

# THE GUIDEPOST



**June 2025 Issue**



## **CHECK OUT!**

**Outreach Events  
including Christian  
Music Festival and  
Carroll Brown  
Concert!**

## **READ MORE ABOUT:**

**Christian Education  
Summer of Service!  
June, July and  
August Event Info.**

## **HELP NEEDED!**

**Help needed with  
Habitat Restoration  
Group!  
More info. inside**

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## **Building Update - One Project Done . . . One to Go . . . Or Two to Go?**

The good news is that the basement is now completely done. The elevator is working and you can feel free to take a ride down to the basement anytime you want. I can tell you that I took my first ride down to the basement about a week ago and it was so much fun. I was so grateful to Tom Krapf and the other guys who did all the work to get that up and running. So, please, feel free to take a ride and explore the basement.

As for the parking lot, you'll see that progress has continued to move forward as the weather has improved. In the parking lot picture below, you'll see that the retaining wall has been constructed. Beneath that wall is the drain piping that leads from the parking lot surface to the subsurface water management system that was installed. There will also be a guard rail along the retaining wall at some point. You should see a few new things happening soon: continued grading of the lot, installation of curbs, and the installation of lighting. We have about 35 working days left on this project . . . At least that's what we've been told.

A third project you heard me say? Yes, last week, council approved a plan where we would install solar panels on the south roof/rooves. This will not cost the church anything as we are obtaining grants that will pay for the entire system. This should reduce our electric bills down to just about zero. We'll keep you posted on the progress of that project which should be completed sometime in the late summer/early fall.



God has promised to make a home in those who show love towards one another. But the truth of the matter is, is that God has made a home in all of us. And if you put your hand over your chest, you just might feel that place where God abides thumping inside you. Divine love was placed in our hearts the moment God gathered us mud creatures up from the ground and breathed life into us. You can no more remove God from where God has decided to be than you can remove your own beating heart from your body. God has made a home in all of us and Jesus, coming into our world, is simply trying to convince us that it is safe to unlock the door and let that love out.

It is this God, our God, who calls us to also build up our physical homes as well, like the 20 of us from St. Philip's will be doing this coming month in North Carolina. The tragedy that Hurricane Helene left for communities in the southern part of our country is awful and they are still in great need. I am so looking forward to joining with our adults and youth, driving down to NC and providing hurricane relief to a part of our country that so desperately needs it. Please join us on Sunday, June 8th (at both services) in a blessing for those who are going down to serve and for all those in need.

A blessed summer to you all!



Hello Friends of St. Philip's –

It has been a very busy spring! At home, we are well into sports season, attending all the end of year school activities, preparing for the kid's spring music concerts, and trying to fit in little bit of spring cleaning (well, maybe). At St. Philip's, this congregation takes busy to a whole other level. At the council meeting this month I read a devotional titled "Power in Community", which was written based on a verse from 1 Corinthians. Upon reading it I couldn't help but relate it back to the work of this congregation. So much progress has been made with the renovations of the basement, the expansion of the parking lot, the coordination to work through the USDA budget cuts on our grocery club families, and the decision to move forward with the installation of solar panels on the roof of the church. Each one of these issues or projects has required a significant amount of your time, talent, and treasures. We manage to always come together to solve an issue, no matter the size. Thank you for your selflessness and continued dedication to serve our church, our communities (near and far), and the environment.

#### *POWER IN COMMUNITY*

*Toddlers and teenagers share a common trait. They like to declare their independence and want to prove they do not need the help of their parents, guardians, or others to be successful at life. Striving for independence is often a healthy part of growing up. But it can be unhealthy when people try to "do it all" and "be it all" by themselves – outside the context of community. Then, instead of being a good thing, independence is corrupted and driven by stubborn pride.*

*Living in the power of the resurrection means we recognize our need for God and for each other. God's Holy Spirit empowers the community of believers with the spiritual gifts and abilities necessary to do the work of growing his kingdom. Individual believers cannot do this by themselves. The power of the resurrection comes in living and working together in unity, recognizing and supporting the gifts, talents, and abilities of all others in the community of Christ.*

*We all have our place, and we all have purpose. We all have gifts to offer, and God values each one of us as his children. When we live in the unity and power of the resurrection, we celebrate and affirm the use of everyone's gifts. Let us encourage one another today as we seek to live in the unity and the power of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Author: Laurie Zuverink*

***1 Corinthians 12:12 - Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.***



## Honey Bees and Meditation

Have you ever had the opportunity to take a really close look at bees in and around a hive? Tending and observing bees can be quite spiritual. But first, let us address the obvious. I learned early on that honey bees are far more committed to carrying out their individual and collective missions than in sacrificing their lives stinging a mere human observer. My fascination with watching my backyard hive honey bees was matched only by the bees' lack of interest in me despite my very close proximity. Honey bees are busy and entirely focused on their assigned tasks. They reserve stinging for protecting the colony.

There is a certain reverence that comes with close observation of bees coming and going from the hive. Some bees are returning with their pollen and nectar bounty, while others are heading out, helped by sister bees offering directions to the best destinations. Some conversations are short, and some can go on for a minute or longer, involving antennae, heads, legs, entire body contact and singular bee dances that are as entertaining to observers as they are informational to their co-workers. The bees' vibrating wings in flight add another sensory element to the experience. There is a lot of activity, carefully coordinated, without an air traffic control tower. Bees are masters of organization, communication, coordination and service for the greater good. There are no distractions. Every action serves a purpose. Closely observing bees is a spiritual experience - a form of meditation unlike any other.

It doesn't take long to recognize that bees are a part of a larger entity, a living colony with its own purpose separate from the individual bees. Bees live for the good of the colony, not themselves. Each coordinated small act of service - each flight, each cell of wax and honey - builds something greater than any one bee can see. And no colony regardless of size can remotely come to understand mankind's dependence on these small remarkable creatures, pollinating Earth's plants and flowers. Without bees, humans - and countless animal species - would struggle to survive. We are all interdependent, interwoven. Observing bees easily translates into wonder and an appreciation for the incomprehensible organization of God's universe and the beauty of our home here on Earth. Pure love.

Observing the activities of bees quietly and respectfully serves as a form of meditation, an act of getting closer to God's magnificent creation. Daily visits provide a constant reminder that true spirituality is communal, not individualistic. God's handiwork is everywhere. By being quiet, respectful and observant with bees, it is possible to immerse oneself in the magnificence and wonder of God's work here on Earth.

Bees reflect a deep spiritual truth entirely consistent with Jesus' teachings: Life is most meaningful when it is purposeful, joyfully experienced in amazement, shared, and rooted in service and in love. Thank you Lord, for honey bees!

## 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.

**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**

Last month members of the Pinners and Knotters visited Nemours Children's Hospital in Wilmington to deliver our donation of 23 quilts and 129 activity bags. These bags are used by children and parents alike to hold items they use during trips to hospital, including toys, etc. The staff relayed to us the pleasure these items give the children.

Our group will not be meeting during the summer vacation months but hope to start up again in September. We always welcome new people to join us in this worthwhile ministry. We also enjoy each others company! See Ellen Linker or Sharon Holeman for further news.

From Finance - Teri Suddard

5/13/2025

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St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report by Major Group  
April of Fiscal Year 2025  
Responsibility: All  
Fund: 01 - General

	April Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Group 00	43,097.20	193,329.77	177,700.00	108.80 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,097.20</b>	<b>193,329.77</b>	<b>177,700.00</b>	<b>108.80 %</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Administration	1,761.12	16,750.05	12,200.04	137.30 %
Committees	16,036.51	57,916.63	70,735.36	81.88 %
Pastor	11,164.88	44,659.52	45,485.68	98.18 %
Staff	17,504.56	69,548.44	70,135.72	99.16 %
Utilities	1,785.95	8,703.85	8,000.00	108.80 %
Benevolence	1,458.33	5,833.32	5,833.32	100.00 %
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>49,711.35</b>	<b>203,411.81</b>	<b>212,390.12</b>	<b>95.77 %</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-6,614.15</b>	<b>-10,082.04</b>	<b>-34,690.12</b>	



Hello all, here are photos from St. Luke's *Nalepo Kanam* Water Project that St. Philip's is helping construct. The construction started at the end of April. First, they dropped off the construction materials, then they laid the foundation of the 100,000 liter water tank. Joyce Tannian, Executive Director of WILK told us that *Nalepo Kanam* means "reaching the promised land."



## St. Philip's 2025 Confirmands

Simera Kibreab Gudeta  
Thomas Bittle Krapf  
Abigail Kathryn Litterst  
Liam James Normington  
Ella Sophia Snowden  
Avalon Jean Sparrow  
Gillian Marie Sparrow



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## 2025 Graduates!

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### 2025 High School Graduates

**Tobi Litterst**

Attending University of Delaware in the Fall

**Joey Papili**

Attending University of Maryland in the Fall



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### 2025 College Graduates

**Patrick W. Downes**

Graduated from Washington College

**Ryan Myers**

Graduated from Syracuse University





**Mission Kids** will slow down for the summer, however, we will be having a **pool party on July 5<sup>th</sup>**. Keep an eye on your email for more details about the time and location!

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**From the May OWLS Presentation - Pastor Amy**

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## 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.

**Kid's Club, Breakfast Club and Adult Education** have completed their program year. All of these groups will resume meeting in September.

The **Graduate Quilt Blessing** will take place on Sunday June 1st. We have two graduating seniors, Tobi Litterst and Joey Papili.

**Confirmation Sunday** is June 8. Seven youth will be confirmed.

The **Youth Group** will leave on June 15 for their work camp in North Carolina. They will be joining others to help with rebuilding projects from hurricane damage.

**Summer of Service** kick off was on May 18. Our **June** project is **North Carolina Relief** from hurricane Helene. We are collecting money for work tools, water and canned food. The money collected will go to North Carolina so supplies can be purchased there and support their local economy. The Summer of Service table in the narthex has possible donation costs for different items and envelopes to use to turn in donations. We will collect donations through the month of June. Money donated before the group leaves on June 15 will go down at that point; later donations will be sent at the end of the month.

Check out the Lending Library in Room #128 and #129, where you will 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.





**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 that will go to St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries.
- We have asked Limestone Presbyterian to join us in a friendly competition to see which congregation can collect the most items—build the largest tower!!!

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 1 - **Graduate Quilt Blessing** + **Spring Clean-Up** (rescheduled) from 12-3pm.
  - We love our Seniors: Tobi Litterst (10:30am) & Joey Papili (8am)
  - *\*\*For Confirmation Class: all Sermon Notes due!*
- June 8 - **Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday** (10:30am service)
  - come out & support our 7 Confirmands: Abby, Gillian, Avalon, Thomas, Liam, Simera &
  - \*We will also have a special blessing, during that Sunday's worship, for all those going to NC Mission Trip.
- June 15-20 - Hurricane Relief Trip to NC

HAPPY SUMMERTIME EVERYONE!!!



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

**The Daytime Book Group** will next meet on New members are always welcome. **June 24th at 12:30 p.m.** will be our Annual Spring Salad and Dessert Luncheon at Gigi's

**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. On **June 13th** we'll discuss *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Alston. For **July 11th**, we will be discussing "*Miss Austen*" by Gill Hornby and for **August 8th** the book is "*Memory of an Elephant*" by Alex Lasker. 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!

The next **Young at Heart Group** will be **July 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.



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Women's Ministry



# MINISTRIES

## Stephen Ministry

St Philips is fortunate to have ten trained Stephen Ministers . These are very special people who will walk along side of you to help you get through a tough time. It could be loneliness or depression or an illness of you or a family member. Let Pastor Patrick or Gigi Mueller know if you would like to have a Stephen Minister.



## 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.



## Shepherding Team

The next  
Shepherds meeting  
**Monday,**  
**August 4th @**  
**1 p.m.** in the  
Fellowship Hall.



**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 12th 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.





# 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. We will be taking a pause for the summer. A **second group** that meets with the Mueller's will meet on **June 8th 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.



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



**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.



**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 11, 2025 and June 25, 2025**

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### **From the Care Kits Crew - Donna Porter**

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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: September 21-28

Thank you to everyone who donated food, non-perishables, time, and money to help make our May Family Promise host week a success. Our next host week will begin on September 21-28. In late August, 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: September 21, 2025 to September 28, 2025

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From LCS Room at the Table - Pastor Amy

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## Outreach Update

As noted in a previous Guidepost update, any extra support we might be able to give to the service organizations in our local community, our country, or the wider world would no doubt be much appreciated in these turbulent times, whether it be financial or donations of time or goods. Our own Grocery Club, the food pantries of Lutheran Community Services, Family Promise of Delaware, JFS Delaware, Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), Lutheran World Relief and many more worthy organizations are out there every day serving those who are in need.

This month, **Emma Wagner shares some thoughts about how Lutheran World Relief** continues to serve people in great need around the world, even as federal funding for humanitarian relief is in doubt. Look for Emma's article in this Guidepost and go to **LWR.ORG** to learn more about this ministry of the Lutheran church!

At the Room at the Table event on May 7th, **Lutheran Community Services shared its excitement at the grand opening of its new LCS Food Hub**, a warehouse/fulfillment center next to its main facility on Baynard Blvd in Wilmington. The Food Hub will support the Delaware Food Farmacy program, other nutrition security programs, and the existing LCS pantry network that serves over 50,000 people a year. LCS is working with its strong network of partners and volunteers to navigate these uncertain times, where LCS expects ever greater numbers of people in need at the same time federal support to help meet these needs decreases.

A synod Hunger Task Force led by Fred Melton and a group of Lutheran pastors in the area are discussing ways to respond to increased needs and lost federal resources affecting food banks and food programs that rely on them such as the St Philip's Grocery Club.

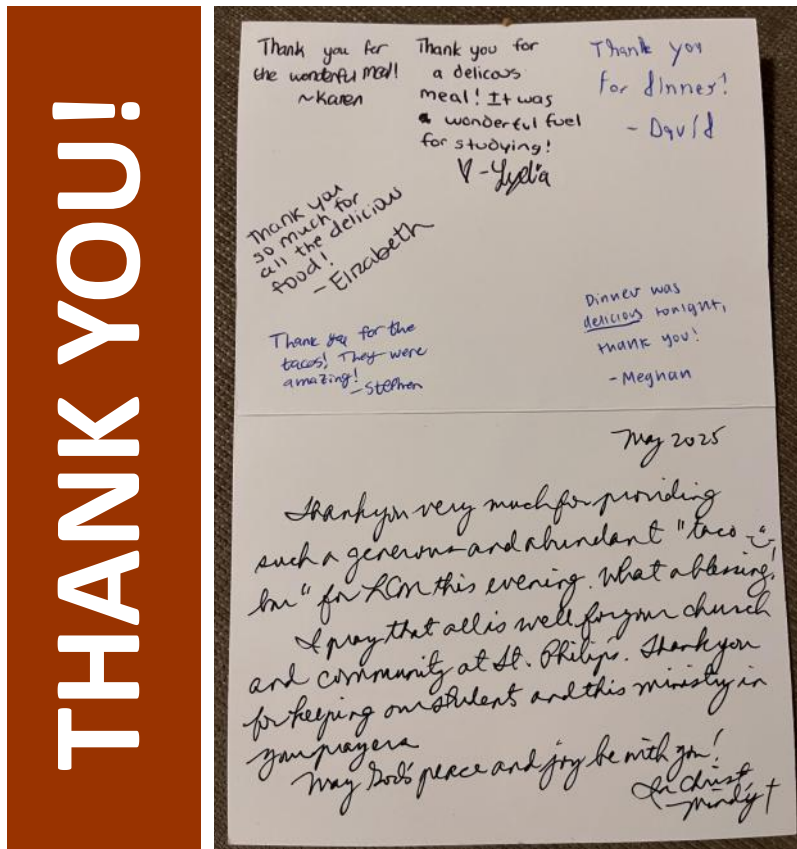
**Mark your calendars and invite your friends to the Christian Music Festival on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 11-5!** A great day of music and community will once again fill the social hall at St Philip's. Blue Hen BBQ will keep us all well fed while we enjoy the tunes. Contact Chuck Cory for more information or to volunteer at the event.

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**Big News from our borehole project in Kenya!** The rainy season has ended and construction has begun on the water tank and other structures needed to deliver water to the people of Inkisanjani and St. Luke's School. Look for the update and photographs from Inkisanjani elsewhere in this Guidepost. Also a big thank you to those who stayed after the 10:30 worship on May 11 to pose for a photograph that will be part of a giant "greeting card" banner we will bring to Kenya for the Borehole Dedication on July 21<sup>st</sup>. **Look for the banner in the Narthex during June for you to sign and share your greetings with the people of Inkisanjani!**

Several Outreach team members provided dinner for hungry University of Delaware students at **Lutheran Campus Ministry** on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Mindy Holland and the students gave us a lovely thank you note (see below). A really nice group to share a meal with!





## EIGHTY YEARS OF FAITH IN ACTION!

Eighty years ago, our Lutheran forebearers had a vision to join together and be the Body of Christ in the world, responding boldly to the needs of our neighbors in Europe after World War II.

As I think about what needs our neighbors have today, I can't help but think of a recent statistic I read: in 2024, nearly 350 million people around the world were facing acute hunger. And that number is growing. Due to rising conflict, climate disruptions, and dramatic cuts to U.S. foreign assistance, we may soon reach the heartbreaking milestone of **half a billion people**—half a billion—who don't have enough to eat.

These numbers are so big that they quickly become abstract. So let's put it in perspective. Imagine the entire population of **New York City**—every single person—struggling to find food for themselves and their children. Now multiply that not by 2, or 10, or even 20... but by **43 more cities the size of New York**. That's the scale of suffering we're talking about right now. It hardly feels like the time to celebrate anything.

And yet this year—**2025**—marks the **80th anniversary** of Lutheran World Relief. And as strange as it may sound, *this* is exactly the kind of moment that calls us to remember where we came from.

LWR was founded in **1945**. The world was still reeling from the Great Depression. World War II had just ended. There was devastation here at home and across the globe. The instinct could have been to turn inward. To circle the wagons, and to say, "We have enough problems of our own."

But that's not what happened. Instead, U.S. Lutherans—our parents and grandparents in faith—chose to look *outward*. They heard about people across Europe who were hungry and homeless. And instead of saying, "Not our problem," they said, "*Let's help.*"

That's our legacy. Not fear, but **faith in action**. Not retreat, but **resurrection courage**.

Now 80 years later, Lutherans across the United States are still joining together in faith to share God's love with the world. Thank you for joining us this year and in the future to continue our Lutheran legacy of love.

**Emma Wagner**

Senior Advisor, Congregational Engagement

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF -- LWR.ORG**

## From the Youth Group Beach Retreat - Pastor Amy



## From the Easter Breakfast - Pastor Amy











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From Pub Theology - Pastor Amy

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## PUB HEOLOGY

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 have had in **INCREDIBLE** year together with lots of great conversations and connections made! Please note: We will be taking a break for the summer months but we will return on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025! We cannot wait to be back! Cheers!



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community services

# 2025 Golf Classic

To Support Homelessness Prevention



FIELDSTONE



## 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
- Boxed Lunch
- Contests & Silent Auction
- On Course Beverages
- Gift Bags
- Reception & Dinner 5pm

**For Questions:**

For information on how to become a sponsor, or any other questions, contact Alex at [AMazzei@LCSDE.org](mailto:AMazzei@LCSDE.org)

**TRACKMAN**

Virtual ball tracking technology

One of only four Philly area golf courses with this technology!

"Ask about the virtual course and warm up area!"

Take your game further, with Fieldstone's TrackMan tracking app!



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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 = _____	} <b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b> \$ _____
Total # of dinner only _____	x \$100 = _____	
Corporate Foursome _____	\$1,750 = _____	

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### *Audits and Bowling and Books...Oh My!*

With the pending close of the school year, the students and staff of the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center are gearing up for yearend assessments and audits. But there's still lots of fun happening at the Center. Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen, tells us that one of the audits was around reading skills. Teresa is happy to report that, over the year, most of the children improved those skills!



"During our process, we first administered a pre-assessment test in the fall to measure their reading level and to give each child a starting point. Each child was then given a reading log at the beginning of each month with their reading level scores recorded at the top. The goal," according to Teresa, "was to have each child read at least 5 books or more each month on their reading level or higher. Every book read was recorded on their reading log. At the end of the month all logs were collected and tracked. This process was done from October

(pre-assessment test) through April when the Post Assessment tests were given. The post testing showed some improvement for all children who participated."

*Congratulations to all students!*

Meanwhile, Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams, says government audits are underway.

"They observed lunch in the infant and toddler 1 classrooms. They also interviewed Mr. Ron (cook), inspected the food pantry and reviewed documents. The desk review will occur via Microsoft Teams in the near future." In addition, Michelle says the "State Funded Pre-K also conducted an unannounced visit on April 29th. They reviewed 20 files and interviewed me. They asked questions pertaining to eligibility, recruitment, selection, waiting lists, inclusion in classrooms and staff credentials."

So, you may ask, where's the fun in any of that? Well, according to Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh, the Center recently held its first father-son bowling tournament.

*"The Bowling Buddies event was designed to shine a light on father-son relationships while, incorporating into the fun, the urgency to build up our young boys through positive communication and modeling. The 28 participants who attended," Brandon explains, "received t-shirts, swag bags, food, and more. The three winners (one per allotted age group) walked away with a \$100 gift card to either Footlocker, Main Event, or Cinemark Movies. The verbal feedback for the event expressed gratitude, fun, and a desire to continue events such as this."*



*Finally, Brandon reports that the Center staff also celebrated outstanding foster grandparents. "Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, as an organization, was acknowledged and celebrated for being a faithful participating organization for over 53 years. The AmeriCorps Seniors Delaware Foster Grandparents Program recognized Hilltop's foster grandparents for their contribution to the center. The event included speeches, awards, lunch, pictures, and dancing." And Brandon had his picture taken with Governor Matt Meyer!*

*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:***

Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles and 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 and Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark and Marge Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Erica Miller, Jenni Longhenry, Richard Pierce, Michael Pushkarewicz, Jane Newcomer, Arlene Favreau-Pysher, David Hauser 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 & 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; **Lael Zinnato**, granddaughter of Nancy Zinnato



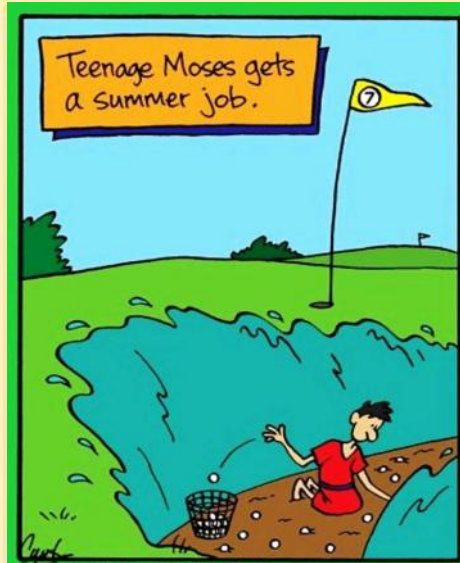


Peggy Barker	6/1
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Wayne Pouser	6/3
David Rosario	6/3
Kendra Cutler	6/4
Jenna Start Riale	6/4
Rory King	6/5
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Katie Gustaitis	6/6
Debra Gelesh	6/7
Liz Freburger	6/7
Debbie Galonsky	6/8
Katherine Fry	6/8
Kelly Krapf	6/8
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Samantha Papili	6/8
Nancy Zinnato	6/9
Karen Baumbach	6/10
Barbara Dickinson	6/10
Beverly Reedy	6/10
Eliza Solie	6/11

James Stevens	6/11
David Suddard	6/12
Celeste Mutschler	6/13
Albert Gustaitis	6/14
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Sally Krapf	6/14
Delores Wardwell	6/14
Amber Cory deFiore	6/15
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Ernie Frisicchio	6/17
Arianna Downes	6/23
Donna Daugherty	6/23
Teri Suddard	6/23
Hilde Cox	6/25
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Kristin Baronio	6/27
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May God Bless You on Your Special Day!





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