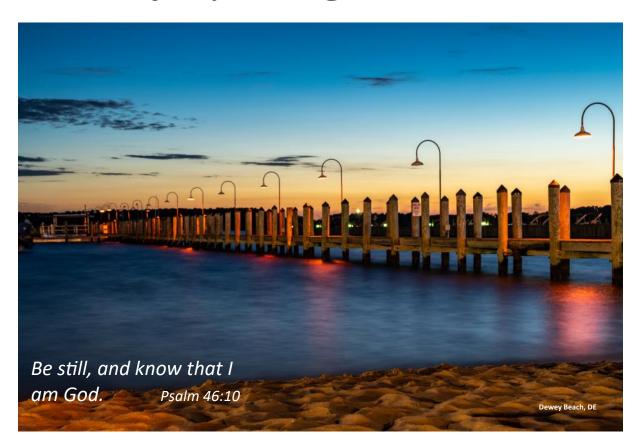
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St. Philip's Lutheran Church 5320 Limestone Road Wilmington, DE 19808



## July/August 2024



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

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#### From the Senior Pastor - Pastor Patrick

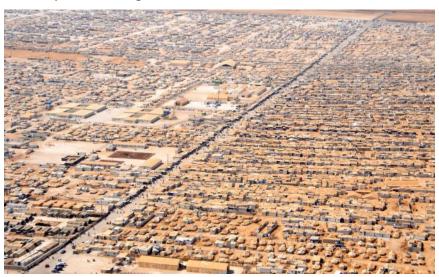
#### A New Pathway for Refugees to Resettle in Peace

This past Spring, several of our members attended a national conference on Zoom held by HIAS, which stands for "Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society." HIAS is a Jewish American nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees. They work around the world to assist displaced people of all backgrounds, including refugees of all nationalities, religions, and ethnic origins.

Our specific reason for attending this meeting was that we were made aware that the United States Government has expanded opportunities for refugees to resettle in the United States. Up until now there were limited paths for refugees to come to America. The would need to work with groups like JFS (who we worked with here in Delaware) for that organization to sponsor them. What that could mean is that refugees could spend decades in refugee camps like the one in Jordan in the picture below which hosts over 1.3 Million refugees currently. The new program in the U.S., which models programs in European countries allows groups of 8 to 10 people (or a church) to directly sponsor an individual or family. It means we don't need JFS to help us along the way and provides a faster pathway for refugees to enter the United States.

We'll be working in the coming months to get a group of people from St. Philip's to be trained and background checked so that we can help the brother and sister-in-law of one of our current refugee families to resettle here as well. We'll have more responsibilities than we had before—it will be up to us to help them receive State Benefits and find housing. But, we've been through this with our families in the past so we feel well equipped to help them.

If you are interested in helping out, let me know. We'll be meeting very soon to get the process started. Thank you for loving others as Jesus has loved us!!



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# From the Associate Pastor - Pastor Amy

I so appreciate how much this church loves its young people. That was one of the first things I noticed about this congregation: that this church *loves* and *supports* the young folks. I have seen this come to life in front of me with the incredible participation and help with every youth event, like the Spaghetti Dinner, the Easter Breakfast, etc.

One (big) way you all have helped and supported is the Youth Group's trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA from July 16-20th. As it approaches, I am reminded of what it is all about and why we want our youth to experience this event. Normally, this event happens every three years but due to COVID, the last time this event happened was in 2018. Every year this massive event of thousands of ELCA youth from around the country come together to worship, serve the community, learn and grow in their faith. It is a chance to step outside themselves and meet God in a new place and through new people and experiences. This is incredible and I so look forward to bringing and leading our Youth Group to this event!

The ELCA writes, "This year the event's theme is 'Created to Be.' We have been created to be ourselves. Created by the Holy One. Since the last time the ELCA came together for an ELCA Youth Gathering, our young people have experienced several major life events. Still today, we are experiencing an ongoing public health crisis mixed with an economic and political crisis. However, we can rest assured that we are created to be in relationship with one another.

We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel.

We are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

Our host city, New Orleans, has always been its true, authentic self. Our theme, "Created to Be," highlights the arts, music and soul of this beautiful, vibrant and resilient city. New Orleans was built to host and be a city where all God's children come together."

This trip invites us all to embrace the God who shows up in unexpected places and tells us that we are "Created to Be" a people who are loved and enough by God. *Thank you* for *loving* and *supporting* our young people and for helping and encouraging them to have such amazing faith experiences. We can't wait to show you and tell you all about it!

#### From the Habitat Restoration Crew - Phil Duncan

Thanks to Anne Hamilton, Jane Newcomer, Dave Thompson, Ron Pierce, Port and Donna Porter, Bill LaRue, and Mary Duncan for a great session on Saturday, June 1st.

In a bit over 1 hour we planted about 120 plugs in land we have been clearing. Each plug is marked with a white flag. We planted ferns, spice bush, and foam flowers. The ferns and foam flowers are ground cover plants that in time will be able to outcompete the invasive that we've beaten back in the planting areas. More to come!

Attached are pics from today showing our gang plugging away!!! Also shown is Mike from Redtail, who augered the holes for today's planting.

Thanks to all!! Please talk up our adventures to possible recruits for the Crew!!









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#### From Finance - Teri Suddard

6/10/2024	St. Philip's Lutheran Church						
12:50p	Treasurer's Report by Major Group						
	M						
		May Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget		
Group 00		61,266.69	253,196.38	203,133.32	124.65%		
	Total Income	61,266.69	253,196.38	203,133.32	124.65%		
Expense							
Administration		3,055.02	21,944.60	15,791.70	138.969		
Committees		14,099.70	72,793.32	78,945.80	92.219		
Pastor		10,860.70	54,192.06	54,900.80	98.719		
Staff		18,139.82	85,227.01	85,459.50	99.739		
Utilities		1,528.13	8,594.73	9,666.65	88.91		
Benevolence		1,458.33	7,291.65	7,291.65	100.009		
	Total Expense	49,141.70	250,043.37	252,056.10	99.20		
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#### From LCS Gulf Outing - Jim Stevens, Paul Gelesh, John Lion and John Newcomer







# From the President - Gerry Butler

As we enter the summer months your Church Council and many ministries will take a short break but will continue to work on and monitor our capital projects.

As I was gathering my thoughts for this July/August message, I again turned to all the summer activities that have begun. The kids are out of school, pools have opened, and many have headed to the "beach" or the "shore". Much needed vacations are planned as well as 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnics and barbeques. It's time to kick back and enjoy the sunshine!

Last year I shared a prayer with you by Martin Manser which I had edited and that I again share with you:

Lord, give us a good time this summer. Please give us safety as we travel and some time to relax.

Lord, I pray that this time will be one of inner restoration.

Renew us physically, emotionally and spiritually.

May we quickly unwind from all the strains, pressures, and stresses of our lives and have an enjoyable time.

May we have fun in the adventure before us—different activities or just chilling out—in all that we enjoy away from home and our ordinary routines of life.

If we worship you in unfamiliar surroundings, in a different style, may we be able to express our adoration and praise and hear you speaking to us in a fresh way.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given us Lord "to get away from it all".

May we return home refreshed—whole people again—to serve you

and the community where you have placed us.

May we not forget you as we go, but instead take you with us.

Relax and enjoy your summer. Safe travels!

Addendum: Martin H. Manser was born in 1952 in Bromley, Kent and has been a professional reference-book editor since 1980. He has also compiled and edited many titles that encourage Bible reading, including the 'NIV Thematic Study Bible' and 'NRSV Cross-Reference Bible' He has been a member for many years in a Baptist church in his home town of Aylesbury, England.

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# From Council - Carol Johnson

I have read several articles in the Wall Street Journal that reported on the challenges faced within our society over the past few years. It appears that our general well-being has been on a downward slide, especially after coming out of our time with Covid. Some of the effects on our well-being include depression, a sense of isolation, and loneliness.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Wall Street Journal had an article titled "Some Mental Health Benefits are Linked to Going to Church". A study noted in this article surveyed 200,000 people using 12 questions that pertained to happiness, close social relationships, financial stability, physical and mental health, and religious practices. Scores were higher for those who attend religious services weekly.

Places of worship provide an opportunity for people to gather on a regular basis. Worshiping together not only strengthens our faith but provides a sense of community and belonging. God formed His people to be a community. Jesus Christ extended that invitation, uniting us by His blood.

Churches who focus on building community provide opportunities for members to actively participate in the service by reading scripture, ushering, or singing. Community is extended beyond the weekly service with opportunities to participate in outreach programs, church suppers, and other volunteer activities.

All these activities can help improve our well-being. The challenge is to ensure that the Welcome mat is not only out but is active within us.

After reading Our Faith Stories, included in the packet for our capital campaign, I was overwhelmed by the number of stories that noted how welcome they felt at St. Philip's . That was a major driver when my own family made the switch to St. Philip's a few years ago. I feel blessed to be a part of this church and its mission to make disciples, praise God and serve the community.

May we continue to welcome our fellow family members in the spirit of love, to share and grow and show our faith. Let us share the wealth of our community.



# PUB #HEOLOGY

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 have had an <u>incredible</u> turnout since starting Pub Theology back up in January! We are on a break during the summer months but we will be back on the third Thursdays of every month from 6:30-8:30pm – beginning September 19th. Location to be announced.

As 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!"

Looking forward to starting back up in September! I would love to have you join us!



#### 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! The Koinonia Group that meets at St. Philip's will be taking a break for the summer and will return in September. A second group, that meets with the Mueller's, that Koinonia group will meet on Sunday, August 18th 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.

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The **Daytime Women's Book Club** meet once a month. *Little Bitty Lies*, by Mary Kay Andrews will be discussed on **July 16th**. On **August 20th** is an open discussioin on anything you have read which you would like to share with the group. We have not chosen a book for **September 17th**. *The First Ladies* is the book discussion for **October 15th**. The Taster is the book discussion for **November 19th**. Our Annual Christmas Social is **December 17th** The summer meetings are at Gigi s house. Fall will be meeting at St. Philip's

A NEW women's group is being formed called, "Young at Heart". Our next gathering will be **Saturday**, **July 27th**, **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.

Some of the women of St. Philip's have been getting together at **Harvest Ridge Winery in Toughkenoman, PA.** It's an enjoyable event and we will be gathering again soon, keep your eye out for the date. Any questions, contact Gigi.

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 July 12th**. We will be discussing Remarkably Bright Creatures, by Shelby Van Pelt. 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!

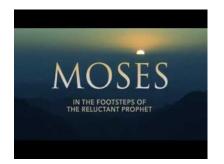
#### Small Group Registration for 2024-2025

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Biblical Texts No One Wants to Talk About - Sept to Dec 2024
The bible contains stories of discrimination, slavery, genocide, sexual immorality, female subservience just to name a few things we don't like to talk about in the bible. How is it that people believed God ordered these things? What can we say about them today. This first small group session tackles these



Moses: the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet - Jan/Feb 2025 Moses is probably the most significant character of the Old Testament. In this winter large group series, we'll use videos with Adam Hamilton to explore the birth, life, and struggle of the one chosen by God to lead people out of slavery into the promised land.

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#### Ego Eimi - March/April 2025

We'll return to small groups just prior to Easter to explore the times Jesus says, "I am" - When Jesus does this, it is more than metaphor, but is connected to who God said he was when Moses encountered God for the first time. So when Jesus says "I am" what are we learning about God?



#### **Dietrich Bonhoeffer - May 2025**

For the final two weeks of our program year after Easter, we will return to a large group format for two classes on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We'll explore his life and explore what turned this pastor/theologian into one of the most complex figures in history as he took on the role of a potential assassin: working to assassinate Adolf Hitler as part of the resistance.

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Tuesday Morning \_\_\_\_\_

### **Small Groups Return September 2024!!**

Fall will be <b>Biblical Texts No One wants to Talk About</b> Come explore with us in small groups the difficult texts in the Bible that make us uncomfortable but are Biblically and Theologically important.
January and February will be a Large group video series on Sunday mornings.
Springtime we will study " <b>Ego Eimi,</b> " (again in small groups) the statements where Jesus says "I Am"
<b>A large group study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer</b> will wrap up our studies on Sundays May 4 & 11
Let us know what Small Group you want, Sunday morning at 9:15 am or Tuesday morning at 10 am! If you have questions contact Sharon Price or Pastor Patrick.
Small Group Registration - Cut and place in Offering Plate
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Sunday Morning: Women MenMixed



## Kick off the 2024 - 2025 Program Year!

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Small Groups for All Ages begin. Adult Bible Study will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an introduction to Small Groups for Fall
- 9:15 a.m. Kid's Club will meet in the Christian Ed Wing
- 9:15 a.m. Youth will meet in the Youth Room for the first Breakfast Club
- •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!!!

St. Philip's Lutheran Church Sunday, September 8, 2024

Join us on this Special

Day as We Celebrate

the Return of the Fall

Programs, and

bring to a Close our

**Summer Sabbath Time.** 

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

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BackPack Blessing







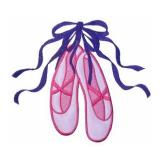
**Attention Students!** That's <u>any</u> students, whether you are starting kindergarten, pursuing that post-graduate degree, or anywhere in between.

On **August 25, 2024**, we will have a Backpack Blessing during **both** worship services.

This is a chance to begin the school year with a send-off from your church family, along with the reminder that God is ever with you, even in the most trying of school days.



#### Kid's Club Kids Dance Recital Pic - Molly Grieder, Brea Stirk and Allie Pouser











#### Mission Kids and Families

Let's get together for a POOL PARTY!

Saturday, July 13th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

We'll gather at the home of the DeWeese family for a pool party and lunch!

Please sign up below to let us know you are coming and what you would like to bring. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA5AF2CA6FE3-50058323-mission

Or QR code:



Also, please consider joining Kids Club in the fall. We have a great group of kids who join us on a weekly basis at 9:15 AM throughout the education year. Keep a look out for the sign up for Kids Club to be circulated.

And mark your calendars for Rally Day which is September 8<sup>th</sup>! This is the kickoff for Kids Club!

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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 are having a pool party on Saturday, July 13.

**Youth and advisors** will be attending the **ELCA National Youth Gathering** in New Orleans from July 16-20.

#### **SUMMER OF SERVICE continues through July and August.**

**July E.A.G.L.E.S. School Supplies:** We are once again collecting school supplies for the classroom in the Dominican Republic. Use the sign up Genius below to contribute items. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA5AF2CA6FE3-49627370-july

We will be packing up the supplies on August 18 between services. The congregation is invited to coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall that morning. Catherine Howard (E.A.G.L.E.S. founder) and a teacher from the Dominican Republic will be at St. Philip's to talk about their school. If you're interested in learning more about their school the website is:

Foundation of Education Art God Love Enrichment Service (thefoundationofeagles.org)

**August Meals for the Hungry Saturday August 17:** We will be assembling meals that will go to St. Stephen's pantry and the Food Bank of Delaware. There are two ways to get involved:

- 1. Donate money to help fund the project by using an envelope from the "Meals" poster in the narthex.
- 2. Use the sign up Genius below to volunteer to assemble meals at 9 am on August 17 and bring your family and friends.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA5AB2BA7FE3-50060115-meals#/

**September means the start of our program year.** Kid's Club, Breakfast Club, Adult Small Group Bible Study and Growing in the Gospel will all begin on Rally Day, September 8. Kid's Club will be exploring "The Bible According to Bluey." Adults will begin their studies with "Biblical Texts No One Wants To Talk About." (See separate pages below for more details and sign up sheets.)

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**

#### **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
- Join us for coffee and donuts between services on Sunday August 18. You can meet the teacher from the Dominican Republic, find out more about the school and help pack up the school supplies.





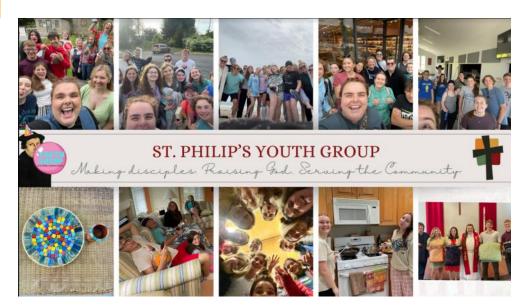
#### **AUGUST Meals for the Hungry**

- 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
   https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA5AB2BA7FE3-50060115-meals#/



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

#### Youth Group News - Pastor Amy



Happy summertime everyone!!

Here are the upcoming events for our Youth Group! Be on the lookout for the upcoming 2024-2025 Calendar of Youth Events + the 2024-2025 Confirmation Calendar! Both will be emailed and posted on our website.

#### July:

- July 1 Final Youth Gathering Payment due
- July 16-20 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

#### August:

- August 25 Backpack Blessing (both services)
- YG Kick-Off Pool Pizza Party! Location & time to be announced.

#### September:

September 8 (Rally Sunday) - Breakfast Club is BACK! (9:15-10:15AM)
 Church games + picnic + Bouncy House immediately following the 10:30AM worship service

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We have 5 amazing graduating seniors that we continue to give thanks for and to support as they step into this next chapter of their lives.

- \*Ben Swift earned his Private Pilot's License on June 3, 2024 as the 319th National WINGS Distinguished Graduate and first Delaware Graduate. He is excited to continue his education in August to earn his certifications to be a commercial pilot and prepare him to be a Certified Flight Instructor!
- \*Lily Greenley In the fall Lily will be attending the University of DE in the Honors College with plans to study nutrition and medical sciences with the aspiration to go to dental school. She is looking forward to the endless opportunities and meeting people.
- \*Karsten Bardenhagen In the fall Karsten will be attending the University of Pittsburgh with plans to study Mechanical Engineering. He is looking forward to diving deeper into engineering and meeting some new people.
- \*Wes Patterson Wes is working towards being a business owner and looks forward to what the future will bring.
- \*Lily Armstrong In the fall Lily will be attending Duquesne University as a declared Political Science major. She is planning to double major in Spanish with the potential triple major in International Relations.

God bless you all!

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Here is a question that I have sometimes been asked as chairperson of Worship and Music. Why doesn't St. Philip's offer a Contemporary Worship Service and a Traditional Worship Service? Other churches that have two services offer different types of worship at each service.

We are blessed at St. Philip's to have a wide variety of people attending each Sunday at both services. This varied group of people blends together into a wonderful mix, just as a bouquet of wild flowers blends together to make a beautiful arrangement. We are made up of people who like different types of music and different ways of living their lives. The people all come together to praise our Lord, and that is what melds us all together as one.

Our worship services reflect this blending. We don't just offer one type of music. We blend Contemporary and Traditional into one service, and it works! In churches that offer two different types of worship each Sunday, you run the risk of dividing the congregation into two, polarized groups. We prefer to look for ways to unite everyone into one cohesive, brilliantly blended group. Having the same worship at both services is a blessing because people can attend either service, depending on their schedule for Sunday, which means that some people get to know people who attend the "other service."

Before Covid, we had a praise band, which shared uplifting, contemporary music. The praise band songs were intermingled with the other music offerings on the piano and organ. This blending was appreciated by younger and older members alike. Unfortunately, during Covid, many of the members of the praise band graduated from high school and went off to college. We hope to have a praise band again someday, which would be a great blessing to our worship.

The Worship and Music Committee, the Pastors, the Music Director and the Choir Director all appreciate your questions and input. Please feel free to come to any of us to discuss any aspect of worship at St. Philip's. You will find that things that are done during worship services here have usually been deliberately decided after a great deal of discussion.

If you would like to be a part of the decision-making for Worship and Music, or if you would just like to attend a meeting to see what we do, you are very welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



## Stephen Ministry

There are 10 trained Stephen Ministers at St. Philip's. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister to talk to, please let us know.

Any questions, contact Gigi Mueller or Pastor Patrick.

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 July 9th and August 13th at 1 p.m. in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

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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 July 11th and
August 8th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m.
Meeting in the Social Hall here at
church. If you are interested in being a
part or learning more, contact Sally
Krapf.

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 signup for the things we need can be found here:

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

From Grocery Club Nancy Zinnato

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, July 10, 2024 and July 24, 2024 Wednesday, August 14, 2024 and August 28, 2024

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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 collected before September 1.

A huge thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen 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

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#### From Property - Update on ponds!









This past month we received approval to change the plantings in our water retention basins - hundreds of grass plugs will grow up and fill the space replacing the plants that the deer kept eating. We are working at keeping the alive through the heat right now.











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#### From the Racial Justice Task Force - Diana Schneider

#### Hidden Racism in Words

Not long ago, someone told me that the word "picnic" is a word that can have disturbing meaning for some of the black community in our country. What? How could a word that, in my experience, means food, fun, & family have a negative connotation? To my amazement, there's a good reason why.....particularly in the history of the black experience.

Although not taught in American learning institutions and literature, it is noted in most Black history professional circles and literature that the origin of the term "picnic" derives from the acts of lynching African-Americans. The word "picnic" is rooted in the whole theme of "Pick A N\*\*\*er." This is where individuals would "pic" a Black person to lynch and make this into a family gathering. There would be music and a "picnic." ("Nic" being the white acronym for "n\*\*\*er."). (An alternative might be "barbeque" or "gathering.") I was astounded! While I wonder how commonly this is known in current times, it is a disturbing realization and made me wonder about what other seemingly innocent terms in our everyday vocabulary harbor a negative connotation. So I did some research and found several that may surprise you as they did me.

#### "Long time no see":

What it means: It has been a while!

**The hidden meaning**: It derives from the broken English used by non-native English speakers. Meant to be funny, this particular phrase mocks the way that Native Americans and Chinese speak English.

Alternative: "It has been too long!" or "We haven't spoken in ages!"

"CakeWalk": A dancing contest among African Americans in which a cake was awarded as a prize.

**The hidden meaning:** Rooted in enslavement in the prewar South, some Black slaves were forced to spend Sundays dressing up and dancing in a way of ridiculing enslavers and the white upper classes. They competed for a cake, hence the name. Regarded as fun and leisurely weekend activity, "cakewalk" became associated with easy tasks. **Alternative:** "This is simple or I got this"

"Cracker/Redneck": A derogatory term to describe white people

The hidden meaning: This insult was first noted in the mid-18th century, making it older than the United States itself. It was used to refer to poor whites, particularly those inhabiting the frontier regions of Maryland, Virginia and Georgia. It emphasized that a person is poor and uneducated and comes from the backwoods with little awareness of and interaction with the modern world, while "white trash" – and the modern term "trailer trash" – emphasizes the person's supposed moral failings, without regard to the setting of their upbringing. Alternative: "White person"

"Gyp" or "Gip": Evolved as a shortened version of "gypsy"-more correctly known as the Romani, an ethnic group now mostly in Europe and America.

**The hidden meaning:** The Romani typically traveled a lot and made their money by selling goods. Business disputes naturally arose, and the masses started thinking of Romani as swindlers. **Alternative:** "Bamboozle or rip off"

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#### From the Racial Justice Task Force - Diana Schneider

"Ghetto": Low class or acting poorly

**The hidden meaning:** Physical ghettos were neighborhoods where Jewish people were segregated from the greater population. But "ghetto" also describes deficient manners and behavior, often referring to Black people.

Alternative: "Uncouth" or "unpolished"

"Guru": A spiritual guide or leader

**The hidden meaning**: In the Buddhist and Hindu traditions, the word is a sign of respect. Using it casually negates its original value.

Alternative: "Expert" or "teacher"

"Off the reservation": To leave an Indian reservation to which one was restricted.

To engage in disruptive activity outside normal bounds.

The hidden meaning: Used during the 19th and 20th centuries in American politics, refers to Native Americans who were forced into treaties that limited their mobility by placing them on reservations, so off the reservation would suggest they were placing themselves outside their allowed legal, or social, parameters. The phrase has very offensive roots as the Native American's who were found 'off the reservation' was killed.

Alternative: "Overstepped the limits" or "walked out"

"Paddy wagons": Originated in the late 1700s as a shortened form of "Patrick," and then later a derogatory term for any Irishman. "Wagon" naturally refers to a vehicle. "Paddy wagon" either stemmed from a large number of Irish police officers or the perception that rowdy, drunken Irishmen constantly ended up in the back of police cars.

**The hidden meaning:** The idea of 'paddy' is a police car that comes around to grab up Irish people who are no good drunk criminals, so it deals with a historical stereotype of Irish people as low lives.

Alternative: "Police car"

"Chop Chop!": Hurry up

The hidden meaning: This phrase, comes from the Cantonese word kap, or "make haste." It is generally used condescendingly to someone the speaker considers to be below them in status, which only worsens the fact that it's making fun of the pidgin English spoken by Chinese immigrants.

Alternative: "We need to get this done quickly"

Have we ever been in less basic agreement on what so many important words actually mean? Terms we use daily mean <u>such</u> different things to different people that walls go up that can become seemingly impossible to overcome. I share the above examples as a reminder of the importance of the vocabulary we use that may, even innocently and unintentionally, have offensive and even deeply hurtful impact on our relationships with each other in this life. Being more mindful about the language we use in everyday life actually empowers us to make changes that are easy to practice.

Resource: https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/racist-language-and-origins-i-didn-t-35616/

#### From the Outreach Team - Susan Mack





#### **Outreach Update**

Next Outreach team meeting, Tuesday August 6th at 7 p.m.

You are invited to our August meeting as we plan outreach activities for the new program year. Your ideas and energy are needed!! For more information, Contact Susan Mack.

Thank you from Lutheran World Relief for the benevolence donation from St Philip's:



Dear St. Philips,

We are so grateful for your generosity

and love you share with our neighbors

around the world. You are making a difference
in the lives of children like Oscar (pictured
here) who otherwise might go hungry. Thork

you for your gifts! Plassings,

Emma wagner



From Grocery Club - Girl Scout Cookie Donation

Nancy Zinnato



#### **GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DONATION**

Stephanie O'Brien, the cookie mom for Girl Scout Troop 527, delivered 15 cases of cookies for our Grocery Club families.

The Girl Scouts donate cookies to us every year and the families really look forward to receiving them.

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#### From the Environmental Stewardship Committee - Blue Birds and Wrens - Phil Duncan





St Philips is a spiritual home for us all- place of shelter and renewal - a place to help prepare us for encounters with the world. Our "back yard" serves much the same role for many critters, not the least of which are song birds. We erected 5 nest boxes several years ago, and they have provided shelter and safe homes for many birds.

Pictures below, taken in the first weeks of June show hatchlings from 2 of our boxes. The "shiny" box is home to House Wrens. There are 5 little ones there!! The other pics show very young, nearly naked, Bluebirds, and then the same bunch a little over a week later, now partially feathered.

In 2-3 weeks these youngsters will fledge, having been prepared for their encounters with the world. They will, for awhile, return to nest and parents for periodic support, but will soon enough be on their own. Aren't we blessed to always be able to come home to St Philips?!!























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Keep an eye out for the FALL Men's Retreat Information!

You don't have to have a motorcycle to go! We have "cagers"!

Contact Chuck Cory, if you are interested!







#### From Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center

#### "Earth and Green"

"Earth and Green" was the theme at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center during the month of May with an emphasis on recycling, living seas, and into the wild!

Center Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen tells us it was a great learning experience for the children.

"We learned that recycling reduced the amount of waste that filled our Landfills. Reducing the



amount of paper waste helped to save our trees, and reusing certain items help to curve consumer spending which also leads to greater landfill waste. We emphasized," Teresa continued, "how important recycling is, by making a poster that required us, to separate recycling items from non-recyclable items. This exercise showed how individually we can help to leave a smaller imprint on Mother Earth."

For "Living Seas," Teresa says the children learned about sea creatures. "We studied the Crab, Sea Turtle, Starfish, Stingray, and the great White Shark. We learned how many species of Crabs there are (4,500), where Sea Turtles like to lay their eggs, that starfish really aren't fish at all. Stingray are related to sharks and do not have bones, and Great White Sharks can jump out of the water while chasing prey." Then, "each student chose what sea creature they wanted to do a poster on and highlighted different facts about the sea creature they chose on their poster."

Finally, Teresa explained that the kids learned about the wild! "We learned there is a difference between a Rainforest and a Jungle. Not only are the animals different in a Rainforest and a Jungle, but the atmosphere is different: the rainforest is wet and humid while the Jungle is dry and humid. Youth participated in cooking activities like "smore pops" and 'dirt cups.' Youth were excited to eat their culinary creations."



With the end of the school year fast-approaching, May was also a time for celebration and recognition. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh, says it all started "with Staff



Appreciation Week, a week-long series of snacks, gifts, and meals to thank our teachers for all of their hard work and dedication to the organization. Following, we celebrated our Hilltop mothers for Mother's Day with Muffins with Moms. This event engaged mothers, grandmothers, and aunts in a light breakfast and quality time with their Hilltop student in a fun activity."

The end of the school year also means advancement for our preschoolers. Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams tells us "the preschoolers visited kindergarten classrooms at Lewis Elementary on May 10th. They were so excited! They sang a song in the music wellness class and saw some of the students in the music, gym, art rooms. They also toured the cafeteria and were able to see how the lunch line works.

Here's to a great summer!

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

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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, Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles & Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, Carol Ruckle, Lamont & Sharon Smith, Louise James, Ethel Reichley, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, 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, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano, Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pysher

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; 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; Alistair Black, grandson 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, greatgranddaughter 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; 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!



**Lori Bowles** 

**Natalia David** 

**Jackson Witherspoon** 

## July/August Birthday's

Lynn Pouser	7/1	Donna Porter	8/1
Breanna Swift	7/1	Steven Salvatelli	8/1
Zach Wright	7/3	Coleman Bye, III	8/2
Allie May Pouser	7/5	William Pawley	8/3
Cathy Snyder	7/8	Sarah Swift	8/3
Jean Mignogna	7/8	Pam Brenneman	8/4
Constance Viering	7/8	Cynthia Hamlin	8/6
Sarah Mack	7/10	Thomas Krapf, III	8/10
Sharon Smith	7/10	Janet Shechter	8/10
Edna Basilio	7/11	Lincoln McDonough	8/11
Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pysher	7/13	Rev. David Mueller	8/11
David Culley	7/13	Lincoln McDonough	8/11
Paul Gelesh	7/13	Kylie Stirk	8/11
Lamont Smith	7/13	John Reichley	8/12
Richard Palmer	7/14	Suzanne Bradley	8/13
Sue Saltar	7/15	Marjorie Davis	8/13
Isabella Garbacz	7/16	Ryan Myers	8/13
Jean Miller	7/17	Allison Hewitt	8/16
Tyler Basilio	7/18	Ryan Grieder	8/18
Sandy Budd	7/18	Helen Pierce	8/18
Steve Nkurlu	7/19	Grace Mason	8/18
Cameron Hewlett	7/19	Blythe Milbury-Steen	8/21
Lee Derr	7/21	David Nevins	8/22
Richard Kittle	7/22	<b>Charles Gaudioso</b>	8/24
Tyler Bye	7/23	Liam Kennedy	8/25
Carol Johnson	7/23	Christi David	8/25
John Newcomer Jr.	7/23	Dolly Frampton	8/27
Margaret Wagner	7/23	Katie Mack	8/27
Kendra Garbacz	7/24	Luke DeWeese	8/30
Beth Molnar	7/24	Benjamin Start	8/30
Tom Nolan	7/24	Mary Kay LaRue	8/31
Erich Bollman	7/26	Natalie McDonough	8/31
Theo Pawley	7/27	-	
Victor David	7/27		
Anne Hamilton	7/27		

## May God Bless You on Your Special Day!

7/28

7/29

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#### Please call the church office at 302-239-2100 when:

- You or a member of your family is sick or in the hospital
- You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event so it can be placed on the church calendar, in the bulletin, and in the Guidepost.
- A baby is expected in your family.
- You want to arrange for a baptism or a wedding.
- Your telephone number, address or email address has changed or you are planning to move, locally or out of town.
- You have a prayer request.
- You feel the church can help you in any way.

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# Sunday Morning Schedule

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