 p.m. in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

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, October 11, 2023 and October 25, 2023

WINTER COATS FOR GROCERY CLUB

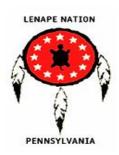
Do you have a winter coat that you don't wear anymore, or that your kids have outgrown?

We are asking for men's, women's and children's gently used coats along with hats and gloves.

PLEASE make sure coats are in good shape – zippers work, no missing buttons, and no stains!

Coats, hats and gloves can be left in the grey collection bin in the Narthex. Thank you for helping our Grocery Club families!

Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania



The Lenape people are the original inhabitants of eastern Pennsylvania, southern New York, New Jersey, and northern Delaware (collectively referred to as the Lenapehokink--"land of the Lenape

LUNCH & LEARN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th AFTER 10:30 a.m. SERVICE

Adam Waterbear DePaul, Chief of Education and Tribal Storykeeper of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, passes along his people's story.



Natural and environmental disasters and weather events seem to be big news items almost every day. Throughout the summer, Canadian and US wildfires have caused huge resource losses and negatively impacted air quality for most of our population. Extended periods of record high temperatures have led to dangerous conditions in many areas of the country. Hurricane season, now in full force, challenges coastal areas with storms which each year appear to be increasing in frequency and intensity. As I considered the aftermath of these events and the lives changed, I thought about how the impact varies in effect and recovery. Natural disasters, themselves, do not discriminate. Loss is loss for anyone experiencing it. Overall long-term consequences, though, disproportionately affect low-income communities of color.

Two major determinants of climate vulnerability are pre-existing health status and living situation. Consider preparedness. Low income individuals often have less structurally sound homes, may not be able to afford flood or other disaster insurance, may have less access to adequate air conditioning and heat, often live in areas with poorly maintained infrastructure such as sewer systems and levees, and are less physically and financially likely to have options to relocate. Power outages and disrupted transportation have a greater effect on those with health concerns or who rely on public transportation. Air and water quality, too, may be compromised even before a disaster. According to PSCI at Princeton, "African-Americans are 75% more likely than White people to live in 'fence-line' communities (areas near commercial facilities that produce noise, odor, traffic, or emissions that directly affect the population)" Consider response. There was a great deal of criticism after Hurricane Katrina (>1800 lives lost) for both its delay in action and level of response. Did race or income level play a part? How about Puerto Rico? Nearly 3000 died and it was close to a year before power was restored to everyone. Was that only due to this US territory being off the mainland? During the extreme heat wave this summer, I saw info on several urban initiatives but very little regarding what was being done to protect farm workers and rural Native Americans. As the then Senator Barak Obama, speaking about the poor response to Katrina, "It was not evidence of active malice, but merely the result of a continuation of passive indifference." Many factors play a part in the impact of a natural disaster, but certainly the most vulnerable will continue to feel disproportionate levels of consequences if we continue not to see them. It is so easy to get caught up in our own lives. My first reactions were the heat wave's impact on my daughter in Arizona or the hurricane heading towards my nephew in Florida. Next time I will try to broaden my thinking and ask who are the most likely to be forgotten in this crisis? This is where we will most certainly find Jesus.

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FALL BOOK DISCUSSSION

Sponsored by the Racial Justice Task Force

Sign up for pizza and discussion about the Lenape nations in our own backyard. Sign up on the poster in the narthex.

What: We Are Still Here! The Tribal Saga of New Jersey's Nanticoke and Lenape Indians, by JR Norwood. We will also reflect on the October 15th presentation at St Philips, by Chief Adam Waterbear DePaul of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania.

Use this link to access the book: https://nanticoke-lenape.info/images/ We Are Still Here Nanticoke and Lenape History Booklet pre-release v2.pdf OR "google" We are Still here - Lenape

When: Thursday, November 2, 2023

6:30 p.m. -- PIZZA

7:00 p.m. -- Discussion led by Phil Duncan

Where: Fellowship Hall at St Philips Lutheran Church

We Are Still Here!

The Tribal Saga of New Jersey's Nanticoke and Lenape Indians





Photo from the LCS Block Party!

From the Environmental Stewardship Team



Mary Duncan sent information and a pic from the recycling efforts at 25,000 Meals.

All of the boxes were broken down and recycled. The clear plastic bags, shrink wrap, table coverings and aprons were taken to Eco Plastic in Wilmington; those things are headed towards making benches.

Susan Mack came later to the event to take away recyclables, too.

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Back to School!

The end of summer camp at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center in August, brought the start of the new school year in September. Center Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen, says the camp's success was due to assistance from several "partner agencies like the Univ. of Delaware's food program, Summer Collab's 'Reading Buddies' program, and United Way's Book Nook program." Brandon added that "partner programs together with Hilltop's Renaissance Learning programs have helped to decrease and in some situations stop the summer slide for a number of our campers."



This year's summer camp included a first for the Hilltop Center...a Vacation Bible School! Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh says the program was a success. "Staff, family members, and students stayed to partake in daily lessons concerning faith, love, prayer, and peace. Several expressed interest in continuing these services throughout the year, as well as inten-

tions of returning for year two of Vacation Bible School."

With the start of the new school year, the Hilltop Center shifted to school year mode supplying its students with many learning programs. Center Deputy Director Furrowh notes that the "Center's evening programs will begin again in the month of October. The weekly evening programs will include dinner to accompany cooking classes, barbershop services, open gym, piano classes, percussion classes, and DJ workshops."

But not all lessons are found in a book. Deputy Director Furrowh says a festival is on the October calendar. "We will also host a Harvest Festival during the day for our students enrolled in Early Childhood Education program on October 31st, and a trip to Milburn Orchards for our Pre-K students."



Finally, last month we noted that our Executive Director, Michelle Williams, defended her doctoral dissertation. Today, we announce that Michelle was awarded her Doctorate Degree of Philosophy in Public Policy and Administration in September. Congratulations Dr. Williams!

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

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at the University of Delaware

LCM FALL FUNDRAISER CALLED BY NAME! SATURDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 4

The fall term has begun beautifully for LCM. Amid picnics, ice cream runs, and worship gatherings, we've enjoyed welcoming new members while reconnecting and sharing stories with returning members. It's a wonderful, engaging, and joyful student group. J

We're very excited for our upcoming **in-person fundraiser**, "Called by Name!" set for Saturday afternoon, November 4, beginning at 1:30 PM at Hope Lutheran Church in New Castle. We look forward to tasty hors d'œuvres and dessert, a fun auction (once again led by our bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl!), and the grace of gathering with the wider LCM community.

You're invited to assemble a raffle basket to donate for the event. Past themes have included chocolate lovers, green cleaning products, Italian dinner, puzzles, book lovers, holiday themes, and more. We welcome your creativity! Please contact our office if you have questions: office@lcmde.org. Baskets are due by Wednesday, November 1. Thank you.

We also welcome your ongoing prayers for LCM:

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to draw new students to our group.

Please pray for wisdom in identifying new members for our Directing Committee (governing board), as we expand and strengthen our leadership team.

Please pray for a joyful, fun, and successful fundraiser next month, to the glory of God. Thank you!

We'd love for you to visit us at the chapel (247 Haines Street) on a Tuesday evening. We're grateful for your continued support through prayers, home-cooked meals, and contributions, and we look forward to connecting on November 4 at our "Called by Name!" fundraiser. Hope to see you there! May God's peace, grace, courage, and hope be with you and your loved ones.

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service †
Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD
302-368-3078; chaplain@lcmde.org



A wonderful Welcome Picnic on our patio on September 5!

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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, Charles & 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, Leo & Lorraine Velez, Mark & Yvonne Cilento, Charlie Boss, Carol Goodman, Maria Start, Dave Frampton, Debra & Charlotte Gelesh, Danny Mason, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Diane Murray, Lynn Pouser, Jackie Kyle

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): Our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Ruth DiDonato & Family of Earl & Irene Meyer, family of Linda Burkum; Donna Miller, sister of Debbi Miller; Emily Ruckle & Tina Davis, family 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; Paul Budd, Sr., father of Scott & Lee & Patricia Craig, friends of The Budds; Greg Moore, friend, David Martin, Diane Balinski, Debra Jennings, & Barney Jennings, family of Russ Hokanson; Molly Wagner, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; Jermaine & Joslyn Sanders, friends of Nancy Zinnato; Norman Richards & Phyllis Mensinger, family 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; Lew & Donna Longhenry, parents of Bryan Longhenry; Steve Gibson, friend of Jean Kunkle; The Family of Robert Schuh, family of Diana Longhenry; Martin Page & Family, friends of Mike Rosen; 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, 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 & Chris Allen, son & relative of Beth Molnar; Zoe Kenaley, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; John Lehne, friend of Carol Goodman; Donna Reeves, sister of Pam Sheffer; Victoria Frattarola, granddaughter of Virginia Frattarola; Doris S. and Kathleen K., friends of Anne Hamilton



Sherry Thompson	10/1	Anita Sterling	10/18
Avery Bollman	10/2	Bill LaRue	10/19
Katie Spae	10/5	John Longo	10/19
Lois Hardy	10/6	Carl Hewlett	10/20
Tina Malatesta	10/6	Velma Stambaugh	10/20
Nancy Griffith	10/9	Michael Rosen	10/20
Anthony Schuessler	10/9	Georgia Solie	10/20
Pamela Sheffer	10/10	Carol Oesterbo	10/21
Jacqueline Kyle	10/11	Tom DeWeese	10/23
Erika Cockerill	10/14	Jan Evans	10/24
Damian Garbacz	10/15	Crystal Solie	10/24
Teri Kennedy	10/16	Phil Duncan	10/25
Carol Ruckle	10/16	Kenny Zinnato	10/25
Brittney Garbacz	10/16	Nicholas Kennedy	10/26
Bryan Longhenry	10/18	Debbie Pouser	10/28
Robert Schuessler	10/18	George Spae, Jr.	10/29

May God Bless You on Your Special Day!



Welcome, Juliette Joan DeFiore, daughter of Amber (Cory) and Anthony DeFiore. Born on August 27th, 2023, weighing 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Juliette is also, the granddaughter of Chuck and Pam Cory!

Congratulations!

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I already told you I am not turning your water into pumpkin spice latte



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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** Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall Between Services 9:15 a.m. Small Groups, 8:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary Christian Ed for All Ages

Sunday Morning Schedule