

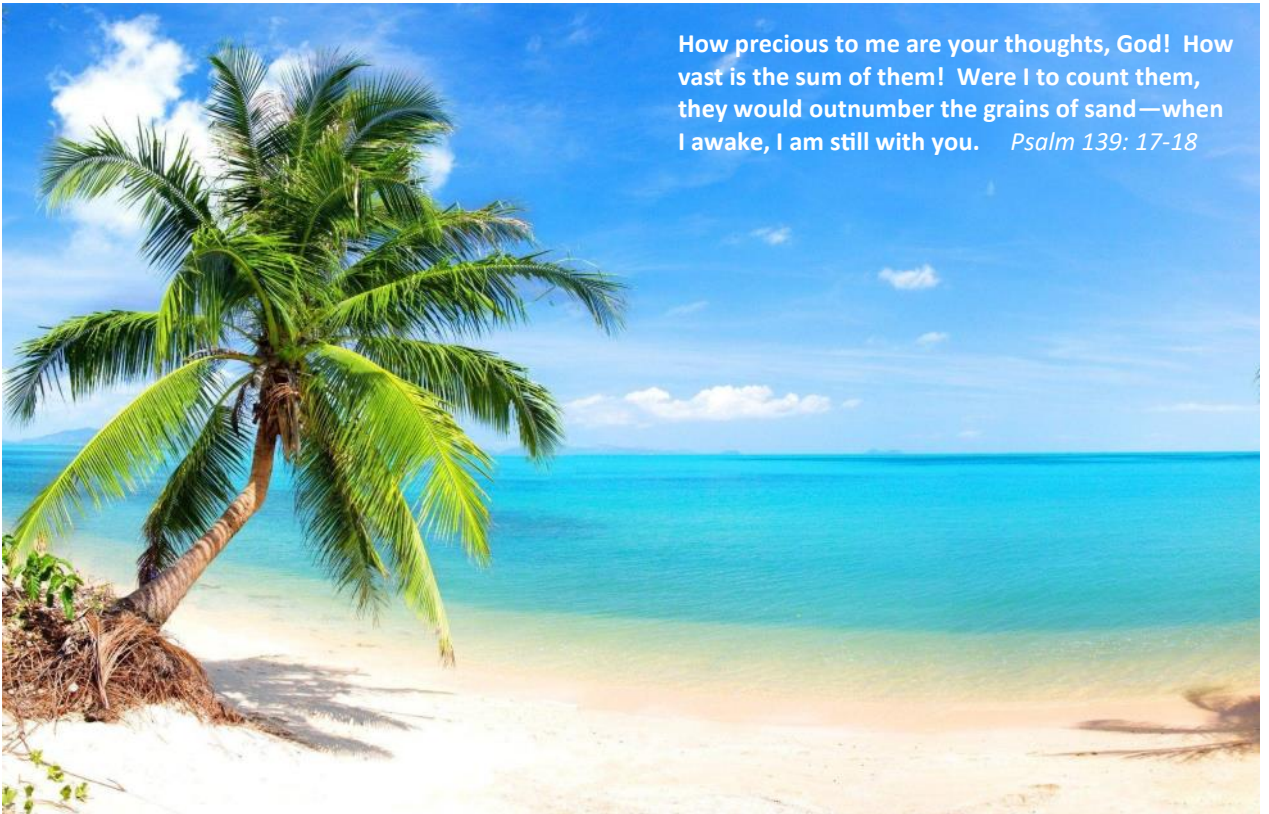
The Guidepost



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



June 2024



How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you. *Psalm 139: 17-18*

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

What I Find Most Special About the Capital Campaign!!

On the surface, our capital campaign appears to be nothing more than any other non-profit effort . . . We have a large project, we need money. And so we ask. But that is not what this is really about and it is not what I find special at all. What we do here is more than what is done for a plant sale for our kids' sports teams and it is more than my kids selling pizza for their PTA. What we are doing here is tied to faith . . . And that's it!! It is really an exercise in our faith. Let me explain more.

You see, this is what makes church so special. In so many ways when my kids are selling pizza kits for their school or selling plants for their sports teams . . . There is so much self interest in those projects. My kids attend those schools or teams and so to support that community effort, we sell things to help fund them.

But this is different. Because have you ever considered that the one thing that binds us all together is our faith in Jesus Christ. I have a lot of different kinds of interests: baseball, brewing beer, riding my motorcycle, working out . . . Some of you may have those interests, but that's not why you are here. You are here and we are bound together in this community because we place our hope and faith in Jesus Christ. We give here because we believe in faith that if we entrust our time, talents, and resources to this Church of Jesus Christ, that God will do something with it to bless us and the world.

That, to me, is what makes special what we are doing not just with our capital campaign, but with everything we give and entrust to St. Philip's. We are doing it all trusting God and trusting that what we do here makes a difference in the world because of our faith in Jesus Christ. And so, even though I wasn't here on Commitment Sunday, I watched online as so many of you walked up front in our church and turned in a commitment card and pledged to support this AMAZING thing we are doing, not just on our property, but around the world. WHAT AN INCREDIBLE FAITH YOU ALL HAVE.

You humble me and you inspire me. Thank you so much for your love, your faith, your generosity, and your passion for the world to know the love of Jesus.

God's Blessings to you this Summer!!

Happy June, everyone!

In his book, *The Road*, Cormac McCarthy tells the story of a father and a son walking alone through a burned and devastated America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape except the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. This father and son are on a journey to the coast, having no clue what awaits them there. It is the story of an image of the future in which no hope remains, except that the father and son are sustained by their love for one another.

Throughout the book, there is this theme of fire. Naturally, as travelers on the road of a dystopian America, fire would be very important. They are constantly looking for wood to start a fire, waking up to a fire that's almost burned out. The father holds the son close to the fire to warm him at night. But this theme of fire isn't just about the fire that burns outside – it is about the fire that burns *within*. And not the heart-burn, acid reflux kind. The father and son have this phrase they use together on the road – “we’re carrying the fire”, they say.

Early in the book, late at night, the boy says to his dad, *"We're going to be okay, aren't we Papa?"* *"Yes, we are", the father replies. "And nothing bad is going to happen to us?" the boy asks. "That's right," the father replies. "Because we're carrying the fire," the boy asks. "Yes," the father says. "Because we're carrying the fire."*

Towards the end of the story, the father has grown sick. He's developed a terrible cough and he knows his death is near. And he tells his son to go on without him.

"I want to be with you", the boy says. "You can't, son." "Please, Papa." "You can't. You have to carry the fire" the father replies. "Is it real? The fire, Papa?" "Yes it is, son." "Where is it? I don't know where it is" the boy says. "Yes you do. It's inside you. It was always there. I can see it" the father replies.

As we enter into summertime, and the heat starts to settle in, may we be reminded of the heat of the fire we carry inside of all of us. It is in baptism that we are given the Holy Spirit and we are called to use that fire we have for the good of our neighbors and community. For we have a God who overcame death & the grave - *when the flame seemed to have gone out forever*. But God proved it never would happen through Jesus. Blessings to you and your families this summer! The Lord goes with you.



The Habitat Restoration Crew has been working to clear invasive Garlic Mustard plants from St Philip's "back yard." On Saturday, May 4th, our hearty crew filled 5 large plastic bags with Garlic Mustard invaders, freeing the surrounding ground to receive native ground cover plants, which we hope to install by the end of May.

Shown here are Bill LaRue, "Port" Porter, Ron Pierce, and Mary Duncan

The Crew continues to work 10-noon on the 1st Saturday and the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please join us if you have some time on those dates. We have both "easy" and more challenging tasks. Also, please get in touch with Phil or Mary Duncan.

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St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report by Minor Group

April of Fiscal Year 2024

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - General

| | April Actual | Year-to-date Actual | Year-to-date Budget | Percent of Budget |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Group 00 | 43,371.67 | 191,929.69 | 160,749.99 | 119.40% |
| Total Income | 43,371.67 | 191,929.69 | 160,749.99 | 119.40% |
| Expense | | | | |
| Administration | 2,394.09 | 12,493.08 | 12,633.36 | 98.89% |
| Altar Guild | 1,081.35 | 3,278.07 | 1,834.68 | 178.67% |
| Anti-Racism | 0.00 | 251.96 | 500.00 | 50.39% |
| Benevolence | 1,458.33 | 5,833.32 | 5,833.32 | 100.00% |
| Christian Education | 102.76 | 309.58 | 2,900.00 | 10.68% |
| Finance/Stewardship | 6,268.00 | 25,421.99 | 25,738.64 | 98.77% |
| Food Pantry | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,933.32 | 0.00% |
| Hospitality | 1,943.37 | 2,378.75 | 1,000.00 | 237.88% |
| IT Technology | 0.00 | 0.00 | 833.32 | 0.00% |
| Outreach | 544.99 | 1,124.93 | 2,883.32 | 39.02% |
| Pastor | 10,832.84 | 43,331.36 | 43,920.64 | 98.66% |
| Property | 3,060.41 | 16,287.63 | 19,866.68 | 81.98% |
| Staff | 16,314.95 | 67,087.19 | 68,367.60 | 98.13% |
| Utilities | 1,582.34 | 7,066.60 | 7,733.32 | 91.38% |
| Worship and Music | 654.17 | 11,728.81 | 4,666.68 | 251.33% |
| Total Expense | 46,237.60 | 196,593.27 | 201,644.88 | 97.49% |
| Income Less Expense | -2,865.93 | -4,663.58 | -40,894.89 | |



Dear Friends:

Summer will soon be in full bloom and many of us will be hosting family events or going on vacation. I wish you well in these endeavors!

At a recent Church Council meeting, Liz Freburger shared with us a devotional about worrying and anxious thoughts. This got me thinking that several years ago, it was suggested to the members of St. Philip's that we might want to identify scripture that we found especially meaningful in our lives and then place it on paper or other media where we might see it often.

This devotional reminded me of a phrase from Paul's letter to the Romans that included: *"nothing can ever separate us from God's love...neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow"*.

As I have thought about that message it truly resonated with me. Like me, I suspect that you have good days and bad days. Days when inspiration and accomplishment of good works is at the forefront. And days when you are distressed, worried, and wonder if you can get through the week.

And that is my thought for you, and for me, today. As we exit the wonder of the Easter season where we have worshiped, and celebrated with friends and family perhaps there are pitfalls awaiting us in the weeks ahead.

If you have a portion of scripture that touches your heart, I invite you to call on it in those times. And, if you don't have anything specific, I offer you these words from Paul, that God is always there for us to help us deal with *our fears for today and our worries about tomorrow*.

He is always there for us. Have a great summer!



Worry is a conversation with yourself about things you cannot change.
Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things he can change.

If you know me, you know that I am a doer. If something needs to be done, I will just do it, and I normally do not ask for help.

But what if something needs to be done that is not in your control. You need someone's help to physically complete the task or simply their knowledge to compensate for your lack thereof. What do you do then? Do you begin to worry about how you are going to get this done? Who are you going to ask (or burden). What if nobody comes to mind from your inner circle? What if you don't have an inner circle? Cue the spiraling.

Does this sound familiar?

God does not want you to focus on things that are outside of your control. God wants you to trust him instead of ruminating on worrisome things all day long. God wants you to stop worrying so you can have victory in Jesus.

Matthew 6:25-27,34

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

I know this seems easier said than done. But here are 4 easy ways that we can help relieve the worry in our lives.

- Surrender your worries to God.
- Stay in the present moment.
- Meditate on God's word.
- Declare the truth about your situation.

From Koinonia - Sharon Kittle and Gigi Mueller



koinonia

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! Our next koinonia gathering is on **TBD**. We will watch and discuss the video series *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. A second group, that meets with the Mueller's, that Koinonia group will meet on **Sunday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm at the Mueller's home**. Come to discuss positives in your life. Please let Gigi Mueller know if you have any questions and if you are coming. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

Picture from Together in Faith - Pentecost Sunday



Women's Ministry

The June **Daytime Women's Book Club** will be **Tuesday, June 25th**, at **noon**, at Gigi's. This is our summer salad and dessert social. No book discussion. Bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be wine, or bring whatever else you want to drink.

A NEW women's group is being formed called, "Young at Heart". Our next gathering will be **Saturday, June 15th, from 1:30–3 p.m.** at the home of Gigi Mueller. This is a group for senior (or younger) women who just want to share how aging is affecting our lives, both good and not so good. Any questions or if you would like to join us, let Gigi know.

There were 10 women who got together in April at **Harvest Ridge Winery**. It was an enjoyable event and we are gathering again on **June 29th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Harvest Ridge Winery in Toughkenoman, PA**. RSVP to Gigi by June 22nd.

The **Women's Evening Book Club** meets on the **second Friday of the month at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall or individual homes. Our time together is much like a happy hour with good friends! Feel free to bring a snack or beverage to share. Our next meeting is **June 14th**. For June we will be discussing *Those Empty Eyes*, by Charlie Donlea. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. Mark your calendars and plan to come . . . we hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

From Women's Spring Retreat 2024 - Dawn Downes and Donna Daugherty



Our 2024 Women's Spring Retreat was April 26th - 28th. A small group met Thursday evening for some pre-retreat fun starting with dinner at Thompson Island.

Friday morning we enjoyed breakfast together at Egg in Rehoboth, followed by a day of shopping and pedicures. As the women began arriving Friday afternoon, we shared a HAPPY hour before having our dinner of pizza and salad. Following dinner, Dawn opened our study of the women of the Bible. It was fabulous!



Saturday we continued our study after breakfast until early afternoon. We enjoyed our free time, celebrating the joy of newer friendships along with older ones. Lunch, shopping, going to the beach, and spending time with one another filled our hearts. Saturday evening after dinner and our study, we made bracelets symbolizing the roles of the women we had studied. We sang, and danced, and shared.



Sunday morning after a continental breakfast with Allyson's yogurt / fruit bar we finished our study of women from both the Old and New Testament. Pastor Amy then led our closing worship celebrating our faith and the Eucharist. God is so good, and so was this special week-end of Christian sisterhood!



Next year's retreat will be the weekend of **May 1-4, 2025**. If you are interested in attending next year's retreat, [click on this link](#) to let the planning team know that you want to go!



PUB THEOLOGY

Martin Luther once said: *“Whoever drinks beer, they are quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!”*

Pub Theology is all about open and honest, faith-filled conversations about things that matter. A table where all perspectives are welcome and appreciated. The format is simple: *beer, conversation, and God*. Come and bring your questions and thoughts, bring a friend, pull up a chair, and join Pastor Amy. You’ll be able to share your own wrestling’s and thoughts while learning something new along the way, and hey— there’s likely to be a good craft beer you haven’t tried yet!

We had our last one in May & are taking a break over the summertime but Pub Theology will start back up in September!

Cheers!

Pr. Amy



A couple more pics from the Women’s Retreat!

Kid's Club Messy Hands Project! Extra pics and the finished piece!!!



THE FINISHED PRODUCT!!!





We are incredibly *Thankful* to the Pinners and Knotters!

Ellen Lenker and her group have done a wonderful job for years making these lovely quilts for seniors to take with them.

This year, these 8 friends had a blast learning about parables and various other stories from the Bible as well as learning several songs we regularly sing during worship with Ms Lauren and Mr Stephen. They did a fantastic job performing for the congregation on Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday!

This summer they will be spreading painted rocks into the community. The rocks include words representing the fruits of the spirit. This project was started last year by the kids and completed this year. You may have even found one on Sunday!

Kids Club wrapped up the 2023-2024 education year with an end of year party and a "graduation" for Allie who will be moving on to Breakfast Club next year! Stay tuned for sign ups and information about Kids Club 2024-2025. We will have a new theme and hopefully even more friends joining our highly energetic group of kids!



This month, Mission Kids focused on an event for the Mission Moms! We enjoyed dinner and a paint night in the Fellowship Hall. It was a great opportunity to get to know one another without interruption. There was no shortage of laughter over our painting abilities!

Mission Kids will slow down for the summer, however, we will have a **Pool Party on July 13th at the DeWeese House**. Keep an eye on your email for more detailed information in the next few weeks.



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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 on Sunday morning. Contact Maryann Shovestul if you have questions.

Mission Kids will have a **pool party** on **Saturday July 13**.

Youth will be attending the **ELCA Youth Gathering** in New Orleans on **July 16-20**

SUMMER OF SERVICE RETURNS in June with our **Tower of Food**. Help us build our tower in the narthex.

- Children should pick up bingo cards, take them to the store and try to find 5 items in a row to donate.
- All items are welcome but those really needed include: cereal, shelf milk, laundry detergent, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, coffee, tea,, salt and pepper, crackers, toothpaste, soap of any kind, adult diapers, feminine products, toilet paper, size 5 or 6 diapers, wipes.

Coming This Fall to Adult Bible Study: Join other adults for the study of **Biblical Texts No One Wants To Talk About**.

- Explore the difficult texts in the Bible that make us uncomfortable but are Theologically important.
- Classes will again be held on Sunday morning and Tuesday morning.
- Sign up will begin in August.

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 2024

JUNE. Tower of Food

- Help build our tower with items for St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries
- Klds should pick up a bingo sheet to use when shopping; try to find items that give you 5 in a row
- Special items needed include: **cereal, shelf milk, laundry detergent, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, salt & pepper, crackers, toothpaste, soap of any kind, adult diapers, feminine products, toilet paper, size 5 or 6 diapers, wipes**

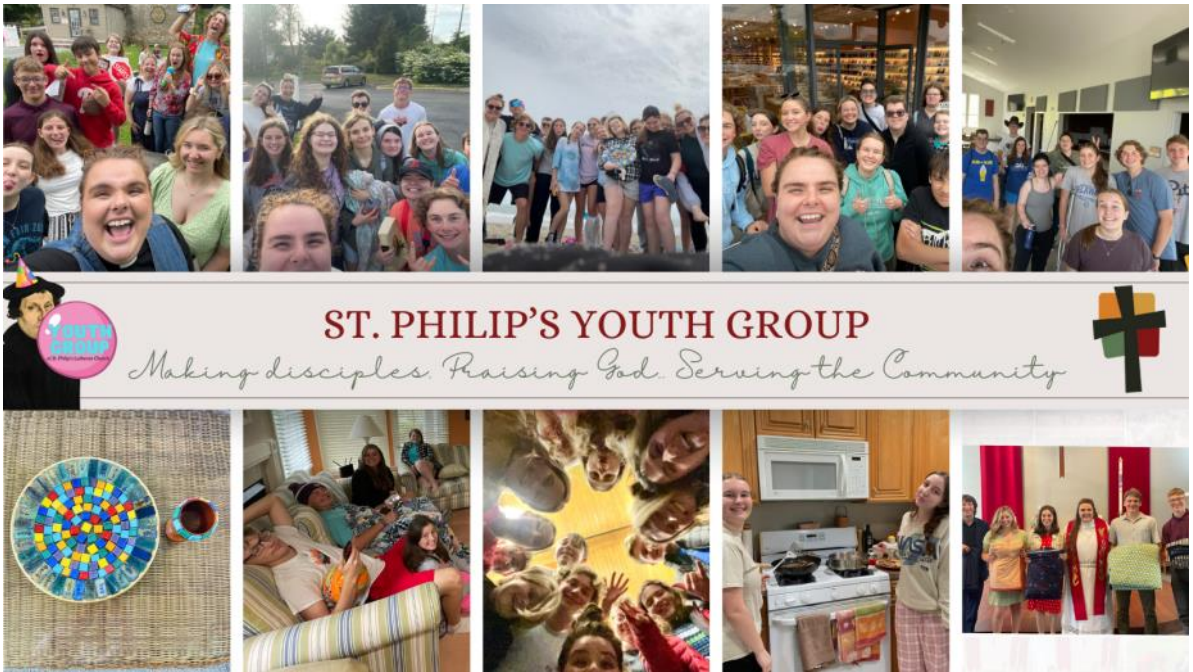
JULY E.A.G.L.E.S. School Supplies

- Collect school supplies for a classroom in the Dominican Republic
- The Sign Up Genius link is:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA5AF2CA6FE3-49627370-july>

AUGUST Meals for the Hungry

- Make meals that will go to St. Stephen's pantry and the Food Bank of Delaware
- Donate to help fund the cost of the meals
- Sign up to help prepare the meals on Saturday August 17

**Families: make sure you pick up bingo cards
so your children can shop with you and fill out their bingo cards.**



We have had a phenomenal year as a Youth Group! We cannot wait to head to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA this summer! Thanks be to God for our young people! Happy summertime!

6/2 - **ELCA National Youth Gathering Meeting & Potluck @ 5pm @ Pr. Patrick's house!**

All youth attending the National Youth Gathering + parents are invited to this informational meeting as we gear up for our trip to New Orleans, LA in July! You won't want to miss this! Mark your calendars!

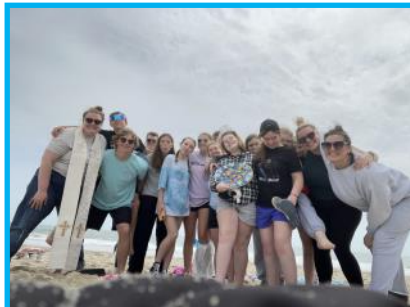
See email for the Food Sign-Up

6/9 - after the 10:30AM worship service, we will gather in Fellowship Hall to tie-dye 1 of our 5 shirts for the Youth Gathering (**11:45am-12:45pm**)

If you cannot make that date/time, let me know & we can do 1 of 2 things:

- 1.) give you your shirt & tie-dye equipment, or
- 2.) we can tie-dye it for you on the 9th.

Youth Group - Beach Retreat 2024



YOUTH
RETREAT

From Youth Group Events! Spring Clean-up and Skyzone Event



End of Year Ice Cream at Woodside!



Stephen Ministry

There was a Stephens Ministry Lunch and Learn on May 5 . It was very informative as to what Stephen Ministry is and who Stephen Ministers are. Interest was shown in taking the training and also inquiring about getting a Stephen Minister. Any questions, please let Gigi Mueller or Pastor Patrick know.

Shepherding Team

The next
Shepherds meeting **Monday,**
August 12th @
1 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.



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 11th 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 **June 13th 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.

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.

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. Any questions contact Dave or Donna Porter

Help Us Restock the Care Kits for the Homeless – As you may know, we provide care kits for our members to keep in their cars or wherever to help people in need when we come across them in our daily life. Our supply of care kits are running low and we need help restocking our care kit bags. It's winter, so socks, hats, gloves, band-aids, etc. are needed. There is a bin in the narthex into which you can place all the items you donate. Thank you so much for your care and generosity. A sign up for the things we need can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-47073305-homeless>


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, June 12, 2024 and June 26, 2024

From Family Promise

Marty Budd and Rebecca Bardenhagen

St. Philips Next Host Week: September 1-7

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed food, time, and supplies during St. Philips Family Promise host weeks! Our next host week will be September 1-7. In late July, sign-up posters will be in the Narthex with menus listing food you can provide for our host week. We also welcome people to sign up to help serve food and clean up during that week from 5:45 until approximately 6:45. In addition, a Sign-Up Genius link will be sent out in late July for perishable items which will be collected before September 1.

A huge thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact RebeccaBardenhagen or Marty Budd with any questions. Blessing to all.

FAMILY PROMISE

**September 1, 2024 to September 7, 2024
then, the week of: November 17, 2024 to November 23, 2024**

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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| WORD BANK: | HOT | PLAY | SUN |
| BBQ | ICE CREAM | POOL | SUNGLASSES |
| BEACH | JUMP | POPSICLE | SWIM |
| CAMPING | KITE | SAND | SWING |
| FUN | PICNIC | SUMMER | VACATION |

It was a sunny late afternoon. I had official permission to cross town to pick up my wife and infant daughter, who had spent the day with our congregation's organist.

Gigi was on the floor under the glove compartment closely holding Kristin. As instructed, we drove at 15 miles/hour. In the two miles to our apartment on the east side of town, we passed four check points. The badge on the first policeman we encountered was embossed "Columbus."

On the roofs of the two or three story buildings, on the north side of Main Street there were hundreds of police with rifles at the ready. On the south, I saw what had to be at least several dozen ambulances, waiting and ready to move at a moments notice. A half dozen helicopters flew low overhead.

It was May 4, 1970, Kent, Ohio. Earlier in the day, four students were killed and seven injured as the National Guard opened fire on the Kent State University commons.

I presume that on the 54th anniversary of May 4 of this year, associations with present protests about the war in Israel and Gaza are inevitable. I am going to avoid listing and commenting on how extremely different the protests of the 1960s and the present are. Instead, I offer another association many of us have forgotten, namely, about war protests and racial ones.

I was in a meeting with Fred Hampton, Deputy Chair of the Black Panther party in 1970. Two weeks later he was killed in Chicago by the police, shot in his bed. In those days, the BP party was asking for 13 States in the south for their own country. I clearly remember suggesting that within some period of time, some number of their own would exploit them. I believed over 50 years ago and still do, that regardless of race, religion, or other differences, humans are humans. We have a "fallen" penchant for conflict.

That said, what associations might be made between the Black Power movement of the 1960s, the "Black Lives Matter" movement of recent years, and the state of racial relations today? While some may have feelings about how far we have come, statistics on nearly everything from economic disparities to mortality rates remain greatly concerning.

Are there appropriate and potentially effective places for churches, black and white, to work together to overcome the disparities and heal the breaches? A black Kent State professor, I met "in the street" after the May 4 disaster shared: "If you want to get to know me, don't study me but work with me."



2024 Golf Classic

To Support Housing Stability



FIELDSTONE GOLF COURSE

Play the award winning course!

Monday, June 3rd, 12:30 pm, shotgun start

Pricing:

Ticket Packages

| | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| \$250 | Per Golfer |
| \$1,500 | Per Corporate Foursome |
| \$100 | Per Extra Dinner Guest |

Sponsor Packages

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| \$5,000 | Dinner Sponsor |
| \$3,000 | Lunch Sponsor |
| \$2,000 | Cocktail Hour Sponsor |
| \$1,500 | Halfway Hut Sponsor |
| \$1,500 | SWAG Sponsor |
| \$500 | Hole Sponsor |

The Day Will Include:

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

For Questions:

For information on how to become a sponsor, or any other questions, contact Alex at AMazzei@LCSDE.org



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Lutheran Community Services Golf Outing, June 3rd at Fieldstone Golf Club.
12:30 p.m. shotgun start. If you are interested in joining a foursome from St. Philip's, see Jim Stevens.

Musicians and Music Lovers! Join us for Christian Music Festival on Saturday June 22nd

Chuck Cory has once again assembled a great lineup of music for this daylong festival at St. Philip's. This is a great chance to invite family and friends to St Philip's for good music and fellowship. Look for volunteer signups to help make this event a big success.

Water is Life Kenya

By now you have heard about St Philip's plans to use a portion of the funds raised by the capital campaign for a major outreach project in Kenya. St Philip's will be working with Water is Life Kenya, a local nonprofit, to drill a well and provide life giving fresh water to a rural community in Kenya. WILK will be doing preliminary work this summer with the community where this project will take place. Stay tuned for more information about the project and the community in Kenya later this summer!

In the meantime, you can check out information about water projects already completed by WILK at :

<https://waterislifekenya.org/our-work/proof-it-works/completed-water-projects/>

There are lots of photos showing boreholes being drilled and the pump houses and water tanks under construction, as well as the people who now have clean water in their communities!



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FESTIVAL!

Come Join Us at
St Philips Lutheran Church,
5320 Limestone Road,
Wilmington De. 19808
On 6/22/24
from 11am to 7pm

Featuring:

Richard Porto, Harps to Halos, Gina Miller, Steve Harkey,
Lisa and Paul Fenstermacher, Aaron Smith, Kayla,
L Carlton Allen, Mike Rosen, Nykisha Treasure Gaines,
Rhonda Christina, Highland, Larry Belote, Angelo, and Fashion Steppers

Pastor Amy was asked by some seniors to participate in a service at LCM for the Graduates. Are we surprised?

Below are a few pictures from that event.





Summertime at LCM

Though our LCM students are now spread across the US, from Southern California to Tennessee, as well as throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region, we **welcome your thoughts and prayers**, that they may stay safe, healthy, and rooted in Jesus. Some LCM members will be traveling this summer (one to Italy, one to New Orleans, and one to the Galapagos Islands!); others will be working; some will be studying; and all will have the chance to reconnect with family and friends from home. Please pray for meaningful reunions and valuable conversations, as well as for God's peace.

Our search for new members for LCM's Directing Committee (governing board), as well as members for our sub-committees, such as property care and Mutual Ministry, is ongoing. If you enjoy college students and would like a new **volunteer opportunity**, please reach out. Volunteering with LCM can be something as straightforward as teaming with friends to bring a Tuesday dinner in the fall (classes resume August 27!) or collecting snacks to be shared at our chapel.

We're grateful for the support we receive from many area congregations via prayers, team efforts (like *Fellowship in Serving the Hungry* and games with the "Youtherans" in February), home-cooked meals, board member service, and generous donations, whether financial or edible! ☺ The college years can be deeply formative for one's life of faith in Jesus Christ, so **thank you** for making this program possible. Our inspiring LCM students continue to grow in discipleship, faith, outreach, leadership, and service, thanks to your support and care.

*In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service +
Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD
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A final sweet visit with the LCM seniors at UDairy in May!

Rapping with Hilltop!

Since reading “is fundamental,” learning to read and improving reading skills are a huge part of the curriculum at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. This spring, Center Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen, reports that students spent a lot of time working on their reading skills.



“We completed Phonics and Word Recognition File Folder Games that help students demonstrate knowledge of letter-sound correspondences and associate long and short vowel sounds with common spellings.”

In addition, Teresa says older students worked on basic math and literacy skills toward the anticipated End of the Year

Renaissance Learning Assessments.

“These assessments help us to gage where the students reading, and math levels started in September to where they are now. They really did a great job, working hard on getting them done. Every friend should be super proud of themselves!” And we are too!

According to Teresa, over spring break, students visited the Rose Hill Community Center to rap about health issues!

“Kids were able to learn about how smoking and vaping affects their bodies and things that they can do to prevent smoking and vaping amongst peers. They were able to jam out to original songs titled ‘Escape the Vape’ and ‘Listen Up’.”

But wait, there’s more! Science also played a part in Hilltop’s spring activities. Teresa says it came in the form of continued work in the [Center’s garden](#).



“Our friends continued to work in the garden with Scouts by planting fruits and vegetables. Some youth helped dig the trails to place the seeds, while others placed the seeds in the beds, and still others watered the seeds to help them grow! We are excited to see what pops out...!”

*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, Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles & Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, Carol Ruckle, Lamont & Sharon Smith, Louise James, Ethel Reichley, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sam Cory, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Carol Goodman, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Bev Reedy, Elizabeth Stirk, Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun. Vic Brick, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano

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; **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 Donna 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; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **John, Sr. & Anna Longo**, parents of John Longo; **Lew & Donna Longhenry**, parents & **Brad Oliver**, brother-in-law 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; **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; **Bill Molnar**, husband of Beth Molnar; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **Doris S. and Kathleen K.**, friends of Anne Hamilton; **Frank Kulick**, brother of Ruth Bowles; **Christopher Longo**, son of John & Kim Longo; **Lisa Santak**, daughter of Marion Santak, **Dave and Sharon Potter**, Friends of Lila Hall; **Maria Perdikis**, friend of Donna & Monika Daugherty; **Michele Levanduski**, Family of Paul Gelesh; **Taylor Pouser**, daughter-in-law of Lynn Pouser; **Kristi Barnett**, friend of Angela Klemens

Happy Birthday from your Church Family!

June Birthday's

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| Peggy Barker | 6/1 | David Suddard | 6/12 |
| John Newcomer | 6/1 | Celeste Mutschler | 6/13 |
| Jodi Newcomer | 6/2 | Amber Cory | 6/14 |
| Stephen Benscoter | 6/3 | Sarah Pawley | 6/14 |
| Jillian Obara | 6/3 | Sally Krapf | 6/14 |
| Wayne Pouser | 6/3 | Delores Wardwell | 6/14 |
| David Rosario | 6/3 | Patrick William Downes | 6/16 |
| Kendra Cutler | 6/4 | Wesley Morrison | 6/16 |
| Jenna Start | 6/4 | Mark Myers | 6/17 |
| Stephanie Mignogna | 6/5 | Ernie Frisicchio | 6/17 |
| Katie Gustaitis | 6/6 | Ronald Henry | 6/18 |
| Debra Gelesh | 6/7 | Arianna Downes | 6/23 |
| Liz Freburger | 6/7 | Donna Daugherty | 6/23 |
| Debbie Galonsky | 6/8 | Teri Suddard | 6/23 |
| Katherine Fry | 6/8 | Hilde Cox | 6/25 |
| Kelly Krapf | 6/8 | Gabe Savini | 6/26 |
| Gregory Meador | 6/8 | Kristin Baronio | 6/27 |
| Samantha Papili | 6/8 | Kim Christopher | 6/27 |
| Nancy Zinnato | 6/9 | Audrey Everett | 6/28 |
| Karen Baumbach | 6/10 | Nancy Gale | 6/28 |
| Barbara Dickinson | 6/10 | Dave Frampton | 6/29 |
| Beverly Reedy | 6/10 | William Krapf | 6/29 |
| Eliza Solie | 6/11 | | |
| James Stevens | 6/11 | | |

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.

Who Does What at St. Philip's

Staff:

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David Kenney
Mary Kay LaRue
John Longo

Council (continues):

Debbi Miller
Dave Porter
Mike Rosen
Jim Stevens

Committees/Activities:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Altar Guild..... | Carol Oesterbo |
| Christian Education..... | Sharon Kittle |
| Enviro. Stewardship..... | David Porter |
| Fellowship..... | Pam Sheffer |
| Finance/Audit..... | Coleman Bye |
| Grocery Club..... | Nancy Zinnato |
| Habitat Restoration Group | Phil & Mary Duncan |
| Outreach..... | Susan Mack |
| Prayer Ministry..... | Contact Church Office |
| Property..... | Dave Frampton |
| | Mark Myers |
| Racial Justice Task Force | Phil Duncan |
| Worship and Music..... | Louise James |

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Address Service Requested

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