



THE GUIDEPOST



St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter

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

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Actually, It's Really All About YOU . . . Oh, and Jesus Too!!

There's a saying that goes something like this: "Do you know what you call a leader with no followers? Just a guy taking a walk!!" On the next page of this edition of *The Guidepost*, Pastor Amy has posted some nice pictures of the award I received from United Lutheran Seminary (Formerly my seminary, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia). It's the "Called to Lead: Excellence in Parish Ministry Award." I was very humbled and grateful to be nominated for this award and for all the people who wrote in support of me being awarded it. Part of me wants to say, "Thank you to the Academy and all the fans" . . . Hee hee!

But the other part of me wants to say, "Actually, it's all about you." Yes, YOU . . . The people of St. Philip's. This is not just me being humble and it is not just me NOT liking to be the center of attention (although, trust me, I DON'T like being the center of attention) . . . It is me recognizing that there are a lot of good pastors out there (for example, our Bishop, Bill, is 1000 times the pastor I am) but they are not surrounded by the people that we all have at St. Philip's. Yes, there is some leadership that I provide. But, in truth, the last several years, I have (more and more) been working to "get out of the way" of all of you, who have ideas and passion and vision *beyond* what I have. Yes, I lit a match years ago, and the Holy Spirit fanned the flames, but each one of you brings your faith, your passion, your vision, your hopes to this congregation. Without you, I am just guy taking a walk.

My greatest "award" is all of you . . . It is this church. When you step up and take on a new ministry . . . When you respond to a need in this church . . . When you are actively doing things to move us forward . . . When you embrace all the change here at St. Philip's (and trust me, this congregation is rapidly changing as we welcome in more people into this community of grace and love) . . . All that we have built together . . . When I step back and get to love you for that and feel your love for me . . . That is honestly, all I really need, and it really is the greatest 'trophy' because it is not about me . . . It is about you and me and Jesus Christ and the life we live together in Christ's name and presence.

Friends, there is a reason I have stayed as long as I have. There's a reason why you are here too. And it is not because either one of us is perfect (ask Dawn, I'm far from it . . . Hee hee). It is because in our imperfection, we get to live together and do incredible things in Jesus' name. What will we do next? What will our next 'trophy' be? Blessings and Peace!!



In the month of December, our very own, Pr. Patrick was nominated for a special and prestigious United Lutheran Seminary alumni award, specifically, the: "Called to Lead--Excellence in Parish Ministry" alumni award. Many others (including pastors and lay leaders) were asked to vouch for and speak to Patrick's leadership of St. Philip's for this application.

To quote the award description: *"These awards honor graduates and certificate holders of United Lutheran Seminary—and its predecessor institutions, LTSG and LTSP, who have demonstrated faithfulness in ministry and brought honor to the seminary."* ****We are THRILLED to announce that he has won this award!**

He received the award at Gettysburg Seminary on Wednesday, May 6th. There is no doubt that Pr. Patrick (and the people of St. Philip's) deserve this honor. All are welcome to join us for a little celebration following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, June 7th! Thanks be to God for the ministry of St. Philip's and for Pr. Patrick!



As June arrives and we move toward the summer solstice, we are reminded of the gift of longer days, warm evenings, and moments that invite us to slow down and reconnect. After the busy pace of spring, summer offers an opportunity to step outside, gather with friends and family, and appreciate the beauty of God's creation all around us.

There is something special about this time of year. Whether it's sharing a meal on the porch, taking an evening walk, watching children play outside, or simply enjoying a quiet sunset, these moments help ground us and remind us of what matters most. In a world that often feels rushed and noisy, the longer daylight seems to gently encourage us to pause and be present with one another.

At St. Philip's, summer is also a season of community. Even as schedules shift and vacations begin, the life of the church continues through worship, fellowship, service, and the many conversations shared before and after Sunday services. These connections, both big and small, are what help make our congregation feel like home.

As we head into this new season, I encourage all of us to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the people around us. Reach out to a neighbor, reconnect with a friend, invite someone to join you for coffee or worship, or simply take a moment to appreciate the peace of a summer evening. These simple acts of connection can often be the most meaningful.

Wishing everyone a joyful, restful, and sunshine-filled start to summer. We look forward to all that this season will bring for our St. Philip's family.



SUMMER

Are you passionate about St. Philip's Lutheran Church and excited to show it in ways that support our Women's Ministry? If you answered, "yes!", please mark your calendars for the unveiling of something extraordinary happening this September on Rally Sunday!

Proceeds from this special event will be put towards the outreach that we do, primarily providing feminine supplies such as tampons, sanitary napkins, "Poise" pads, or similar adult incontinence aids and adult underwear which are needed by our Grocery Club, as well as outreach for St. Stephen's.

Women's Ministry also hosts many activities that promote fellowship among women in our congregation and community. We welcome you to join us at any of our monthly events: Women, Whine and Wine, Young@Heart for our church elders-meeting every six weeks, Evening Book Club- which meets every second Friday or Afternoon Book Club, every third Tuesday. Meeting places and times are generally announced during Sunday service, posted on the calendar or in the Guidepost. Feel free to bring a guest!

We host Spring and Fall Retreats annually; please mark your calendar for our upcoming Fall Retreat in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 7th from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. More to come on this event!

We are also hosting a Soap Making event on Saturday, June 27th in Fellowship Hall from 1PM – 3:30. The cost is \$30 per person. You will learn how to make 2- 4oz bars of 100% natural herbal soap. Please look for the Sign Up Genius and join us!

If you have questions or suggestions about Women's Ministry or how you can get involved, please reach out to Gigi Mueller.

5/12/2026 09:19 am		St. Philip's Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Finance year 2026, April		
<u>Book 01: General</u>	Actual Apr. 2026	Actual as of 4/30/2026	Budget as of 4/30/2026	Percent of Budget
Income				
00 - (no Major group)	35,089.81	202,272.66	174,515.99	115.90
Income:	35,089.81	202,272.66	174,515.99	115.90%
Expense				
01 - Administration	2,335.81	17,072.11	12,733.33	134.07
02 - Committees	14,323.26	52,751.52	66,392.67	79.45
03 - Pastor	11,217.11	44,868.44	45,866.00	97.83
04 - Staff	17,130.94	68,961.50	70,271.33	98.14
05 - Utilities	2,198.00	9,791.69	5,500.00	178.03
06 - Benevolence	0.00	1,458.33	5,000.00	29.17
Expense:	47,205.12	194,903.59	205,763.33	94.72%
Summary, Book 01: General				
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Net Income:	-12,115.31	7,369.07	-31,247.35	

From Pub Theology - Pastor Amy



Pub Theology Will Return in September. Have a great summer!

From O.W.L.S (Older, Wiser, Lutheran, Seniors) - May Presentation - Family Promise



O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors) Will Return in October!



**Thank you to the Pinners and Knotters
for the Beautiful Quilts!**

Blessings on our Graduates!







SUMMER OF SERVICE



June

Help for Kenyan Students

- Donate towards the cost of items for St. Luke's School students
- A list of needs and envelopes are located in the Narthex
- Use envelopes to donate towards the cost of items



July

School Supplies for E.A.G.L.E.S. and Ferris Schools

- Purchase school supplies (use sign up genius that will be available at the end of June)
- Help pack supplies to send to the schools



August

CITY OF FOOD

- Donate items to build our city of towers.
- All non perishable items welcome. Suggested needs are cereal, shelf milk, canned fruit or vegetables, canned tuna or chicken, canned beans, nuts, snack food, mac & cheese, feminine hygiene, personal hygiene baby food, wipes, diapers (size 4-5), baking items, paper products, laundry detergent food to go to St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries
- a challenge to exceed last year's donations!



Mission Kids Get Messy



Kids Club celebrates Mom



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 on Sunday morning. Contact Maryann Shovestul if you have questions about the nursery.

The Christian Ed **Sunday morning programs** have concluded for the program year. Programs will resume in September. Look for information about next year's programs in August.

Mission Kids will have a pool party on Sunday July 19. Regular monthly activities will resume in September.

The **Youth** will travel to Ohio for Workcamp from June 14-20.

Congratulations and blessings to our **high school graduates**: Isaac Armstrong, Jonathan Downes, Megan Ierien, Sarah Meyers, Arden Shindel, Avalon Sparrow

SUMMER OF SERVICE kicks off in June with **Help for Kenyan Students**. The congregation is asked to donate towards the cost of items for St. Luke's School. A list of needs as well as donation envelopes are in the narthex. Contact Sharon Kittle or Diana Schneider if you have questions.

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.

Mission Kids Pool Party

Sunday
July 19th
Details coming!



ST PHILIP'S KIDS CLUB

2026-2027

POWERED BY THE SPIRIT.
MADE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

LOVE
I care like Jesus.

JOY
I choose happiness.

PEACE
I am calm and trust God.

PATIENCE
I wait and don't give up.

KINDNESS
I treat others with care.

GOODNESS
I do what is right.

FAITHFULNESS
I can be counted on.

GENTLENESS
I am caring and kind.

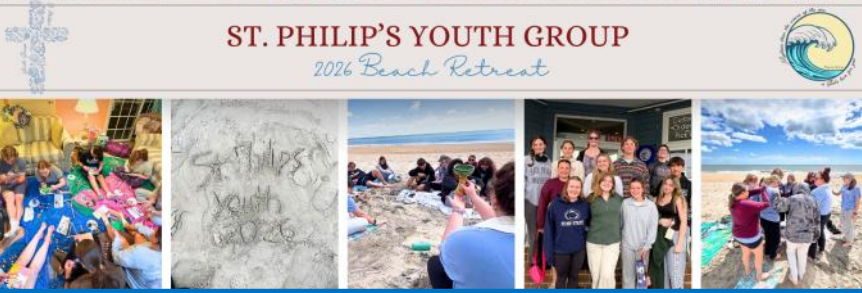
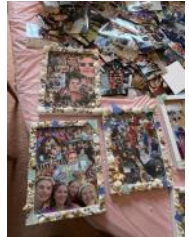
SELF-CONTROL
I make good choices.

GROWING STRONGER IN FAITH.
MAKING THE WORLD BETTER.
★ ONE FRUIT AT A TIME. ★

★ CONTACT ANNA GRIEDER OR PASTOR AMY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ★

SIGN UP HERE!





From Youth Group Trip to a Farm - Pastor Amy



The **Daytime Women's Book Group** will have its **Annual Salad and Dessert Luncheon** on **Tuesday, June 16th**, at **Noon**, at Gigi's house. Please RSVP with what you will bring. An Appetizer or Beverages are still needed. The book for **July 21st** is, *Say You'll Remember Me*, by Abby Jimenez. For **August 18th** the book is *Speak to me of Home*. **September 15th** is *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult. For **October 20th** it is *The Winemaker's Wife*. Weather permitting, July, August and September, will meet at Gigi's house.

Women, Whine and Wine will be meeting at Braeloch Brewing in Kennett Square on **June 13th**. Time TBD. For any questions about this group, please contact Mary Kay LaRue or Gigi Mueller.

The **Young at Heart Group** is a gathering of women who are 70 years old and up—we gather to have fellowship and connect with each other on our mutual experiences in this time of our lives. The next gathering will be **TBD** from **1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at Gigi Mueller's home. If you have questions or need more details contact Gigi Mueller.



Women's Ministry



The **Fall Women's Retreat** is coming! It will be on Saturday, **November 7th 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Help is needed! Let Pastor Amy or Gigi know if you can help. We will be talking about God's Messengers - Angels.

A New Committee for Women's Ministry has been formed. Besides our spring and fall retreats, we would like to have more events during the year. Our first event will be a special hands-on soap making class to be held at church on **Saturday, June 27th, 1 to 3 p.m.** See Next Page for information. We also discussed outreach projects. More info later. If you are interested in becoming part of this important ministry, let Gigi or Pastor Amy know.

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 **June 12th** - *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. 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!



Join us on: **Saturday, June 27th**

from **1-3:30** in Fellowship Hall
The cost is **\$30** per person and
you will learn how to make

2 - 4oz bars of 100% natural herbal soap

Sign Up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-64191711-womens>

From Kids Club Pancake Tacos - End of Year Celebration - Pastor Amy



Stephen Ministries is celebrating 50 years of equipping God's people to be Stephen Ministers. St. Philip's is blessed to have 10 of these caring and compassionate people in its midst. Let Pastor Patrick or Gigi Mueller know if you are experiencing a difficult time in your life where you would benefit for someone to walk this path by your side.

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 Pastor Amy know if you are interested.

The Shepherding Team Needs Your 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.

Habitat Restoration Crew - 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 (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 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.

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 11th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in Room #031 here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

MINISTRIES AT ST. PHILIP'S

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** meets at church on the **second Wednesday** of the month from **Noon - 1:30 p.m.** The next gathering date is **June 10th in Room #031**. New people are welcome!! Contact Sharon Kittle. A **second group** is meeting Sundays after church. **The next meeting will be Sunday, June 21st, after 10:30 a.m. service at the Mueller's home.** Bring a lunch and join us. All are welcome. Crystal will be leading a discussion on Sainthood. We will start our discussion around **12-12:15 p.m.** Any questions, contact Gigi.

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 9th at 1 p.m.** in Room #129. For more information, contact Erica Holmes or Jane Newcomer.

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.

Pinner and Knotters meet on the **third Wednesdays of each month**. The next meeting is **September 16th 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.

MINISTRIES AT ST. PHILIP'S

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

Wednesdays, June 10, 2026 and June 24, 2026

PET FOOD DONATIONS

We are asking for pet food donations for the individuals and families in Grocery Club. It can be a one-time donation, a monthly donation or however many times you would like to donate.

If you don't want to shop for the food yourself, you can donate a gift card from Petco, PetSmart or Concord Pet and I will shop for you!

As an owner of 20 pets over the last 40 years, taking care of animals is very important to me.

If you are interested in helping, please email me, and I will send you a list of pet food that is needed.

Thank you,
Nancy Zinnato



Thank you to everyone who donated food, non-perishables, time, and money to help make our May Family Promise host week a success. In June, Family Promise will open their new facility on 2501 Milltown Road! The facility is equipped with a commercial kitchen and dining room, sizable enough to seat all program participants. We will have an opportunity to serve meals at the new facility during our next host week which will be Sunday, August 30-Thursday, September 3. With the opening of the new facility, meals will not be provided on Fridays and Saturdays. A sign-up poster will be in the narthex and a Sign-Up Genius will be sent out by e-mail in early July for requests for 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 or Marty Budd with any questions. Blessings to all!

FAMILY PROMISE
The week of: August 30, 2026 to September 3, 2026

Care Kit Items Needed

Homelessness is increasing

- Delaware’s homeless population increased 16% from 2024 to 2025
- Children under 18 made up 27.3% of the state’s unhoused population

Long-term affordable housing needs to be addressed but let’s also make sure that unhoused individuals or those in temporary or emergency situations know that they are not invisible or ignored. Care kits are one way to convey that.

The following items are needed to replenish our stock of Care Kits for community distribution.

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| Chewy snack bars | Deodorant (men’s) |
| Cracker packs | Water |
| Fruit snacks like applesauce or fruit cup | Socks |
| Individual toothbrushes | Band-aids |
| Travel size toothpaste | Body wipes |
| Small tissue packs | |



Donation from Girl Scouts!

Tina and her daughter, Savannah, and Tara and her daughter, Azari, donated 9 cases of Girl Scout Cookies to the Grocery Club! Thank you Troop #623!



Family Promise - As most of you know, Family Promise was started by St. Philip's in 2008 to address the gap in caring for homeless families which often left parents separated and often kids separated from parents. We started with St. Philip's and 12 other churches hosting families in our classrooms and church buildings. Today, Family Promise works with over 40 churches and synagogues and a new Family Promise Center is opening to house over 18 families at a time. Tours are available for the new Family Promise facility at [2501 Milltown Road](#) in Wilmington. The tours will run from June 11th through July 23rd. If you would like a tour, please click on the below link to sign up for a date and time: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=69YVemKMfUuwrYCoEQ3dIW-i-mz6QkQlChictT-Y3VjxUQk9WSkY0MU1VR1YwUDBZRVQ5RTg2M0wxWi4u&blm_aid=40163



YOUTH
GROUP



SUPERLATIVES



Sending a **HUGE SHOUTOUT & THANK YOU** to Dave Thompson & the Thursday Work Group for building a structure to house the nine Christmas tree bags in the Altar Guild/Worship & Music room in the basement!! It looks great, and we are thankful!! Job well done!



From Susan Mack on behalf of LCS

 **2026 Golf Classic**
To Support Homelessness Prevention

 **FIELDSTONE GOLF COURSE**
Play the award winning course!
Monday, June 8th, 12:30 pm, shotgun start

Pricing:

\$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

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

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



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lcs | service in action

LCS serves vulnerable populations experiencing food, housing, health, and nutrition insecurities. We pair immediate relief with evidence-based programs that guide people from emergency to empowerment.



Food Pantries

26,640

Pantry Visits

58,180

People Served

13%

Increase in Pantry visits



Housing

196

Households

424

People

27%

Increase from 2024



Tobacco Cessation

36,654

Reached

2206

Program Enrollments

514

Residents Projected to Quit for Good



Deliveries

3,363



Meals

101,940

Food is Medicine



Service volume increased by

15%

Traveling to Kenya last July was full of excitement, anticipation and a little intimidation. In preparation, we had seen lots of pictures and even heard first-hand reports of what to expect. However, as anyone who has traveled to a distant country knows, pictures and stories can only slightly prepare you for actually being there. We knew we would see the water project we had sponsored and there would be a ceremony or two . . . that would be the highlight of our trip. Of course, all of that was amazing, but the most meaningful memories of our journey was the interactions we had with the students and staff and community of St. Luke's Secondary School.

In the community we found the warmest welcome from people who were proud and eager to share their hospitality and their talents with all of us. In the staff we witnessed dedication to their profession and love for their students. And in the students we found enthusiasm and joy, despite the difficulties in their lives. Because of St. Luke's they have hopes and dreams and goals for the future, and they know that education gives them the best opportunities. We were so impressed with the students' determination to get that education regardless of the many obstacles they face in their lives. It's a more difficult lifestyle than any of us in Wilmington, Delaware can imagine.

Thanks to this congregation, the **Nalepo Kanan ("Land of Promise dripping with water")** community is enjoying the benefits that result from a clean and plentiful water source. And now, in June as part of our Summer of Service, this congregation will be responding to the needs of the young people in pursuit of their goals and dreams. And then, on June 28, we will celebrate how God has richly blessed us and enabled us to be in continuing relationship with His children in Kenya. We will share updates on how the school and the community have been changed since our visit a year ago. We will also hear directly through ZOOM from the principal of St. Luke's, Pamella Mutungi

Please join us at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall on June 28th for light refreshments and joyful celebration.

***Hebrews 6:10:** "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."*



LCM Summer Thank You Party!

Saturday, June 13, 2026
Open house, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Hosted in our chapel
247 Haines Street, Newark

*Please join us for a relaxed afternoon to celebrate
and say thank you to our amazing community!*

All LCM ministry supporters and friends are warmly welcomed.

If you're able, please RSVP—your reply helps us to prepare with care.

(302) 368-3078 | office@lcmde.org

Lutheran Campus Ministry's Bonhoeffer House

is seeking student renters for the 2026-27 academic year.

If you know students or graduate students who are seeking housing
for this fall, the house (247 Haines Street) is available August 1!

The home is fully furnished, with three bedrooms (at least one is a double),
a kitchen, a living room, a ¾ bath, a powder room, and basement laundry facilities.

Free parking and utilities are included in the monthly rent.

Photos are available at: <https://lcmde.org/bonhoeffer-house> (just across from main campus)

Please contact office@lcmde.org or phone 302-368-3078 for more information. Thanks!

Springtime at Hilltop

During April the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center participated in the statewide AmeriCorps Seniors Delaware Foster Grandparent Program. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh, says Hilltop's "foster grandparents" were recognized.

"(The) program honored the working foster grandparents...with a luncheon and awards, including our two incredible foster grandparents. Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center was also acknowledged for our 54-year partnership with this program."

Meanwhile, Brandon says preparations continue for this year's summer camp. He indicates that a previous program will be reinstated this summer for youth who are too old for childcare, too young to work, and not quite ready to be left home alone. "This Teen Summer Program will feature fitness opportunities at the local gym, age-appropriate field trips, and a volunteer schedule including internal and external opportunities. The teenage participants will also receive and facilitate presentations on topics essential to their growth and development. Through their library registration," Brandon continues, "our youth will access information and research important concepts that will prepare them for the next level of their lives."



For our younger children, Hilltop Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen, says phonics are being used to improve reading skills. "The goals were to help students to understand words and word sounds, to use phonics to help sound out words, and to be able to recognize and read new words." Allen also reports that "they also had a S.T.R.E.A.M. project to complete called the life Cycle of a frog in which they learned how a tadpole becomes a frog. Then they made a frog with a picture of the evolution of a frog on its chest as an arts and crafts project to go along with the S.T.R.E.A.M project."



Finally, Teresa says Center toddler twos came to the spirit of spring by learning about exotic birds. "The children were able to string lacing cards shaped like birds; they decorated birds using multi-colored feathers. The twos made their very own bird feeders using pinecones and bird seeds. There was nothing better than all the students walking around flapping their wings like little chickadees."

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, Sherry Thompson, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Elizabeth Stirk, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Ellen Lenker, Phyllis Bolgiano, Gary Kennedy, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Kelly Krapf, Trudy Gilgenast, Carol Goodman, Tony Calvarese, David Kenney, Cathy Snyder, Allison Hewitt, Diane Murray, Monika Daugherty, The Family of Peggy Barker, The Family of Ginny Lion, Bob and Nancy Warner 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; 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 Gibble & Barb Williams; **Louise Cookson**, grandmother & **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 Simpers; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son and **Quintin Barrett**, grand-nephew of Yvonne Cilento; **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 Davis; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **Anna Longo**, mother of John Longo; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **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; **The Family of Maddy G.**, friends of Angela Klemens; **Rick Ricciardi**, brother of Nancy Warner; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk, **John Stachowski & Family**, friends of Tom Krapf, **Lael Zinnato**, granddaughter of Nancy Zinnato; **George Rice**, son of Vicky Rice; **Mark Fawzi**, son of Judy Fawzi; **Bob Gilmour**, friend of John and Jodi Newcomer; **Kevin Hewitt**, brother of Rebecca Litterst; **Rory Manhard**, granddaughter of Suzanne Bradley; **Chuck Kemper**, family of The Shovestul's; **Kate Drake**, granddaughter of Shirley Rash



Alex Carr	6/1	David Suddard	6/12
Jodi Newcomer	6/2	Celeste Mutschler	6/13
Stephen Bencotter	6/3	Albert Gustaitis	6/14
Wayne Pouser	6/3	Amber Cory deFiore	6/14
David Rosario	6/3	Sarah Pawley	6/14
Kendra Cutler	6/4	Sally Krapf	6/14
Jenna Start Riale	6/4	Delores Wardwell	6/14
Rory King	6/5	Amber Cory deFiore	6/15
Stephanie Mignogna	6/5	Patrick William Downes	6/16
Katie Gustaitis	6/6	Wesley Morrison	6/16
Liz Freburger	6/7	Mark Myers	6/17
George Nicholas	6/7	Kibreab Gudeta	6/17
Debbie Galonsky	6/8	Ernie Friscchio	6/17
Katherine Fry	6/8	Arianna Downes	6/23
Kelly Krapf	6/8	Donna Daugherty	6/23
Gregory Meador	6/8	Paloma Saunders	6/23
Samantha Papili	6/8	Teri Suddard	6/23
Nancy Zinnato	6/9	Hilde Cox	6/25
Karen Baumbach	6/10	Erica Saunders	6/27
Jenni Longhenry	6/10	Kristin Baronio	6/27
Barbara Dickinson	6/10	Audrey Everett	6/28
Eliza Solie	6/11	Dave Frampton	6/29
James Stevens	6/11	William Krapf	6/29

May God Bless You on Your Special Day!



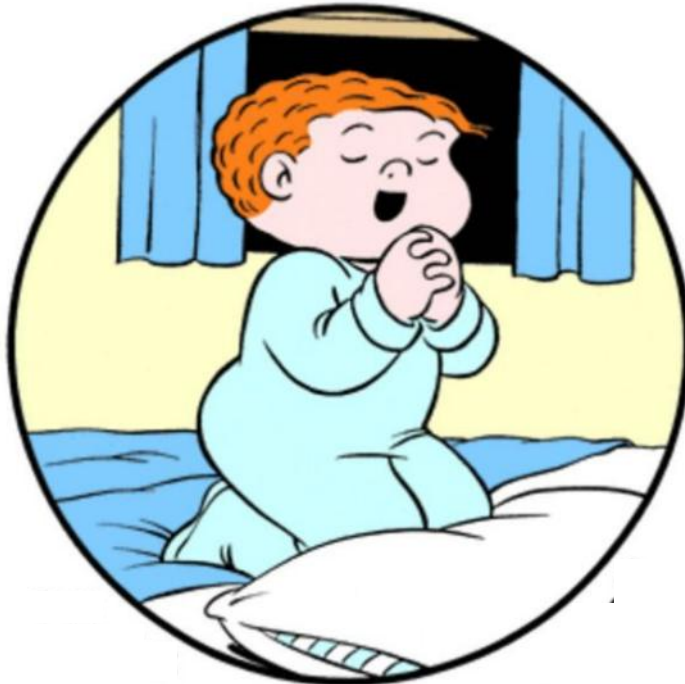
Congratulations!

Pam Sheffer is a Grammy and Maranda Sheffer is an Aunt. Pam's daughter Corie and husband, Sam welcomed a baby boy on:

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 11:56 p.m.

Callum Dair Markey

Weighed 8 lbs 11 ounces and 22 inches long



“...and just so you know, I had a very good day today, so I’d like more of the same tomorrow.”

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