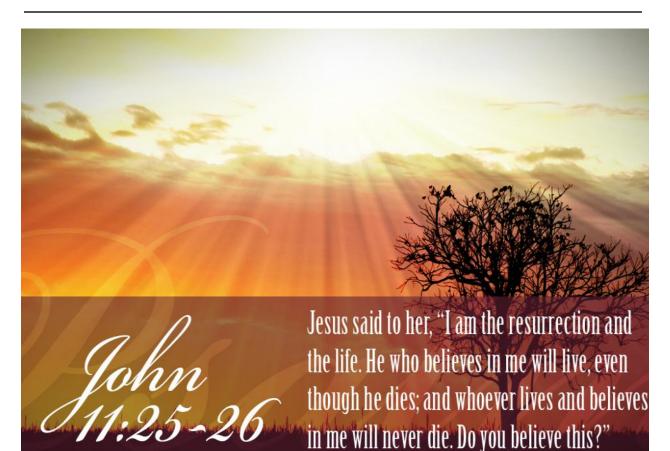
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St. Philip's Lutheran Church Wilmington, Delaware

# March 2016



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

## Upcoming Weeks on the New Site ...

Below is a picture of the new Church Building Site as of February 18th. Many people have been commenting about "What is going on with the middle of the church?" Well, that's a great question . . . Because the roof structure of the sanctuary involves exposed rough cut scissor trusses, the roof construction is different than the pre-fab construction of the trusses that ultimately get covered up by drywall and ceiling material.

The other things folks have been asking is, "Has progress slowed?" The answer is, "No!" Indeed the "visible" progress looks slow, but much of what has been happening has been inside the portion that is already constructed . . . Plumbing and electrical work is ongoing. In the next three weeks, here is what you will see: the scissor trusses will be installed in the sanctuary, the sanctuary will have the sheathing put on the roof, then you will begin to see asphalt shingles going on the ends working toward the middle; next is windows and siding. So, within three to four weeks depending on weather, the entire building will be buttoned up. Also beginning March 10th, you should begins seeing the entryway developed - roadwork will progress at night and the turn-in and out will be constructed. It's a very exciting time . . . Be sure to keep all the workers in your prayers.





Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20, 2016 Service of Palms Communion Worship 8:00 a.m. Service of Palms Communion Worship 10:30 a.m. There Will Be No Christian Education Today

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016 Upper Room Holy Communion Worship Service and the Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25, 2016 Tenebrae Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

\* Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 Easter Celebration 7:45 a.m. Easter Celebration 9:00 a.m. Easter Celebration 10:30 a.m. (Easter Breakfast Will Be Served Continuously from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.) There Will Be No Christian Education Today

\* Please Note that There Will Be Three Worship Services offered on this day.



# Wednesday Evenings:

Each of the following Wednesday Evenings here at St. Philip's, we'll have Soup and Bread at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Lenten Vespers Service

March 2 \* March 9 \* March 16

# Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.:

Ecumenical Lenten Worship Services & Community Lunches "Conversion - Becoming Disciples of Christ"

March 2 \* March 9 \* March 16 \* March 23 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 PM,

Hosted by: St. Mark's United Methodist 1700 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE

#### Plan on joining us!

Our youth will be serving breakfast on Easter morning from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the social hall.

#### Cost will be \$6.00 for adults \$3.00 for children

The Youth are raising money for their trip this summer.





# EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Let's Fill Our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies on Easter Morning!

If you wish to order Easter Lilies this Year, please fill out the form below by Sunday, March 13, 2016 and return to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. The cost per plant will be \$9.95.

Please make your check payable to St. Philip's.

Name:	Phone
Number of Lilies @ \$9.95 Each	
Dedication:	
In honor of:	
In memory of:	
To the Glory of God:	

You can pick your lily up after any service on Easter Sunday.

# For Up To Date Information, Visit our Website!



at: http://www.stphilips.us

YOU CAN GET:

- Small Group Lessons
- Podcasts of the Sermons
- Complete Church Calendar of Events
- Submit a Prayer Request
- Pictures and updates on the New Building
- VBS Information and Registration

## NEW WEBMASTER!!!

We are updating and working on the website weekly, to keep you up to date and informed.



#### Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo



























The next Leisure Lunch will be:

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

from Noon to 1:30 p.m.

in the social hall. All are welcome to join us. See you then!!



**The NEW Altar Flower Dedication Poster** for 2016 is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to give flowers for any Sunday in 2016, sign up on that poster, take a form and colorful envelope. You must submit your form prior to your Sunday and use the envelope for your payment. **The flower price is now \$30.00.** Any questions, call Pam Sheffer at

SMALL GROUPS FOR ALL AGES continues in the new year. All are welcome to join us in **Building Relationships Together**. Adult Bible Study is starting Matthew so it's a great time to join! Youth and children are welcome at any time for

Contact Sharon Kittle (302 239-7108) for more information about these or other small group options.

Breakfast Club or Kid's Club.

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN** from 7:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. every Sunday morning! Megan Geiser, a St. Philip's member and UD student, is our caregiver. If your child is too active to sit through the church service Megan will provide a safe and fun alternative. Joining an adult small group is now an option too since there is a place to leave your little ones.

# You are welcome to take a St. Philip's "Prayer Dot"

"Since the day we heard of your faith, we have not ceased praying for you." - Paul's Letter to the Colossians

Paul, speaks of "unceasing prayer" – now life is too busy to pray ALL the time. But, we probably could pray a bit more as we move through our day. These little colored dots – the color is irrelevant – are reminders that God is with us through each endeavor of our lives and is there to hear our prayers. So you can choose your favorite color and place the dot on your:

- Watch and every time, you look at your watch realize that right now, is a good time to pray.
- Cellphone put on the face of your cell phone or smart phone . . . now we are really making your phone "smart" . . . every time you send a text . . . you send an email . . . you make or receive a phone call . . . you are reminded that right now would be a good time to pray . . . for that person, for that situation for the person on the other end of the call or text.
- Rear view mirror of your car . . . because God knows on the roads as they are today you need to be praying praying for the other drivers around you . . . for your own safety . . . for the people you are driving to . . . for the doctor's appointment you are traveling to . . . for the person you see in that mirror.
- Computer screen so that as you are putting things on FaceBook or Twitter . . . you might be praying for what to say . . . what you read . . . or even what websites you are visiting.

If you don't have any "dots" or need replacement ones please stop by the church office and get some! They are also in the pew pads and you can grab some while in worship on Sunday.

St. Philips,

Hello, I want to say I am honored to serve as Council President for the upcoming year. I also wanted to take a moment to introduce myself in case we haven't met. I currently reside in Newark (Windy Hills) with my lovely wife Liz and our two dogs Chester and Sophie. I moved to Delaware while a student at Goldey-Beacom College in 2009. I have worked for Barclays at the Riverfront since I graduated in 2011. Outside of Church, I enjoy running, biking, and am a huge Green Bay Packers fan. I have been a member of the congregation for the past 6 years and outside of council spend a majority of my time mentoring the Youth Group.

I am beyond excited for the year ahead for us. We have such a strong congregation with so many active members who are called to do more. Over the upcoming year, I most likely will discuss ongoing Youth Group events, the move to our new church, and sharing Bible verses that we all can relate to. Trevor Freburger.



As I write this, it is Valentine's Day weekend, and "love is in the air" (and in every commercial). It is very nice to celebrate the love in our lives, whether it is love of spouse, family, or friends. The love that children show to parents, grandparents and others is so innocent and genuine, that it is absolutely beautiful. But, I want to talk about an even more genuine and innocent love: the love that Jesus showed to the world!

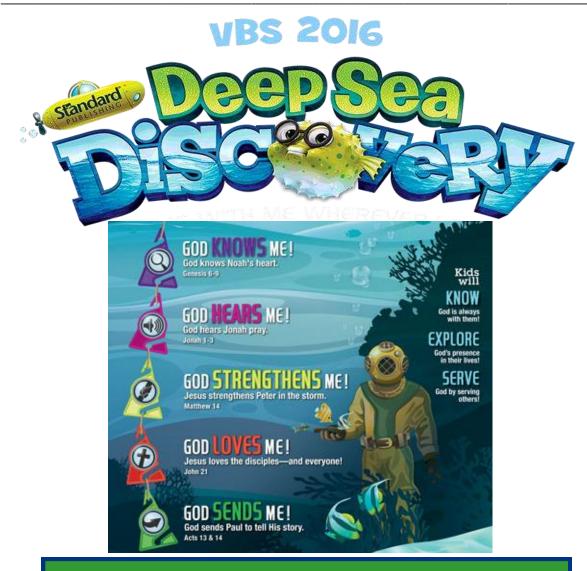
Lent is here and Easter is coming, but we have a lot of living to do between now and when we celebrate Easter in 2016. One of the most touching services that we have during the year occurs just before Easter: Maundy Thursday. This celebration is filled with love, although we sometimes are so filled with reminders of <u>our</u> sins and guilt that we forget that we should be celebrating <u>HIS</u> love.

The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum" (from a verb that means "to give," "to order" or "to command"). As Jesus and the disciples walked toward the Garden of Gethsemane, having just finished the Last Supper, Jesus gave them a new commandment: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus had just given them a new way of sharing in God's grace, through the sharing of His body and blood in the Last Supper. Communion, each time it is offered, allows all of us to share in the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus did, out of His innocent and genuine love for us. His death, and resurrection, took away the punishment of eternal death for us. Talk about love!! Although I have love in my life, I have never been loved that much by anyone (except Jesus)!! Jesus' valentine for us was His very heart, given for us!!

Then, he gave the new command: we are to love one another. Not just halfheartedly, not just when it is convenient. "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Wow! That is a tall order, but, with the help of God, we can work toward that. I get so much love and fulfillment each time I visit a shut-in or someone in the hospital (or show God's love in many ways), and I am sure you do too. Can you imagine what our lives, our community and our world would be like if we were all working to follow Jesus' new mandatum? As you prepare to go into the "Upper Room" this Maundy Thursday, thank God for his love and ask God how he wants you to share it (then do it).

The Next Worship and Music Committee Team Meeting: Sunday, April 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Worship and Music Mission Statement: "The mission of the Worship and Music Team is to use varied worship and music experiences to welcome all people into God's grace and to move all people to dynamic faith in Jesus Christ."



## COMING TO VBS AT ST. PHLIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 27 to July 1, 2016 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Call us at 302-998-0171 or email us at: stphilipswilmington@gmail.com

#### Vacation Bible School 2016 Registration

Families, please submit one form per child no later than June 7, 2016

Last Name	First Name	
Age Date of Birth: Month _	Day	Year
Child's Grade (Fall 2016)	Sex / Male	Female
Child's Address		
City / State		Zip
Guardian's Name		
Guardian's Phone ( )	Cell Phone ( )	
Guardian's E-mail		
In case of an emergency, if we canno	ot reach the parent/guardian listed	above, who else may we contact?
1. Name	PhoneR	elationship to Child:
Does your child have any medical co	ndition (s) of which we should be a	ware?
(allergies, medications, etc.) If so, pl	ease explain	
My child would like to be in class wi	ith the following friend (s)	
The undersigned gives permission for his St. Philip's Lutheran Church, its officers, to person or loss or damage to property and the undersigned agrees to defend a from any liability or loss they might sust hereby give permission to the physician treatment for, and order injection, anes	employees, and agents from any liabil sustained by the undersigned for any nd indemnify St. Philip's Lutheran Chu ain by reason thereof. In the event I ca selected by the director of children's r	ity whatsoever for any injury or death member of his family, in attendance, rch, its officers, employees, and agents innot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I ninistry to hospitalize, secure proper
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By signing this registration form you agree that any photographs taken of your child at or during this event are the property of St. Philip's Lutheran Church and may be used in future publications as deemed appropriate.

# St. Philip's Book Club



**March 11, 2016** *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini From the author of *The Kite Runner,* this book is "an incredible chronicle of thirty years of Afghan history and a deeply moving story of family, friendship, faith, and the salvation to be found in love."

April 8, 2016The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James BrownDuringthe world's darkest days "comes the improbable, intimate account of how nineworking-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympicsin Berlin what true grit really meant."This is the monthly book club meeting.

#### April 20, 2016 The Boys in the Boat -- Author Talk, 7:00pm

As part of the New Castle County Reads program, Dan Brown is coming to the Riverfront Center in Wilmington to talk about his book. We'll meet for dinner before the talk at a Riverfront restaurant. Last year's talk was amazing!

**May 13, 2016** *The Room by* **Emma Donoghue** "Room is home to Jack, but to Ma it's the prison where she has been held for seven years. Through her fierce love for her son, she has created a life for him in this eleven-by-eleven-foot space. But with Jack's curiosity building alongside her own desperation, she knows that Room cannot contain either much longer."

**June 10, 2016** Ordinary Grade by William Kent Krueger "Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God."

# All book lovers are welcome!

All meetings are at 7:00pm and location varies each month. Contact Dawn Downes at 302-354-1452 or dawndownes107@gmail.com for more information and locations. All book quotes are from www.amazon.com.



# Kids' Club is AWESOME!

Between worship services, children ages 2-11 will gather as a whole group for high energy music and interactive Bible stories. Then they split off into their own small group and go to the Pre-School Play Center, the Snack Sensations Center, or the Discovery Learning Center. At these centers children continue to explore the Bible story in fun and engaging ways.





In Pre-School Play, children use stories, crafts, and games to learn about Bible stories, and the seasons of the church.

In Discovery Learning, children "nailed" the 95 Theses on the door of the church to reenact the start of the Protestant Reformation. It was noisy that day!

Kids' Club always begins at 9:15 am on Sundays with singing, reading the weekly Bible story, and acting out a skit before breaking into small group, hands-on activities.





For more information or to register your child, talk with Dawn Downes at 302-354-1452 or dawndownes107@gmail.com.

#### Ministries at St. Philip's - Koinonia



St. Philip's currently has a fellowship group meeting twice a month on Sunday evening. The group is open to ALL – singles and couples – and we invite and encourage you to prayerfully consider. We typically meet in one another's homes, share light snacks, discuss the night's topic – generally books selected by the group – and have prayer time.

Small group gatherings continue to be a vital part of Christian ministry. They offer challenge, support, encouragement, and genuine friendship. You will come to appreciate even more the gifts, experiences, struggles, and faith which your brothers and sisters in Christ possess and in their journey through life.

By God's grace and the Spirit's leading, our congregation could form multiple small groups, with the option to meet at different times, and offer various topics for discussion.

Call Sharon Kittle (302 239-7108), Mark Gundersen (610) 388-0695 and Les Butler (302) 482-1506 for more information.

#### Ministries at St. Philip's - Social Ministry





EASTER GIVEAWAY

We will be having an Easter Giveaway at the Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Produce Distribution. We are asking for donations of Easter candy, decorations and pre-filled baskets.

Please drop items off in the bin in the Social Hall by Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE					
Produce& Clothing Distribution	Grocery Club	Produce Distribution			
Monday, March 7, 2016	Wednesday, March 9, 2016	Monday, March 21, 2016			

Social Ministry Mission Statement: Create an environment where our entire congregation is involved in Christ-centered ministries and missions to support, strengthen, and nourish individuals, families and communities in need.





#### **Family Promise:**

Thanks to all of those who help the families in crisis who stayed at St. Philip's the week of February 7<sup>th</sup>. We had 3 families with 8 children. From Super Bowl Sunday through Ash Wednesday and beyond we gave them meals, fellowship and a warm place to stay. One of our families, Donte', NeCole and their 2 kids, have already found a new apartment.

Our next host week commences the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>. We should be settled in at our new church by then. The Social Ministry Team is looking to get more people involved in this ministry – especially for overnight stays. Please think about sleeping over on a Friday or Saturday night with your child. It's an opportunity to teach your children about the homeless and people who struggle every day. Things they just don't teach in school. You'll hear a lot more about this in the upcoming months.

#### **Other Family Promise Opportunities:**

<u>Mentoring a Family</u> - Training is offered for those interested in mentoring a Family Promise family. Call Family Promise (302-998-2222) to hear more about how you can be part of a family success story.

<u>Help out at the Day Center</u> –Family Promise needs a volunteer who has an hour on Thursdays from 5 PM-6 PM, to assist at the Day Center with the kids while the parents attend the Parent Support Group. College and high school age OK.

<u>Donate Items</u> – Family Promise is looking for household goods and linens. Currently, they could use knife sets (3 knives are fine), measuring cups and spoons, spatulas, whisks, ladles, hot pads, baking sheets, flashlights and working vacuum cleaners.

Walk/Run – The annual Family Promise Walk/Run will be at Bellevue State Park on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information on registration.

## HILLTOP LUTHERAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

# **SUPER STARS 2016**

Saturday, March 5, 2016

6:30 - 10:00 P.M.

#### Central Branch of the YMCA, corner of Delaware Avenue And Washington Street

Hilltop's 31st annual Super Stars fund raising event is fast approaching! This event benefits kids in the Hilltop community. HLNC, at 1018 West Sixth Street, is a 4 Star agency, offering educational programs for infant/toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children, with before and after school care. While the ever growing evening program focuses on tutoring, it also offers social activities and sports for all neighborhood children up to 18 years old. Hilltop's motto "Education is the Key" is evident as former HLNC kids have gone on to earn undergraduate, masters and even doctorate degrees on their way to successful careers. HLNC service to the community does not stop with the youth. Just to name two benefits for adults, Hilltop offers parenting classes and provides a meeting location for parents and other community members.

# Hilltop is supported by Lutheran Churches and other Community members, so let's team up and show Hilltop our support!!

What's needed for Super Stars:

 $\Box$  A team of 6-10 players which includes at least 2 females; all participants must be 15 years or older

 $\hfill\square$  Each participant's fee is \$15, payable at the event

□ The team sponsor fee is \$250, payable at the event (paid by church)

□ Team T shirt and refreshments (pizza, chips, beverage) are included

Events are racquetball, wallyball (volley ball played on a squash court), obstacle course,

swimming relays and basketball hot shots (shots on the hoop from different positions) □ Each event needs 4-6 participants; so with enough players, each member does not need to play, but at least one female must compete in each event

Come; join the fun while helping others.

What a winning combination – Fun, Food, and Philanthropy!

# Sign-up! You do not have to be a star athlete just willing to have a lot of fun for a great cause!

Look for a Team sign up in the Narthex.

See Tom Krapf for more info.



#### Update on Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD!

The new spring term has begun strongly and joyfully for the students of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware. In addition to our weekly Tuesday

evening dinner and worship time, we are starting a weekly Wednesday Bible study and monthly game night. We look forward to welcoming new students into our midst and to growing in faith together.

Service plays a central role in campus ministry! Along with our ongoing monthly commitment to FISH (Fellowship in Serving the Hungry) program, we are also looking forward to helping out with Family Promise at area congregations, assisting with monthly clean-up days, and participating in the spring LVC Bowl-a-thon. Spring term will also bring our annual retreat and a wonderful spring celebration to honor our seniors, volunteers, and friends of the ministry.

We welcome your prayers for us that all of our activities, whether worship, fellowship, outreach, or service, would give glory to God and help us to grow in faith, leadership, and discipleship. Please let us know if there are ways in which we can be of service to your congregation: <u>office@lutheransatud.org</u> or 302-368-3078. Blessings and joy!

Mindy Holland, LCM Chaplain

#### Ministries outside of St. Philip's - Lutheran Volunteer Corps

#### LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS BOWLATHON : Sunday, April 10, 2016

Pleasant Hill Lanes (Stanton/Newport) Registration 1:30 -2:00 pm Bowling 2:00 - 4:00

Start now with plans to form teams of five. Teams can be youth and adults in any combination. Individuals can also register: Five member teams: registration \$50 and **at least** \$125 in pledges (that is only \$25 each team member is asked to get in pledges)

Individual: registration \$10 and \$25 in pledges.

Registration forms and other information attached. Please start identifying those who will bowl and ask family, friends and others in your congregation to support this *once a year* fund raising event.

Registration deadline: April 4, 2016. Please plan to register early. Registration after the deadline is \$70 per team and \$15 an individual.



# Helping More Than Once

Dan came to us about three years ago. He had a checkered past – a less than honorable discharge from the Navy, substance problems, and brief periods of incarceration. But at one time he had a beautiful family. Dan was referred to us by the Delaware 211 Help Line. He was what we call "virtually homeless." He had an address but it was an abandoned house without electricity or water. A propane heater provided a precarious source of heat. We listened to Dan's story, and then we helped him by providing financial assistance so that he could afford a security deposit for a decent apartment. Flash forward to 2016. Dan got robbed in a home invasion. He was broke and the rent was due. Scared and desperate, he called LCS. He knew we have a goal of limiting individual assistance to once, but he knew also that exceptions can be made. We listened to Dan's story; then decided to make an exception, and provided him with financial assistance to help with the rent. That was a wakeup call for Dan. Emboldened by our assistance, he did some serious soul searching and began to lay plans to reconnect with his family...and in his words, "learn to be a grandfather."

## **Thrivent Action Teams**

For many years, the local Thrivent chapter made generous matching gifts to worthy causes in our community. Now, we are coming to a turning point. A new benefit program has been introduced, Thrivent Action Teams, which is the replacement program for the chapter system. The current board will thus be the last one for our New Castle County Chapter. Here's how these new Thrivent Action Teams work. First, identify an unmet need in your community that you are passionate about. Your project should bring people together for a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. As a team leader, you can invite your friends, family and even community members to help. You apply online at <u>thrivent.com/actionteam</u>. An Action Team kit will arrive that includes a Community Impact Card with \$250 in seed money to help cover some of the project costs like promotional material and rental expenses. LCS is anxious to work with folks to develop Thrivent Action Teams with a goal of benefitting LCS. To discuss the possibilities, contact Steve Tindall at stindall@lcsde.org or **302 654 8886 x105**.

#### Remember Us When You Pray

We believe in the power of prayer, so please remember to keep the following persons and their families in your prayers. Even if you do not know them it means so much to them to know that they are remembered in our daily prayer lives. Also, it would be a wonderful gift for them to hear from their church family:

#### We Pray for the Members of St. Philip's:

Ron Henry, Russ Hokanson, Suzanne Lincoln, Barbara Williams, Ann Young, Dave Gale, Heather Stirk, Russ McCauley, Nelson and Diane Murray, Joe Cilento, Elizabeth Stirk, Melba Hutnyan, Danny Mason, Fran Taylor, The Family of Woody Mutschler, Family of Dee Smith

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): Darrell & Rose Rott, parents of Jodi Newcomer: LuAnn Brown, friend of Elma Larson; our soldiers serving overseas and their families; 1st Lt. Kyle G. Danbury, friend of Sally Krapf; Cdr. Brian Bowles, son of Charles & Ruth Bowles; Maj. Luke Hofmann, son-in-law of Phil & Kathy Young; Grace Beck, The Ostroski Family, & The Weaver Family, friends of Sally Krapf; Lois Seay, sister of Lorraine Velez; Robert Keller, brother of Bev Reedy; Col. Richard W. Koeneke, son, Wiggie Hart, James, Carolyn & William, friends of Suzanne Lincoln, Kathryn Baker Family, friends of Linda Burkum; Betty Wolfe, Marie Tuneff, Norene Henry, family of Charles & Ruth Bowles; Connie Ripper, friend of Barbara Williams, Donna Miller, sister of Debbi Miller; Steve Ammerman, brother of Sharon Price, Jeff Oliver, friend of Jodi Newcomer; Betty Williams, mother-in-law of Barbara Williams; Jim & Sharon Marine, parents & Jaime Marine, sister, Mae Aisquith, grandmother of Heather Stirk; Margaret Pastore, sister of Bev Reedy & Glenda Brick; David Martin, brother-in-law of Barb & Russ Hokanson; John Hoeni, brother & Charles Hoeni, father of Lynn Muller; Beckie McNelly, sister of Bob Gibble & Barb Williams; Tom Cory, father of Chuck Cory; Suzanne Sipe; Lou Cookson, father of Nick Cookson; Beth Cookson, mother of Nick Cookson, Pete Seling, grandfather of Trevor Freburger; Robert Lincoln, nephew & Marie Holmes, friend of Art Lincoln; Rhoda Wright, mother of Alice Downes; Brian Conley, friend of Liz Freburger; Audrey Warner, mother of Bob Warner & wife of Pastor Bob Warner; Richard T. Ray III, son of Ann Marie Bercy; Bob Brenneman, brother of Tom Brenneman; Michele Winn, friend of Faith Simpers; Gene Webb, brother-in-law & Diane Power, daughter of Mark & Marge Davis; UD colleague & family friend of Clara Simpers; Kristin Protack, neighbor of Carol Goodman; Renee Wallace, friend of Rosanne Cholewinski; Jimmy Montgomery & Family, friend of Jeff Stirk; Dorothy Owens, sister of Ruth Henry; Stuart Emerson & Family, friends of the Swift Family; Felix Medeiros, father of Karen Zinnato; Emily & Frank Ruckle, granddaughter, husband, & William Davis, nephew of Carol Ruckle; Christopher White, friend of Charles & Marie Thomas; Fred Pasquale, father of Maria Start; Ray Greer, friend of Bob Warner; Sara Peralta, friend of Clara Simpers; Mark Aquilera, friend of Angela Teague, Dean Trivits, son of Betty Trivits; Jeanette Beiler, grandmother & Molly Semerteen, niece of Judi Parsons; David Green, friend of Dave & Judi Parsons; Donna Marvel, friend of Peggy Sokira; Marlene Kruetz, friend of Pam Sheffer; The Family of Robert Karschner, friends of Linda Burkum; Uncle James, uncle of Sarah Myers

# We also hold in prayer, our sisters and brothers in ministry in the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA:

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church St. Philip's Lutheran Church St. Paul Lutheran Church Spirit of Life Lutheran Church Grace Lutheran Church ((Easton, MD) St. Peter's Lutheran Church Grace Lutheran Church (Hockessin, DE) Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

#### FROM YOUR ST. PHILIP'S FAMILY!

<b>Casey Cook</b>	3/1	Alexis Borrelli	3/16
Nick Cookson	3/2	Paul Urbaniak	3/16
Suzanne Mason	3/3	Gregory Link	3/16
<b>Matthew Shidner</b>	3/4	<b>Bonnie Sokira</b>	3/17
Louise James	3/6	Megan Geiser	3/19
<b>Gordon Fisher</b>	3/7	Kris Dierks	3/20
Jonathan Kittle	3/7	Les Butler	3/21
Kyle Opderbeck	3/7	Faith Simpers	3/21
Sam Cabrera	3/11	<b>Rosanne</b> Cholewinski	3/22
Allyson Myers	3/11	<b>Terace Mignogna</b>	3/23
Dave Thompson	3/11	Mark Davis	3/26
Sharon Kittle	3/15	Judi Parsons	3/26
Russ Hokanson	3/16	Mark Christopher	3/27
	0,20	John Swift	3/28

May God bless each one of you on your special day!!!



Don't' forget to set your clocks forward on: Sunday March 13, 2016 Please Make a Note: If church services have to be cancelled due to weather and bad driving conditions <u>if we have your email</u> <u>address</u>, we'll send out an email to those who have signed up to receive regular email updates from the church. You can also check at the bottom of the home page of our newly revised website. Please note: we will no longer struggle with the radio stations to get notices on their airwaves—they simply are too difficult to work with . So, if you hear nothing and see nothing, you can safely assume that we will have a normal worship schedule. However, use your own best judgment before you venture out regardless of whether we are open.

# Evangelism...

Send a card or note of encouragement; offer words of blessing that convey your faith and trust in God.

#### Please call the church office at 302-998-0171 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 e-mail address has changed or you are planning to move, locally or out of town.
- You have a prayer request for our prayer chain.
- You feel the church can help you in any way.