

The Guidepost



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



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*Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.*

Song of Solomon 2:12



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

Building Update—Things Rolling Along

First off, the basement is just about completely done - Tom Krapf and his crew have done a great job getting everything done for us. The only holdup on the project is the room signs. Now, you might think, “Why would room signs hold up the completion of the project.” Well, it’s because one of those signs is the required “In case of fire use stairs not elevator” signs. That’s a highly regulated piece of signage by the Fire Marshall and without the Fire Marshall approving the project, the county cannot do so either. The sign provider assured me and Tom personally that the signage would only take a matter of a few days . . . Well, it has turned out that it has taken them over 5 weeks. So, we’re a bit upset about that. However, the signs should be here very soon. In the meantime, feel free to stroll down there (though you cannot use the elevator yet because while it works it does not have county approval to be used) and enjoy the space that we have created. We’ll be working soon to empty the storage bins outside (lovingly nicknamed “the cows”) and move everything in place.

As for the parking lot, you’ll see that progress has been moving forward as the weather has improved. In the parking lot picture below, you’ll see that the subsurface water management system has been installed and they are moving forward on getting things ready to construct the actual parking lot. We have about 35 working days left on this project . . . At least that’s what we’ve been told. It’s moving forward and should be done sometime in May or June . . . Just in time for our slower months . . . God does have a sense of humor!!!



Greetings all!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!!

One of the most powerful times, in my faith, was being in Confirmation Class. Being in middle school, having so many questions about God and church (let alone life in general), and trying to figure out who I was....I remember my mom enrolled me in Confirmation Classes. We had just left a small Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and had transferred membership to a larger ELCA congregation. I was new amidst all the youth, I didn't know anyone, but I remember it was one of the pastors on staff and my confirmation teacher that brought me into the fold with grace and love. In my class (of over 200) I made good friendships and I felt like none of my questions about God or the church were considered "silly" or "stupid". I learned so much about the Bible and why it matters, I learned about Martin Luther and the Small Catechism, I learned about the Sacraments, the 10 Commandments, the Creeds, and so much more. I had never felt closer to the God I knew was always there but never gave a lot of thought to. Until then. That period of time gave me a greater awareness of God in my life and it's what, ultimately, made me become the Pastor I am today. Just for fun, below is a pic of, yours truly, on my Confirmation Day. :)



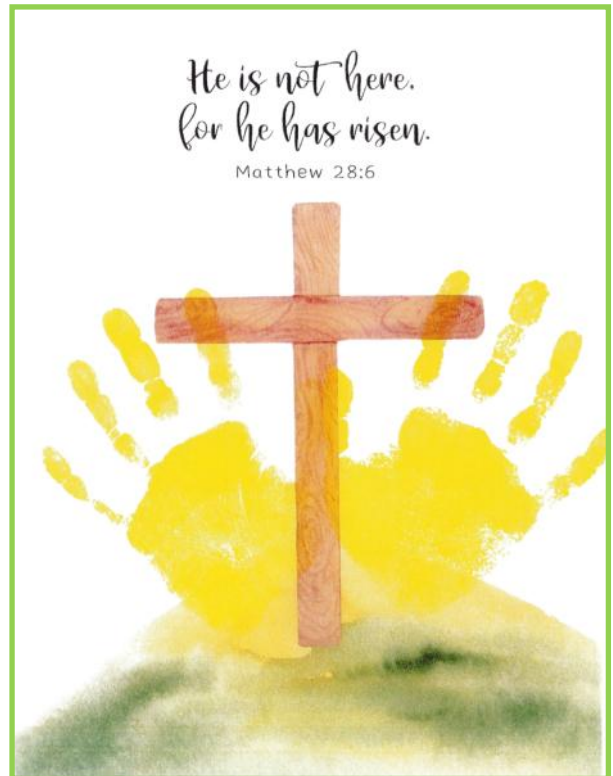
We have 7 youth being confirmed on Pentecost Sunday (June 8th) at the 10:30am service and what a joy that is! I hope that you can come out and support these wonderful young people. The confirmands include: Simera Gudeta, Thomas Krapf, Abby Litterst, Liam Normington, Ella Snowden, Avalon Sparrow, and Gillian Sparrow.

As I have told our confirmands: Confirmation is not a "Graduation from church" but is a *springboard* to keep learning as they, after being confirmed, will be considered an "adult in the congregation" and are able to vote on church matters and get involved. And, most of all, it is an *Affirmation of their Baptism*. It is a declaration and promise of God's Love for each of them, as it was when they were baptized, and will forever be.

The same goes for them and the same goes for you.

In our Resurrection hope.

If you missed the front and back covers of the Easter Bulletins, a couple of the Mission Kids “Get Messy” Project artwork were featured! Thank you for the amazing work you all do!!!





Amazing Grace/Abundant Grace

The original poem Amazing Grace was written in 1779 by Rev. John Newton. Before he was ordained in 1764, he was an outspoken atheist who worked on slave ships importing slaves to England. On one of Newton's voyages, a terrifying storm occurred at sea. On this trip, Newton prayed to his God for his life. This started him on his road to conversion, after which he became an abolitionist.

The US Library of Congress holds 3000 versions of the song Amazing Grace. What a wealth! I was introduced to the following verses when attending a yoga class provided through the Osher Long Life Learning Institute. As we worked through a Lunar Vinyasa to the tune of Amazing Grace, these words were sung. These lyrics are inspired by Jesus teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

Abundant Grace rains down upon the humble, happy poor
 To comfort all who grieve and mourn so they may mourn no more.
And blessed be the gentle meek all Earth they do receive.
 By heeding call of natural law the gentle meek achieve.
And blessed are the merciful for they receive all grace
 As kind of mind and pure of heart see love on every face.
And blessed are the peacemakers for conflicts they resolve.
 Inspiring friends to make amends as life on Earth evolves.
Be like the birds that scale the skies on winds their wings align
 They need not feed in barns on farms when Mother Earth provides.
And be like lilies of the field and grasses of the Earth
 They pay no pain for sun and rain each Spring when they rebirth.
So worry not, be happy now, let every fear release.
 Seek God within before all else then other fruits increase.
And give to others what you seek and sow what ye would reap
 As higher thought repeats in prayer conceive, believe, receive.

God's grace serves us 24-7. He is always there.

SPIRITUALS IN CONCERT



Christian Music Festival

2025

**Where: St Philips Lutheran Church, 5320
Limestone Rd, Wilmington DE 19808**

**When: June 21st from 11AM to 5PM
free admission**

Featuring:
**Richard Porto, St Philips Trio, Steve Harkey, Harps to Halos, L Carlton Allen,
Carroll Brown, Aaron Smith, Delivered, Mr. Weaverface, and Lev Jonikas**

From the Youth Group - Pastor Amy



Mission Kids had a blast at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Over 60 kids, parents, and youth group members enjoyed lunch together followed by an egg hunt complete with 600 eggs! This year the youth group provided a lively twist to the egg hunt which left the kids giggling and cheering. Catch a glimpse of the fun through our pictures!

Our next event is **May 18th at Woodside Creamery**. Plan to bring your lunch and meet at noon. This will cap off a fun and exciting year with Mission Kids. If you have any questions please reach out to Anna Grieder, Liz Freburger, or Pastor Amy.



From the Easter Egg Hunt 2025 - Mission Kids

Pics from Anna





 Kid's Club Kids Sing on Palm Sunday - Thank you Stephen and Lauren

Misson Kids and Youth Group Easter Egg Hunt!





HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH!

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

The **nursery** is open during both services on Sunday morning and during the Christian Ed hour in between. Contact Maryann Shovestul if you have any questions.

Kid's Club and **Breakfast Club** continue to meet through May 18 at 9:15 on Sunday morning.

The **Large Group Adult Forum** will finish the year with a Dietrich Bonhoeffer video series on May 4 and May 11 in the fellowship hall at 9:15.

Mission Kids and **Youth Group** continue to meet in May. **Mission Kids** will meet at the Woodside Creamery on May 18. The **Youth Group** will have their annual beach retreat May 2-4.

The final **Together in Faith Breakfast** is on May 18 at 9:15 in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy food and fellowship before our summer break. We'll be kickstarting our **Summer of Service** program that morning. Come learn about our new summer program. Sign up on the poster in the narthex if you can bring a breakfast casserole, muffins, coffee cake, donuts or fruit for the breakfast.

Check out the Lending Library in Rooms 128 and 129, 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.



A Community Learning Experience for all Ages

Sunday, May 18, 2025

***9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

- **Adults and Youth will share and fellowship**
- **Kid's Club will meet as usual.**
- **Kickoff for Summer of Service**
- **Poster in the narthex to sign-up to bring breakfast casseroles, muffins, coffee cake, donuts or fruit**

***The Nursery Will Be Open!**





JUNE: Relief effort in North Carolina

- items needed include tools, generators, bottled water and canned food
- use envelopes in the narthex to donate money to buy an item
- money will go to NC with the St. Philip's group so items can be bought in NC

JULY: School supplies

- Supplies for the E.A.G.L.E.S. school in the Dominican Republic and for the Ferris School in Wilmington
- Sign up Genius available in early July

AUGUST: Tower of Food

- Build a tower with food items throughout the month of August

MAY 2025

- May 2-4 - [THE Youth Beach Retreat!](#) One of the most BELOVED youth events is almost here: THE BEACH RETREEEEEEAT!!
- May 11 - No Youth Group - [Mother's Day](#) (Yay Mom's!)
- May 18 - *[*Last YG Event*](#)* [Ice Cream @ Woodside Creamery](#) + [Superlative Awards](#)
(1-2:30pm)
Tool Training for Hurricane Relief work in Fellowship Hall (12-12:45pm)
Last day of Christian Ed.
- May 25 - No Youth Group - Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE 2025

- June 1 - Graduate Quilt Blessing - We love our Seniors: Tobi Litterst (10:30 am) & Joey Papili (8 am)
- June 8 - Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday (10:30am service)
Come out & support our 7 Confirmands!!
- June 15-20 - Hurricane Relief Trip to NC



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!”*

Please note: The date for our Pub Theology in the month of May has changed. I have been invited to participate in the UD Lutheran Campus Ministry Senior Night that has been scheduled for our original timeframe: the third Thursday of every month. For the month of May we will push it back a week so we will meet at Chuck Lager's on **Thursday, May 22nd**.

ALL are welcome at any time! You won't want to miss this! **This will be the last Pub Theology until we start back up again in September! Hope to see you there!**

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!

See you then! Cheers!

Carroll Brown Concert

6/20/2025 at 7:00pm

St. Philip's Fellowship Hall

\$20/person

RSVP – See Mark Davis



Raised on a farm near Camden, South Carolina, Carroll's first music influences were church music and night-time radio. His mother was the church pianist and taught him his first chords on the guitar. Traditional southern gospel and bluegrass would give way to Jim Croce and James Taylor as he entered college. The first paying jobs paid college tuition but would pave the way for his life's work. He first tested the waters in New York but opted for Nashville, Tennessee. There, he worked with songwriters and music publishing and in various studios recording and helping produce nationally released records.

Family matters and money matters brought him back to South Carolina in 1981. He settled in Charleston, where he started a recording studio and music publishing business. A steady gig at the Mills House Hotel helped to pay for his growing family and the dream that refused to die. His family roots include Irish blood and his intense interest in the Irish music led to hosting annual visits to his ancestral homeland.



From Altar Guild - Carol Oesterbo

Our next meeting will be **May 5th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** – We invite you to come to the meeting, or please give me a call or email Carol Oesterbo, Altar Guild Chairperson with any questions

As a side note: Worship & Music is another Committee that is looking for members – Contact Gerry Butler for information on serving and sharing your time & talent .



From Habitat Restoration Crew - Phil and Mary Duncan

Join the HABITAT RESTORATION CREW! The current project is removing invasive plants and vines from around the trees and in meadow areas. Upcoming work dates follow a **first Saturday, third Wednesday of each month** pattern, **10:00 a.m. to Noon.** each day. Mark your calendars now!! Helpful tools to bring: Large loppers, large digging shovels, sturdy hand-held garden pruners, small bow or pruning saw, sturdy leather [or other thorn-resistant] gloves, leaf and grass rakes. Be sure to mark your personal tools. Contact Phil Duncan to let him know you are coming.



From O.W.L.S.



O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors) will gather on Tuesday, May 13th. This group is geared towards retirees in the congregation that would like to engage in a time of food, fellowship, and light learning. The next meeting will be held **May 13th from 11:30 am to 1 pm.** This month we'll be joined once again by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher who will be talking to us about the Jewish Holocaust. Come, bring a lunch, share some fellowship and learn something new.

Women's Ministry

The Daytime Book Group will next meet on **May 20th**, we will read and discuss *The Berry Picker*, by Amanda Peters. New members are always welcome. We will be meeting at **12:30 p.m.** at the church in Room #127! **June 24th** will be our Annual Spring Salad and Dessert Luncheon at Gigi's

The next **Young at Heart Group** will be **TBD** from **1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at Gigi's. Any questions, ask Gigi Mueller.

The **Women's Fall Retreat** is set for **Saturday, November 8th**! The topic is **Jesus and Women**. Please let Gigi Mueller know if you would like to be a part of the program.

Women, Wine, and Whine - Our next get together will be **on Saturday, May 24th**! Place TBD. Any suggestions for a place to meet would be welcome! All are welcome!

The Women's Evening Book Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. 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. For **May 9th** we'll discuss *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Piccoult. On **June 13th** we'll discuss *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Alston. 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!

Stephen Ministry

Are you loneyly or troubled about anything? Are you or a loved one having medical issure? Nothing is ever too trivial to have a Stephen Minister walk alongside you. If you think this Ministry might be helpful, let Pastor Patrick or Gigi Mueller know!

Shepherding Team

The next
Shepherds meeting
**Monday,
May 5th @
1 p.m.** in the
Fellowship Hall.



MINISTRIES

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 **first Koinonia Group** that meets at St. Philip's. The next gathering is **Sunday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.** We are now reading *A Week in the Life of a Greco Roman Women*. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. A **second group** that meets with the Mueller's will meet on **TBD at 6:30 p.m. at the Mueller's home**. We will be watching a video on Revelation and then discussing it. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.





Ministries available at St. Philip's

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 **May 15th 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!!! In particular we are in need of Assisting Ministers. This is an easy job because the pastor helps you during the entire service. Assisting with communion and the prayers. Let Pastor Patrick or Louise James know if you are interested.



MINISTRIES

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 **May 13th 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, May 14, 2025 and May 28, 2025

From the Care Kit Crew

Donna Porter

Since November approximately 55 Care Kits have been distributed by members of St. Philip's to those experiencing homelessness or unstable housing. Thank you to all who have either donated items or have passed them on. You are doing something consequential! It is important that individuals who spend much of their time in transition never become invisible to those around them. I have had some thought-provoking interactions sharing a kit and I hope others have found it to be a meaningful experience as well.

It is time to replenish kits for the summer. The following items are needed and may be left in the bin in the Narthex:

Socks
Toothbrushes (single wrapped)
Toothpaste (small size)
Deodorant (men's)
Fruit or granola bars (chewy)

Small bottles of fruit juice
Bar of soap (small and perfume)
Sun screen (travel size)
Chapstick



Family Promise
St. Philip's Next Host Week: May 25-31

St. Philip's Family Promise host week is coming up! We will host the week of **May 25-31**. In early May, sign up posters will be in the Narthex with menus listing food you can provide along with any other help we may need. At that time a Sign-Up Genius will be sent out by email for those who are able to contribute non-perishable items.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen or Marty Budd with any questions.

Blessings to all!

FAMILY PROMISE

The week of: May 25, 2025 to May 31, 2025



From Youth Group Easter Egg Hunt with Mission Kids - Pastor Amy



From Habitat Restoration Crew - Phil and Mary Duncan

These “before” and “after” pictures look like destruction, but they really reflect initial efforts to rescue the overgrown bramble of our back meadow. Armed with a “bush hog” mower, Restoration Crew members cleared out multiflora rose and stiltgrass, among other bad guys, from a portion of the meadow. Invasive plants will try to make a comeback, but they will be much easier to control, and by the fall, initial plantings of native plants can begin. Consider helping the Restoration Crew

Please consider if you have 2 hours to spare on the 1 st Saturday and/or the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Gardening prowess is not required, just a bit of time and a desire to make a difference in the St, Philip’s back yard. Please contact Mary or Phil Duncan for more information.



2025 Lutheran Community Services Room at the Table Event is May 7th



The LCS Room at the Table Breakfast is an opportunity for our giving circle to get to know our clients. Enjoy a delicious and healthy catered breakfast while hearing powerful stories from LCS clients and supporters about how we are making a real difference in the community.

We love having the opportunity to share our vision with new and returning members of our community, as well as to foster connections between our supporters and the clients who benefit from their contributions. All are invited and encouraged to bring their friends and family!

To register use the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-room-at-the-table-breakfast-registration-1245121434729?aff=oddtcreator&blm_aid=32939



2025 Golf Classic

To Support Homelessness Prevention



FIELDSTONE GOLF COURSE

Play the award winning course!
Monday, June 9th, 12:30 pm, shotgun start

Pricing:

Ticket Packages

- \$325 Per Golfer
- \$1,750 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 Prize 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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2025 Golf Classic

To Support Housing Stability



Registration Form

PERSONAL INFO:

Golfer Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please Check One: ☐ Foursome ☐ Threesome ☐ Twosome ☐ Single

Golfers in your group	Golfer #2
	Golfer #3
	Golfer #4

PAYMENT TOTAL:

Total # of Golfers _____ x \$325 = _____

Total # of dinner only _____ x \$100 = _____

Corporate Foursome _____ \$1,750 = _____

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION:


Send completed form to:
Lutheran Community Services
2809 Baynard Blvd,
Wilmington, DE 19802

Submit Payment by:
Enclosed Check
(Made out to Lutheran Community Services)

Online Donation at
LCSDE.org/donate
(Select 2025 Golf Outing from the drop down menu)

TOTAL ENCLOSED
\$ _____

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Easter Joy from LCM at UD!

The LCM students have been enjoying a busy, productive spring. During the month of April, we were blessed by Tuesday evening visits from our bishop, as well as from beloved graduates from the Class of 2024. We love it when alumni return! In addition, each of our seniors took a turn at leading or co-ordinating worship; it's a gift to be blessed by their insights and leadership.

We're eager to welcome new members to our Directing Committee (board.) If you have a heart for becoming more involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD, please contact me. Thank you.

This summer, I'll be celebrating ten years of called service with LCM. The ministry has graciously offered to host an anniversary party on Saturday, June 21: an open house at the LCM chapel from 1 PM to 4 PM. Please don't bring gifts, though financial donations to LCM at UD in honor of the occasion are encouraged. If you plan to attend, please contact our office administrator, Victoria, at office@lcmde.org, or at 302-368-3078, so we can plan well for refreshments.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and care for the students and volunteers of LCM! We continue to welcome prayers for Drew, a sophomore studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark, as well as for our seniors—Gretchen, Karen, Regan, and David—as we celebrate their Senior Honor Night on Thursday, May 15, and wish them farewell and Godspeed for all that lies ahead.

Easter blessings to all! May the love and peace of Jesus Christ enfold you and your loved ones during this joyful season.

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

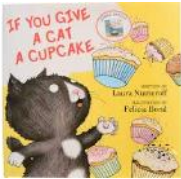


Students and alumni gathered in the LCM chapel in April

Books, Cats, and Cupcakes!

How's that for a description of this past month's activities at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center?! Well, it's true.

The Center's Youth Services Program Coordinator, Teresa Allen, tells us that our students improved their reading skills with *Step into a Book* and a reading session called "Popcorn Reading."



"We chose a book entitled *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*. The actual reading of the book was a YouTube video, and we had the children sit in front of the computer and listen to the reading of the book. While they were watching the video, we served them cheese popcorn and after the video we asked questions about the book and what they learned." Later, Teresa says "we also had free choice which allowed our students to choose any book they wanted to read in a casual way. The children really enjoyed this theme and participated in the activities with a lot of smiling faces!"

The children didn't just learn about cats and cupcakes. Teresa says they also spent time discussing their emotions in an activity called Identifying Emotions.

"The activity was started by placing slips of paper with an emotion written on it in a jar and each person had to pick an emotion out the jar and then act it out. During the activity there was a lot of laughter, and the children had a good time with it. After we finished, the group returned to their seats and discussed how they could be more aware of other's feelings and do a better job of being kind!" Maybe something we could all use? Just sayin'....



There is a not so hidden goal to all of this activity. Teresa says "we have challenged our children to really concentrate on their reading skills and the goal is to get them as close to being able to read at their grade level as possible. We have come a long way to getting the children to really focus on what we're trying to accomplish."

Speaking of reading, our Summer Camp program is just a bit more than a month away, and planning is well underway. One of the goals of camp is to help the students to at least maintain their reading skills over the summer. To that end, Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams attended the *Summer Learning Matters: Together, We Make a Difference* event.

"The event was an incredible opportunity to celebrate the collective efforts of community-based organizations in combating the summer learning slide and to advocate for the continued resources needed to support summer learning programs. We were reminded of the power of leveraging the summer months to close the literacy gap."

Eric F. Mease
Member, Board of Directors
The 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:

Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles & Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Bev Reedy, Elizabeth Stirk, Paul & Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark & Marge Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Erica Miller, , Jenni Longhenry, Richard Pierce, Michael Pushkarewicz, Craig & Jennifer Florschutz and Family

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; Sgt. Tyler Harris**, nephew of Susan Mack; **Ruth DiDonato**, family of Linda Burkum; **Emily Ruckle & Tina Davis**, family of Carol Ruckle; **John & Carly Hoeni**, family of Lynn Muller; **Beckie McNelly**, sister of Bob Gobble & Barb Williams; **Lou Cookson**, father & **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simperts; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son of Yvonne Cilento; **Paul Budd, Sr.**, father of Scott, & **Lee Craig**, friend of The Budds; **Diane Balinski & Debra Jennings**, family of Donna Hokanson; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **Norman Richards & Phyllis Mensinger**, family & **Myron Davis**, brother of Mark & Marge Davis; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **John, Sr. & Anna Longo**, parents of John Longo; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **Doris S. & 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; **Michele Levanduski**, Family of Paul Gelesh; **Kristi Barnett**, friend of Angela Klemens; **Rick Ricciardi**, brother of Nancy Warner; **Henry Jones**, father of Derrick Thompson, **Craig Florschutz**, husband of Jennifer Florschutz; **Mark Doyle**, friend of Harold and Sharon Holeman; **Mark & Jeanne Favreau**, family of Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pysher; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk, **John Stachowski and Family**, Friends of Tom Krapf, **Kevin and Aniela Meinhardt**, son-in-law and daughter of Virginia Frattarola

Happy Birthday from your Church Family!



Pat Colucci	5/4
Abby Litterst	5/5
Valerie Aunet	5/6
Karen Stahl	5/9
Ruth Henry	5/9
Matthew Grieder	5/15
Tom McDonough	5/15
Fred Pratola	5/15
Gigi Mueller	5/16
Kelly Sanderson	5/16

Anna Bardenhagen	5/18
Barb Hewlett	5/18
Cole Opderbeck	5/20
Sharon Price	5/21
Xavier Garbacz	5/22
Harold Holeman	5/26
Debbi Miller	5/26
Joseph Papili	5/28
Sara Budd	5/29
Logan Cookson	5/30
Rhys David	5/30

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:

Rev. Patrick V. Downes, Senior Pastor
Rev. Amy Wright, Associate Pastor
Dr. Stephen Benscoter, CAGO Music Director
Dr. Lauren Conrad, Director of Choir Ministry
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Donna Daugherty
Tom Gustaitis
Michael Imgarten
Carol Johnson

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Enviro. Stewardship.....
Fellowship.....
Finance/Audit.....
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Habitat Restoration Group
Outreach.....
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Property.....
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Stephen Ministry.....
Worship and Music.....

Carol Oesterbo
Sharon Kittle
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Pam Sheffer
Coleman Bye
Nancy Zinnato
Phil & Mary Duncan
Susan Mack
Contact Church Office
Dave Frampton
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Gigi Mueller
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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