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RALLY SUNDAY
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Are You Okay? How Can I Help?

These have been the most often asked questions of me and Pastor Amy over the last 7 weeks. In the wake of all of us here at St. Philip's losing loved ones . . . I think there is a sense among everyone of sorrow over those we have loved and lost. I know that many of you have reached out to the families of folks who are experiencing grief and I know how much that means to everyone who is *walking through the valley of the shadow of death*. But in the wake of all losing so many people, folks around the church have begun to even ask me and Pastor Amy if we are okay. And I think that's one of the things I love about this congregation is a genuine sense of care and concern for one another, especially in times of great stress.

So, folks have begun to ask me and Amy, both in person and by text and email: "Are you okay? Is there anything I can do?" The answer is a *qualified* "yes" to the first one. And an ***emphatic*** "YES" to the second one. To the first question about whether we are okay . . . A qualified "yes." Pastor Amy and I are fine . . . Are we great? No. It's the beginning of a new program year—we are excited about the programs kicking back in, but we are also sad about people that we love struggling and dying—about their loved ones, who we love, hurting. As pastors, that hurts us too. But I will say that one of the blessings about our faith is that our hope of resurrection and the ongoing love of the people of God in the Church continues to help us. When you come to church on Sunday morning (and especially when the pews are full) and we are singing *Kyrie Eleison* together (or whatever the song is), we are crying out to God together in hurt and hope. I need that . . . And frankly, given the way the world is today, we all need that more than ever. So, on Sunday mornings when you are here supporting us and one another, yes, Pastor Amy and I are lifted up by that.

As to the second question about, "Is there anything I can do?" That's easy (part of it is in the paragraph above, but also . . .) . . . We need your help in doing the ministry of this church. When you are doing the things that pastors don't need to do—serving on ministry teams (there are lots of openings right now), etc. that helps us. When you volunteer to help clear the invasives out back, when you are helping with Christian Education Team, Outreach Team, Worship and Music Team . . . That is God's people doing exactly what God's people are calling in our baptism to do. And especially in times like this, all Pastor Amy and I have time to do is Pastoral Care—caring for others . . . That and write sermons and get ready for Sunday.

This is how we live out our faith . . . This is us being Church. I want to thank you all for checking in with me and Pastor Amy (she is a blessing-and-a-half by the way). Keep being you and keep praying how you might continue to support one another in faith and love.

Greetings all,

I just wanted to take a moment to lift up what's coming up this month: Youth Sunday/ Reformation Sunday (Sunday, Oct. 26th). This is an amazing Sunday and one of my favorite Sundays! Not only do we recognize and acknowledge our roots (Martin Luther and the German Reformation) but we also look to where our church is now in the year 2025.

Youth Sunday is a Sunday where we take time to recognize the impact our youth have in our worship and life of the church.

Why a "Youth Sunday"? Originating, last year, from the Youth Group members, the notion of our young people leading worship was one they came up with and my instant reaction was to make it happen! This is an incredible group who "makes disciples, praises God, and serves the community" together! And this year it won't just be our Youth Group helping lead the service but our Kids Club will also be involved! It's a great way to get all our young people involved in leading worship!

What a wonderful way to celebrate where we've come from as Lutherans and the future of our Church than to have the next generation leading us in worship! I know that myself, and this congregation are so proud of our young people, and I think Martin Luther would be, too! :) Looking forward to Sunday, Oct. 26th! And don't forget to wear your **RED**!

Thanks be to God!



All Saints' Sunday—Alpha and Omega Saints!!!

November 2, 2025

On November 2, 2025, at our worship services, we will recognize the annual celebration of All Saints' Sunday. In the past, on All Saints' Sunday we have celebrated our connection as members of the Body of Christ to all those saints who have gone before us as witnesses to the same Gospel that we celebrate today. These people, like us, are children of God and have been provided an important gospel witness to us through their faith and life. In that sense, we could call them "Omega" Saints . . . "Omega" being the last letter at the end Greek Alphabet and these "Saints" being at the end of their journey with us on earth. However, we proclaim as people of faith that our God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. So, in addition to recognizing the "Omega" Saints who have completed their journey on earth, we will also be recognizing the "Alpha" Saints - those who have been born this year and are beginning their journey with us as "Saints": those claimed by Christ.

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

Detach the bottom of this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. If you prefer to submit online, use the following link: <https://forms.gle/PzVe2fo1MMutXYii8>

Please Recognize the Following Saints:

Alpha Saint Name:

Date of Birth:

Omega Saint Name:

Date of Death:

Prayer for the Children at War

Heavenly Father today we come to You on behalf of those innocent people who are living in war torn areas. War is hitting so many regions right now, You know where they are, but I lift up those I know about in Israel, Palenstine, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Libya, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan, and Syria.

Lord, we lift up the children especially because their lives are still being shaped. Keep a hedge of protection around the children's body, mind, soul, and spirit. Help their minds not be shaped by the war, pain and hate that is surrounding them. Help them to find You in the midst of the darkness. Let their souls be at peace until their lands can make peace. Protect their bodies, protect their families. Let them find You in midst of these wars.

Lord we come to You and stand in the gap for the innocent children and families in these war torn areas asking for safety, Lord let them remain under the protection of the Almighty, Let them say to You, "You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust." Lord keep them safe from all hidden dangers and from all deadly diseases. Lord cover them with Your wings; let them be safe in Your care; let Your faithfulness protect and defend them.

Lord let them not fear any dangers at night or sudden attacks during the day or the plagues that strike in the dark or the evils that kill in daylight. Lord, though a thousand may fall dead beside them, ten thousand all around them, let them not be harmed. Help them to look and see how the wicked are punished. Lord be their defender, the Most High their protector, and so no disaster will strike them, no violence will come near their homes.

God will You put Your angels in charge of the children in these war areas to protect them wherever they go. Let the angels hold the children up with their hands to keep the children from hurting their feet on the stones. God we ask You to say, "I will save those children, they will love me and I will protect those children, they will acknowledge me as Lord.

Lord we call to You, asking You to answer us as we stand in the gap for the children and their families; We know they are in trouble, Lord be with them. Rescue them and honor them. Lord reward them with long life; save them.



**Service of Healing - Feast of St. Luke
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
at 6:30 p.m.**

St. Luke was not only the writer of the third Gospel. He is also known as “the physician”. As part of the celebration of his life proclaiming the gospel for the healing of the world, we will be having a healing worship service on October 21st. This worship service is for anyone who would like to attend, but in particular those who have friends, family, loved ones, etc. who need prayers for healing . . . Even prayers for the healing of the world. We hope you will join us for this meaningful celebration of the ways in which God is constantly healing our broken worlds and spirits.



Daylight Saving Time is ending on **Sunday, November 2, 2025**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back. We don't want to lose out on an extra hour of sleep that day.



**REFORMATION
SUNDAY**

Reformation Sunday is Sunday, October 26, 2025 - Don't forget to put this special day in the life of the church on your calendar. Everyone is encouraged to wear *red* clothing that day - **red** is the color of the Holy Spirit and the liturgical color of this special day!

From Finance - Teri Suddard

		St. Philip's Lutheran Church			
		Treasurer's Report by Major Group			
		August of Fiscal Year 2025			
		Responsibility: All			
		<u>Fund: 01 - General</u>			
		August	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Percent of
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Group 00		44,556.73	368,282.00	355,400.00	103.62%
	Total Income	44,556.73	368,282.00	355,400.00	103.62%
Expense					
Administration		1,305.22	24,050.42	24,400.08	98.57%
Committees		13,649.72	104,617.44	141,470.72	73.95%
Pastor		11,720.06	89,874.22	90,971.36	98.79%
Staff		18,417.61	140,351.71	140,271.44	100.06%
Utilities		2,067.71	13,935.66	16,000.00	87.10%
Benevolence		1,458.33	11,666.64	11,666.64	100.00%
	Total Expense	48,618.65	384,496.09	424,780.24	90.52%
	Income Less Expense	-4,061.92	-16,214.09	-69,380.24	

From the Care Kits Ministry - Donna Porter

Housing needs continue to be a concern for many. Even if you are staying in a shelter or other temporary housing, lack of permanent housing is difficult. Care Kits provide daily necessities such as snacks, water, and hygiene items for individuals in these circumstances. As the temperatures start to drop in the fall, additional challenges are added to the mix. Care Kits are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to share one with someone in need.

Donations of the following items would be helpful. (Please leave them in the bin under the Narthex coat rack). Thank you!

- Warm socks**
- Hats for winter**
- Gloves**
- Deodorant (men's preferred)**

- Hand warmers**
- Small packs of tissues**
- Toothpaste (travel size)**
- Snack bars (chewable)**



**MISSION KIDS
FALL EVENTS**

Outdoor Movie Night
Sunday, October 19th 5-8pm

PIZZA & POPCORN PROVIDED

Friendsgiving
Saturday, November 15th 4-7pm

BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT

Mission Kids & Youth Group originally planned to team up for Chalk the Walk, however the weather put a damper on this fun annual event. Despite the weather, Mission Kids and Youth group had a blast tie dying shirts and socks together! Chalk the Walk will be rescheduled for later this fall! Our next 2 upcoming events are an **Outdoor Movie Night on Sunday, October 19th**. Plan to bring a chair and your favorite drink. We will provide pizza and popcorn for everyone to enjoy. In November, we will celebrate Friendsgiving. This is always a favorite event for families to enjoy a meal together. We will provide the rotisserie chickens and we ask that all families plan to bring a side dish or a dessert. A sign up genius will be available soon to RSVP.



From Kids Club - First Sunday - Rally Day 2025! Anna Grieder and Katie Gustaitis



2025 ✝️ ✨ Mission Kids ✨ ✝️ 2026 YEARLY PLANNER

OCTOBER

Sunday 10/19 5-8pm
Outdoor Movie Night



NOVEMBER

Saturday, 11/15 4-7pm
Friendsgiving



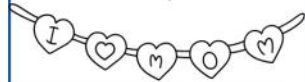
DECEMBER

Friday 12/5 5-9pm
Youth Group Babysitting
Sunday 12/14 9:15-10:15am
Advent Workshop



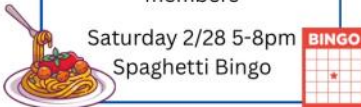
JANUARY

Sunday 1/11 noon-3pm
Mission Moms Lunch
6 Paupers



FEBRUARY

Sunday, 2/15 noon -1pm
Making Valentines with
Youth Group for homebound
members



MARCH

Sunday 3/22
noon-2pm
Easter Egg Hunt



APRIL

Saturday 4/18 4-7pm
Mission Kids Get Messy



MAY

OFF



JUNE

Saturday 6/13
Woodside Creamery



JULY

Date TBD
Annual Pool Party



PUB THEOLOGY

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

***Pub Theology** is all about open and honest, faith-filled conversations about things that matter. A table where all perspectives are welcome and appreciated. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come and bring your questions and thoughts, bring a friend, pull up a chair, and join Pastor Amy. You’ll be able to share your own wrestling’s and thoughts while learning something new along the way, and hey— there’s likely to be a good craft beer you haven’t tried yet! *We meet every 3rd Thursday of each month.*

PUB THEOLOGY IS BACK & BETTER THAN EVER!

Join us: **Thursday, October 16, 2025!** We will be meeting at Chuck Lager’s from 6:30 -8:30 pm! See you there!! All are welcome. Cheers!



From O.W.L.S (Older, Wiser, Lutherans) - Pastor Patrick and Pastor Amy



Our OWLS Program Will Resume in October - OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Seniors) is a monthly gathering of folks here at St. Philip’s. We share a meal and have a presenter from various places to teach us something new. Our gatherings are on the second Tuesday of each month during the program year. OWLS will return on **October 14th at 11:30 am** and the program is still being finalized. See you there!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 and during the Christian ed hour on Sunday mornings. Contact Maryann Shovestul if you have any questions.

The **Tower of Food** collection was distributed to our food pantry and the pantry at St. Stephen's in early September. It was a WIN/WIN! St. Philip's won the competition with Limestone Presbyterian and we helped feed many people in New Castle county. The Ice Cream Social, held to celebrate what the two congregations accomplished, was held on September 21.

The program is off to a great start!

- **Kid's Club** at 9:15 has "Donut Sleep on the Dozen Disciples" as its theme.
- **Breakfast Club** at 9:15 is discussing "The Dozen Disciples"
- **Adult Large Group** at 9:15 is exploring **Voices of Faith** this year. The first segment, led by Pastor Patrick, is exploring "What Do Christians Believe - The Apostles Creed"
- **Mission Kids** and **Youth Group** are both meeting. Check out separate pages for details about their activities.

The first **Together in Faith Breakfast** of the year is on **October 26 at 9:15 in the fellowship hall**. Come enjoy food and fellowship with your St. Philip's family. The youth and adults who traveled to **North Carolina** last summer will be sharing their experiences with us!

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.

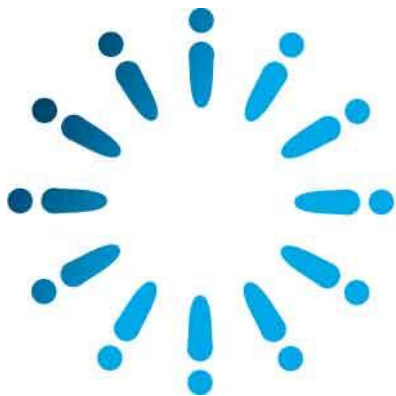


Join Us for “Voices of Faith” Large Group Adult Learning

This year we are switching up what we are doing for adult learning. We’re going to be working from a large group format on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. Each component will focus on different areas of faith and scripture and will be taught by a different Pastor here at St. Philip’s.

The Tentative Schedule is:

- Early Fall - Rev. Patrick Downes - The Apostle’s Creed and Relevance Today
- Late Fall - Rev. David Mueller - The Matthean Beatitudes
- January/February - Rev. Patrick Downes - Seven Last Words of Christ
- March/Early April - Rev. Amy Wright - Topic TBD
- Late April/Early May - Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pysker - Prayer



TOGETHER IN FAITH

A Community Learning Experience for all Ages

**Reformation Sunday/
Youth Sunday, October 26, 2025**

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

- Adults and Youth will share and fellowship
- Kid's Club will meet as usual.
- Youth Presentation on the Work Camp Trip to NC
- Don't forget to wear **RED**
- Poster in the narthex to sign-up to bring breakfast casseroles, muffins, coffee cake, donuts or fruit

***The Nursery Will Be Open!**



✿ GOD ✿
IS GOOD



A huge thank you to **St Philips Lutheran Church** for their record-breaking “Summer of Service” donation for our Lutheran Community Services food pantry! This incredible gift will make a significant impact on families facing food insecurity.

The donation was so large it took a pickup truck, three SUVs, and a car just to deliver all the nonperishable food, diapers, toilet paper, and toiletries. We are so grateful for St. Philip’s generosity and commitment to helping their neighbors.

Your support helps us continue our mission to fight hunger in our community. If you would like to help, we welcome donations at our pantry.

- Facebook post from St. Stephen’s Food Pantry



You are invited to join us at the
2025 Fall Women's Retreat!

It will be on Saturday, November 8th from 8:30 am-1 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Food will be provided. All are welcome to join!
You won't want to miss it!

This year's theme ("**Far More Precious Than Diamonds**") comes from Proverbs 31:10: "A *good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.*" We will be diving into the lives of some incredible women in the scriptures as we learn more about God and ourselves along the way.

Take some time for yourself to reconnect with God and your community. You can register online now with this link or on the upcoming board in the Narthex:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-57952408-fall>

The **Young At Heart Group** will be meeting **October 18th, 1:30 to 3 p.m.** at Gigi's. Contact Gigi Mueller, if you have any questions.

The next **Women, Wine, and Whine** is **location and day TBD!** We will let you know as soon as we know. All are always welcome!

The next **Daytime Book Group** will be **Tuesday, October 21st at 12:30 p.m.**, Room #127 at St Philipss. *Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby van Pelt* is our book. New members are always welcome!



The **Womens Fall Retreat** is coming along nicely. Should be a special time for all . We have extended our invitation to a few other churches. The date is, **Saturday, November 8th, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.** See the sign-up in the Narthex. Let Gigi or Pastor Amy know if you can help with food set-up

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. The next meeting will be **October 10** and the book for this month is: *And Then We Hit a Rock* by Greg Buenzli. Looking ahead to upcoming months, mark the following evenings on your calendar: **November 14** - *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline, **December 12** - The Annual Cookie Exchange and Poetry Reading, **January 9** - *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah, **February 13** - *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides, **March 13** - *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah, (Because we LOVE her :-)), **April** - New Castle County Reads Book and Author Talk. 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!

Women's Ministry

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry

St Philip's is fortunate to have ten trained Stephen Ministers. We have two of our congregants who have just started training, bringing our total to twelve. We are here for you. Let Pastor Patrick or Gigi Mueller know if you need a caring and listening ear to walk your journey with you.

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 is on **Monday, November 3rd @ 1 p.m.** in Room #031

The Shepherding Team Needs New Members to Help!! As you may be aware, St. Philip's has a team of people known as Shepherds who call or write each quarter to check in with members to see if there are any problems or needs - it's a way a congregation as large as ours can help the Pastors keep in touch with everyone. We are in need of one or two people who are willing to send notes or make calls once per quarter to check in with people. If you are willing to help, contact Sally Krapf or one of the Pastors and we can tell you more about how you can help.

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 **September 11th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in Room #031 here at church. If you are interested in 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 will be taking a pause for the summer. A **second group** that meets with Dave and Gigi Mueller will meet on **Sunday, September 21st** at the Mueller's. They will be discussing a portion of Revelation. 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 **September 9th at 1 p.m. in Room #128**. For more info, contact Erica Holmes.

Worship and Music Team has had a lot of changes lately due to members of the team having life changes that has required them to retire from their jobs. If you are interested in helping out with this team which helps plan worship services through the year, we can use your help. You don't need to know anything about worship. Pastor Patrick is currently chairing the team—let him know if you can help.

Pinners and Knotters will meet on the **third Wednesday of each month, starting this September, the 17th, in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM**. We have a number for projects ready to get underway. Consider joining us for this important ministry. No special skill is required and you'll enjoy the company!

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), **Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Salt & Pepper, Crackers, Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix/Frosting.** Thank you so much for your generosity!!

GROCERY CLUB CLOTHING

We have been getting requests from members for clothing, so Grocery Club is once again accepting donations. We are especially in need of children's clothing of all sizes but are also looking for men's and women's clothing. Summer clothing is preferred. **Please contact Nancy Zinnato if you have items to donate.**

GROCERY CLUB

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 and October 22, 2025

GROCERY CLUB AND TOWER OF FOOD

Thank you to everyone for the amazing amount of donations to the Tower of Food. We have already given some of it out at both Grocery Clubs.

Special thanks to Sharon & Harold Holeman, Shirley Rash, Kenny Zinnato and Ryan Zinnato for moving all that food from the Narthex to the Food Pantry!



Grocery Club Crew



From Family Promise - Marty Budd and Rebecca Bardenhagen

Thank you to everyone who donated food, non-perishables, time, and money to help make our September Family Promise host week a success. Our next host week will be December 7-13. A sign-up poster will be in narthex and a Sign-Up Genius will be sent out by e-mail in mid-November for requests of donations of food and other supplies.

Family Promise has a wish list of items needed for families when they are in the Family Promise shelter, as well as when they move into their own housing. This list can be found at <https://www.familypromisede.org/wish-list>. If you would like to donate any of the items they are requesting, you can give them to Marty Budd or Rebecca Bardenhagen, or email us at the contact information below, and we will make sure they are delivered.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen (bardenhagens@yahoo.com) or Marty Budd (martybudd@verizon.net) with any questions.

Blessings to all!

FAMILY PROMISE

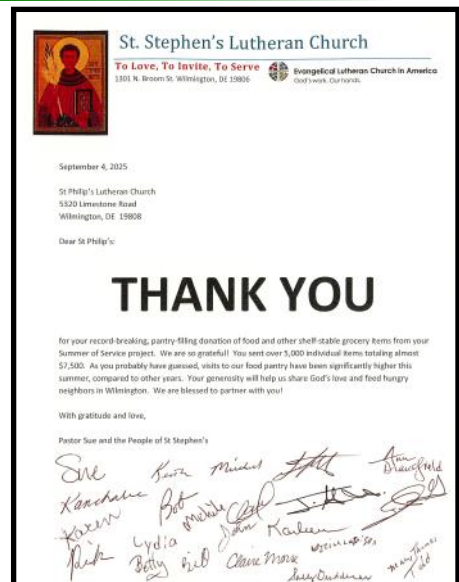
The week of: **December 7, 2025 to December 13, 2025**

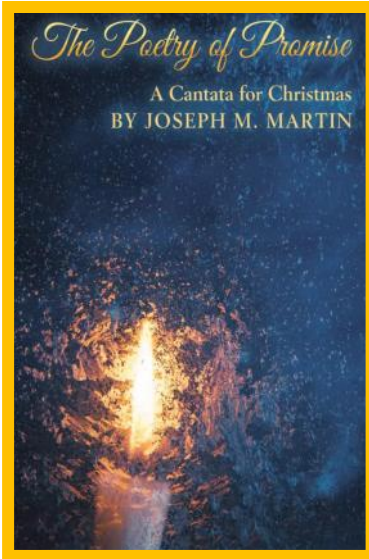
Thank You's to St. Philip's



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your cards, concern, flowers, well wishes, offers to help and most of all your prayers prior to my surgeries and through my recoveries. You were a great encouragement and comfort. You are very special friends and I love you dearly. To God be the glory!

Jane Newcomer





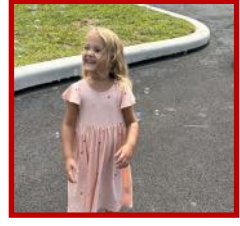
Calling all Singers!!!

Cantata season is upon us and we would love your voice to join us in the choir! We will begin rehearsals on **Monday October 6th at 6:30 pm** in the choir room. Rehearsal will be approximately 35-40 minutes and increase slightly as we near the Cantata in December. Please share with friends or family outside of our Congregation who you think might be interested in joining! The performance of *Poetry of Promise* by Joseph Martin will be Sunday, December 14th at 7:00pm. Please feel free to contact Lauren or Stephen with any questions!

From Rally Day!



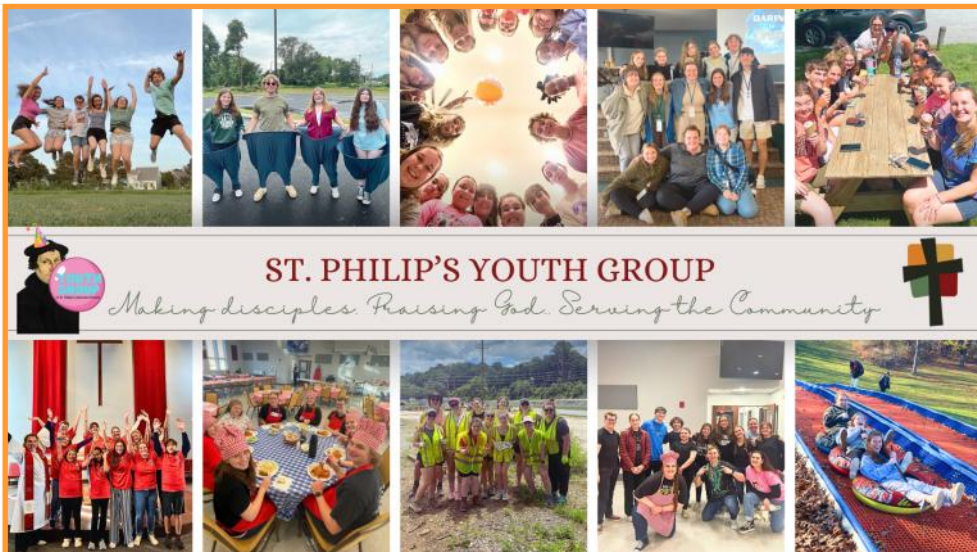
RALLY DAY 2025
Inside Picnic and
Fun outside after the Rain!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 2025

- October 5 – Blessing of the Pets Service (12:00pm) + Pumpkin Carving + pumpkin cookie baking/decorating (1-2:30pm)
 - Bring a fall-themed dessert or snack to share!
- October 12 – LinVilla Orchards (after 2nd service)
 - Pack a lunch & come pick apples with us! Cost to pick apples: \$11
- October 19 – **Outdoor** movie night with the YG + Families and the Mission Kids+ Families (5-8pm)
 - Bring a chair + a drink to share & come join! Pizza, hot popcorn, candy, oh my (will be provided)!
- **October 26** – YG presentation at “Together in Faith” (9:15-10:15am) about NC Mission Trip + Youth lead **both** worship services (8 & 10:30AM)
 - For Together in Faith presentation: Those who went on the NC Mission Trip - wear your **brown** *Disaster Relief* shirt we received from the camp
 - For worship: you will receive a **red** shirt
 - There will be a Sign-up Genius to sign up for your part in worship





“DINNERS OF EIGHT” Returns to St. Philip’s this Fall!!

Meal fellowship, in the form of our “Dinners of Eight” ministry, seeks to offer members of our congregation, their friends and possibly, in time, people of other faiths, opportunities to experience and foster relationship with one another. With smaller gatherings of eight people the dinners are relatively easy to pull off and those with smaller homes are also able to participate as host. Once established, with guests taking their turn at hosting a gathering, the ministry tends to sustain and grow itself.

Look for signup sheets to be posted in the Narthex in the coming weeks allowing all congregation members the opportunity to participate in a “dinner of eight”. Those that choose to host should provide the main course and beverage and ask the others coming to dinner to bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad, or dessert. After meeting and sharing dinner, it is encouraged that the guests in attendance host a dinner of their own, with an open invitation to members of the congregation to join. As this process is repeated the ministry is able to expand.

I look forward to witnessing our congregation come together and grow into a community bound together in fellowship. For more information please contact Allyson Myers or Gigi Mueller.

Blessing of the Pets! -Pastor Amy



Sunday, October 5th Feast of St. Francis at Noon in the back parking lot!



We are inviting all members of the congregation with pets to join us in the back of the church for a short service of prayer and blessing. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Amy.



ST. LUKE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL INKISANANI PRESENTATION

A Heart Beyond the Heart

*Days on we suffered
To quench our thirst
A thirsty cry boomed
Across the atmosphere*

*With a listening ear
Hon. Pash of the kind heart
Beconed St. Philip's
St. Philip's of the king heart
St. Philip's of generous actions*

*From overseas,
Across the cities,
Across the countries,
Across the continents,
The cry was answered!*

*For every drop...
For the now stead flow
We are thankful
Thankful of Hon. Pash
Thankful of St. Philip's
Thank you for everything
Recited by Aroma T. (Student)
Authorized by Mr. Awuor H. (Teacher)*



HABITAT RESTORATION UPDATE

Members of the Habitat Restoration Crew have been busy all summer clearing invasive plants from the meadow, retention ponds, and an area adjacent to the extended parking lot, where the Crew planted 26 trees last fall. Without competition from the bad guys, native sas-safras, oak, holly, dogbane, milkweed, and other plants in those areas will be able to thrive. See the accompanying picture of Crew members who completed this work on September 6th.

The Crew will continue to remove invasives throughout the fall and winter, thus reducing threats to trees and meadows when spring growth begins.

The next exciting initiative in the restoration program will occur this September. A tree, native grasses and other plants will find a new home in the circle garden at the south end of the main parking lot. What has been a large drab brown circle will become, over the next year or so, a place of beauty. Keep your eyes peeled for this change!! (To get a sense of how native grasses enhance the property, have a look at the beautiful grasses at the south end of the parking lot, and check out the grasses in the small area on the left, just as you enter the lot from Limestone Rd.)

The Crew is always looking for additional members. The only requirements are a heart for the land and a couple of hours on one Saturday or Wednesday each month. We meet in the morning (8:30 to 10:30 a.m. currently) on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday of each month *throughout the year*, weather permitting. Contact Mary or Phil Duncan for more information.



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at UD

LCM FALL FUNDRAISER

For All the Saints

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 1

We've enjoyed a wonderful start to LCM this year, with eight new student visitors and great energy for the semester. LCM members have met weekly for dinner and worship, gathered for coffee and conversation in a local café, volunteered with FISH, hiked in White Clay Creek, and continued to grow in faith, leadership, discipleship, and service. Some fun fall photos are attached below! ☺

We're excited for our next **LCM fundraiser, "For All the Saints,"** on **Saturday afternoon, November 1**, with **doors opening at 1:30 PM** at Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin (2033 Graves Road). We look forward to a joyful time of fellowship, tasty hors d'œuvres and dessert, a fun auction (led once again by the Delaware-Maryland Synod bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl), student presenters, and the blessing of gathering with our wider LCM community. Please mark your calendar and join us!

You're also invited to assemble a raffle basket to donate for this event. Past basket themes have included chocolate lovers, Italian dinner, puzzles, book lovers, holiday themes, and more. We welcome new ideas and creativity. Please list the contents of the basket on a small attached tag. Ideally, we'd love to collect the baskets by Wednesday, October 22. Thank you very much! If you have questions, please contact the LCM office at 302-368-3078 or via office@lcmde.org.

We always welcome your prayers for LCM!

- Please pray God will bless the new students who have connected with LCM and that we'll continue to shape a welcoming, nurturing place for young adults to enjoy Christian community and grow in faith.
- Please pray for wisdom in identifying new members for our Directing Committee (governing board), as we expand and strengthen our leadership. Thank you!

Please come visit us at LCM's chapel (247 Haines Street in Newark) on a Tuesday evening. We're so grateful for the many prayers, home-cooked meals, and contributions from supporting congregations. We look forward to connecting with you on November 1st! Until then, may you be blessed with good health, and may God's peace, grace, courage, and hope be with you and your loved ones.

*In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service †
Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD
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The School Year Begins!



Since we last reported, summer camp wrapped up at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams, says the camp ended with a barbecue at Fox Point Park.

“The campers, parents and staff had a ball. The weather was nice. The campers and staff had fun playing games and dancing to music! Everyone enjoyed the food, drinks and snacks. This was a great way to end another summer.”

Now, the new school year is underway and the students are getting accustomed to their new classes, teachers, and fellow students. According to Center Curriculum Coordinator, Dashaba Fielder, the teachers are working hard to be as welcoming as possible.

“All classroom teachers have done a great job of making sure their classroom is warm, inviting, and creatively decorated to welcome their new students.”

Dashaba says the first lesson theme of the new school year is Emotions. “During this lesson, the children identified how they feel and understood how their peers may feel. They enjoyed the book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*”



Always open to new partnerships to improve the Center, Executive Director, Michelle Williams, gave a tour of the Center to staff members of the Delaware Art Museum.

They discussed “a possible partnership with the preschool program. They would come in and work with the students and staff and have the artwork displayed at the museum. They would open the museum one night for the students, parents and staff.”



We'll keep you posted with any updates on these and other goings on at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center throughout the year.

*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:

John and Barb Williams, Charles and Ruth Bowles, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Elizabeth Stirk, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Ellen Lenker, Phyllis Bolgiano, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark and Marge Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Gerry Butler, Kelly Krapf, The Family of Janette Saxton, The Family of Bev Reedy, The Family of Richard Pierce

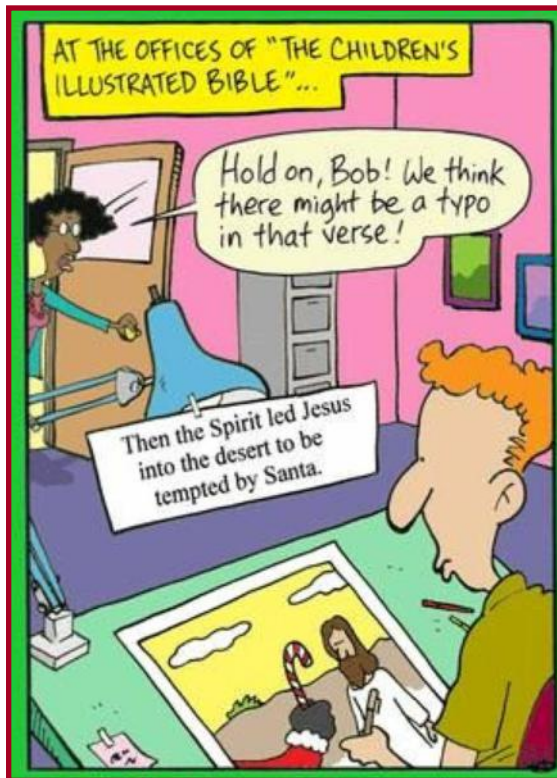
We Pray for our Loved Ones: *(Though we do not explicitly name these beloved ones in worship during our prayer time, please lift up their names in prayer aloud or silently during the time set aside for other intercessions):* **Our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Sgt. Tyler Harris**, nephew 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, & **Caleb Houtmann**, grandson 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-Pyscher; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk, **John Stachowski and Family**, Friends of Tom Krapf, **Kevin Meinhardt**, son-in-law of Virginia Frattarola; **Lael Zinnato**, granddaughter of Nancy Zinnato; **George Rice**, son of Vicky Rice; **Mark Fawzi**, son of Judy Fawzi

October Birthday's

Sophie King	10/1	Brittney Garbacz	10/16
Sherry Thompson	10/1	Bryan Longhenry	10/18
Katie Spae	10/5	Anita Sterling	10/18
Lois Hardy	10/6	Bill LaRue	10/19
Tina Malatesta	10/6	John Longo	10/19
Susan Mack	10/9	Michael Rosen	10/20
Nancy Griffith	10/9	Georgia Solie	10/20
Richard Siemienski	10/9	Carol Oesterbo	10/21
Pamela Sheffer	10/10	Tom DeWeese	10/23
Jacqueline Kyle	10/11	Crystal Solie	10/24
Elaine Dean	10/14	Phil Duncan	10/25
Erica Miller	10/14	Kenny Zinnato	10/25
Damian Garbacz	10/15	Nicholas Kennedy	10/26
Teri Kennedy	10/16	Debbie Pouser	10/28
Carol Ruckle	10/16	George Spae, Jr.	10/29

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.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages
9:15 a.m. Large Group Forum in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Worship Service In Sanctuary