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## **MAY NEWS 2024**



**PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING...**

**SEEK HIS FACE CONTINUALLY.**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

1 Timothy 2:1-4, 8

# St. Philip Lutheran Church

## St. Philip Church & Preschool Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Jason M. Lee  
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Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman  
Email: stphilipmusicmb@gmail.com

Parish Administrator: Linda Hendricks  
Email: saintphilip29572@aol.com

Sexton: Doretha Duncan

Nursery Assistant: Roz Hanlon

Assistant Treasurer: Jenny Kelly

Preschool Director: Jenn Loeswick  
Email: jennloeswick@gmail.com

### Preschool Teachers:

Kimberly Davis, 2s class

Ashley Stippick, 2s class

Jennifer Deitzer, 3s class

Christina McCarty, 4s class

Kime Slaughter, 4s class

Betsy Gaynor, substitute teacher

### Worship Times:

In-Person Worship:  
Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

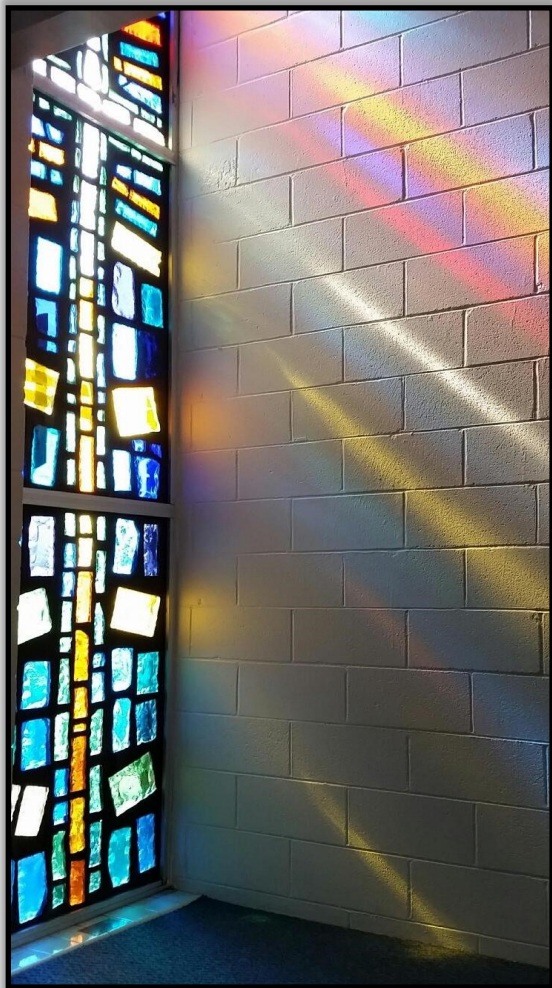
LIVE-stream Worship:  
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Facebook

### Contact Information:

Church Office: 843-449-5345  
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Website: stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com  
"Like" us on Facebook

### St. Philip Preschool:

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday  
Before Care, 8:00 a.m., After Care, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Phone: 843-449-4322  
Email: stphilippreschoolmb@gmail.com  
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### Our Church Council:

Dave Witmer, Susan McClelland, Linda Albert,  
Shauna Shea, Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel,  
Glenn Stef, Ronda Anderson, and Roz Hanlon.

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## *Welcome to St. Philip Lutheran Church!*

### **OUR MISSION**

St. Philip exists to welcome all people into its fellowship; to teach all people the good news of Jesus Christ; to encourage all people to remain faithful disciples; to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## St. Philip Lutheran Church

January 1 - March 31, 2024 Summary Income/Expense Report	2024 General Fund	2024 Preschool	2024 Benevolence	2024 Capital Campaign	Misc Restricted Funds	2024 Totals	2023-2024 Capital Campaign
General Fund Offerings, (Regular, QCD, Tithe, ly, On-line)	108,270				11,889	120,159	
Other Receipts	1,102	31,613	2,413	50,835	450	86,413	401,085
<b>Total Operating Income, Preschool, Benevolence, Etc.</b>	<b>109,372</b>	<b>31,613</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>50,835</b>	<b>12,339</b>	<b>206,571</b>	<b>401,085</b>
Expenses & Disbursements (Actual)	86,542	28,341	2,000	7,692	2,007	124,583	83,535
<b>Net Operating Income or (Loss) and Other Balances</b>	<b>22,830</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>43,143</b>	<b>10,331</b>	<b>81,988</b>	<b>337,550</b>
Other Increases/Decreases					(37)	(37)	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>22,830</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>43,143</b>	<b>10,294</b>	<b>81,950</b>	<b>337,550</b>
Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday in 2024	8,328						
Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday in 2023 (53 Sundays)	6,248						
Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday in 2022 (52 Sundays)	5,525						
*Average offerings include General Fund gifts only.							
	Respectfully submitted, Linda Albert, Treasurer						

Benevolences	Received		Received in March 2024	Balance to be Distributed
	Dec 2023 through Feb 2024	Dec - Feb Gifts shared in March 2024		
<b>Benevolence - ALL</b>			<b>235.00</b>	
Helping Hand	1,577.60	1,577.60	116.25	175.00
Help 4 Kids	245.12	245.12	21.25	80.00
Boys & Girls Club	245.13	245.13	16.25	75.00
Lutheridge	250.13	250.13	16.25	75.00
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>2,317.98</b>	<b>2,317.98</b>	<b>405.00</b>	<b>405.00</b>
	Dec - Feb Gifts		Received in March 2024	Balance to be Distributed
	On-Hand & Received	shared in March 2024		
Lutheran World Relief	70.00	70.00		70.00
Homeless Ministries	616.26	77.01	25.00	564.25
Blessing Box	294.91			294.91
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>981.17</b>	<b>147.01</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>859.16</b>

St. Philip received deposits during the months of January, February, March, and April totaling \$1,572 from Thrivent Financials' **Choice Dollars** program. As always, thank you to those who designate their Choice Dollars to St. Philip! For more information on how you can become a Thrivent Financial member, contact them directly at 1-800-847-4836.



### Worship Attendance and Church Office Notes:

- ◆ March 3, 10, & 17 = average attendance at 8:30 a.m.: 57
- ◆ March 3, 10, & 17 = average attendance at 10:30 a.m.: 118
- ◆ March 3, 10, & 17 = average online viewing during the 10:30 service: 136 (this number is lower than average due to technical difficulties with Facebook. Numbers for March 3 & 10 viewings were taken from Youtube).
- ◆ March 24, Palm Sunday attendance:
  - 8:00 a.m., 55
  - 9:30 a.m., 67 ; Online viewing during the 9:30 service, 297
  - 11:00 a.m., 95
- ◆ March 28, Maundy Thursday attendance, 65; online viewing, 204
- ◆ March 29, Good Friday attendance, 97; online viewing, 222
- ◆ March 31, Easter Sunday attendance:
  - 8:00 a.m., 84
  - 9:30 a.m., 140; Online viewing during the 9:30 service, 361
  - 11:00 a.m., 130

Remember to fill in your name and the date weekly on the **Attendance Insert** that is inside your Sunday bulletin. **Contact Info** may also be updated on the insert, as well as **Prayer Request** updates. Thank you!

*Linda Hendricks, Parish Admin*

**ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

April 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the St. Philip Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in the Conference Room. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President, Dave Witmer. A quorum was present to conduct business. Council Members present: Pastor Jason Lee, Dave Witmer, Susan McClelland, Linda Albert, Glen Stef, Ronda Anderson, Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel, and Shauna Shea. Others present: John Sparkman, Director of Music Ministry. Council Members not present: Roz Hanlon. Others not present: Jenn Loeswick, Preschool Director.

Opening Devotions and Discussion: Pastor Jason Lee offered personal reflection time and led group discussion about Baptism. What does Baptism do for us? While we are baptized out of sin/death/hell, we are also baptized into one body/spirit of Christ. Questions offered: How does the metaphor of the body of Christ help us understand our role in the Church? How are we reminded of our unity in Christ and caring for one another? Where are places and ways where we get to practically live this out?

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Glenn Stef and seconded by Jackie Orcutt to approve the Council Minutes dated March 12, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Special Called Congregational Meeting: Motion was made by Jim Seidel and seconded by Glenn Stef to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Congregational Meeting dated April 7, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Reports: Reports were presented by Linda Albert for information purposes only and were accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

- Fellowship Committee Minutes given from April 8, 2024.
- Youth Committee presented by Pastor Jason Lee and Shauna Shea – meeting next week (April 17). There was low participation in the Easter Egg Hunt, will re-evaluate event for next year. Upcoming events: Mini golf outing Sunday April 14 (11 confirmed presently) and youth serving at the April 27th homeless meal.
- Finance Committee presented by Glenn Stef – currently working on cash flow projections and adjusting money market accounts.

Staff Reports:

John Sparkman, Director of Music Ministry

- Holy Week and Easter celebrations went wonderfully with much positive feedback.
- Planning ahead for the fall and winter season.
- Looking into ways to include the younger generation in services with musical offerings as kids choir continues to be a challenge.

Preschool update (reported by Pastor Jason Lee).

- Jenn is currently enrolled in the nature accreditation class and is finding it engaging and interesting.
- The online auction starts April 19 with many fun and interesting items up for bid.
- Looking ahead at the planned construction and trying to anticipate any needs/concerns/adjustments for the preschool (before/during/after).

Pastor's Report April 2024. Sign ups have been good for the End of Life Workshops. May will be very busy with final preparations for sabbatical.

Ratify Email Votes from the Month: A motion was made by Linda Albert and seconded by Glenn Steff (as recommended by the Finance Committee) that the present savings accounts at St. Philip Lutheran Church be transferred to a new Money Market Savings account and the funds in the Youth account and the Memorial account be transferred to a new Restrictive Accounts Money Market account. Motion passed unanimously.

Items for Discussion/Approval: New Altar placement will remain until the end of the Easter season. It worked very well and gives a good representation for height and visibility of proposed sanctuary renovations. There has not been any negative feedback.

St. Philip Annual Report for 2023 is completed.

Leadership Development: As sabbatical approaches quickly, plans are being finalized. Pastor Jason Lee and John Sparkman have upcoming meetings with Rev. Beth Neubauer. Pastor is working on compiling a list of his duties into categories (need to address, should address, and ok to wait) to help prioritize for council and Beth during his leave.

Lord's Prayer

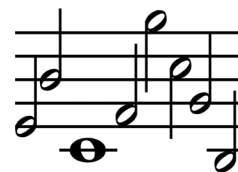
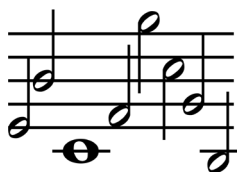
Dismissal: Motion was made by Jim Seidel and seconded by Glenn Stef to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. The next Regular Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

***Respectively submitted by,  
Shauna Shea, Council Secretary***

## MUSIC NOTES with John

What a wonderful first program year we've had together as a musical family at St. Philip! As handbell and choir gatherings conclude for summer break on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, please share your thanks for the many musicians of our church community for all the time and talent they contribute to our proclamation of God's love in Christ as we worship each week. Then, think about how you might consider offering your gifts in one of the community's weekly music activities when we resume gatherings on Wednesday, September 4th. More bell ringers and singers are always welcome!

But group music doesn't completely stop for the summer. Come join in the **Summer Spontaneity Singers** on the **1st Sundays of June, July, and August**. We'll rehearse a simple, likely familiar, song at 10:00 to offer in 10:30 worship. All are welcome to give a try at making a joyful noise! The summer is also a great time to connect for special music! Instrumental or vocal solos, duets, or small ensembles are always welcome. If you're interested in adding to summer music in this special way, please reach out and we'll make a plan together to support you in feeling confident in offering your gifts. In all our music this summer, I'm excited to sing and play your many favorite hymns which you've shared with me across the Easter season together...just be sure not to miss the week of your favorite!



## May Acolyte Ministry News

John Iredell/Shaula Shea

A happy and glorious Easter Season to everyone from the St. Philip Acolyte Ministry! What a stirring and inspiring Resurrection Sunday we had celebrating the triumph over the Cross by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A record attendance of 350 people filled the sanctuary for the three services celebrated that day. Music from the brass, timpani, handbell ringers, organ, and choir provided sounds that could rival a cathedral atmosphere experience. From the opening procession and a full complement of Acolytes, through the Gospel procession, the congregation raised their voices in song almost to be heard through-out the community. Of course, a major highlight of the day was Pastor Lee's children's message of the jelly beans and his Sermon from the Gospel of Mark. How we should not only read the story but be in it and spread the news of the Resurrection to everyone. What a great day at St. Philip!

The Acolytes will begin to prepare for Pentecost and then the season of "Ordinary Time" during which training will continue for new Acolytes.



## St. Philip Preschool

Our preschool kids enjoyed their class Easter parties and wearing their homemade Easter hats!



Our annual fundraising online auction was April 19 - 29. We had many wonderful items, tickets, and certificates to bid on. We will update you with the results in the next newsletter. Our 2's class has only 2 openings left for the Fall. We are blessed to have the other classes full and look forward to what the new school year brings. Our summer camps are the weeks of June 3 - 6 and 17 - 20 (see the application on the following page). We had a great school year. Many thanks to all who donated supplies to the preschool throughout the year! Now it's time to relax a bit before the new school year begins. Have a great summer!

# 2024 St. Philip Preschool Summer Camp

## For ages 2-5

Choose your summer camp week(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Under the Sea, June 3-6

\_\_\_\_\_ What's in a Garden, June 17-20

**\*\* Camps are limited to 20 participants and are \$75/session \*\***

**\*\* Each camp runs Monday - Thursday from 9:00a - 12:00p**

**\*\* Camps do not offer early drop-off or late pickup**

**\*\* Snack & supplies are provided but please send in a water bottle & change of clothes**

**\*\* Sunscreen & bug spray should be applied before drop-off**

**\*\* Drop off & pick up will be outside on the playground**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies &/or activity restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

With my signature below, I give my preference as to whether the staff of St Philip Preschool Camp can seek medical attention for my child in case of an accident or injury. \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

I give permission for photographs to be taken of my child during summer camp and to be used in print or on the Preschool's social media (names are not included). \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

I understand, in case of accident or injury, that my signature releases St Philip Preschool Camp and Church staff from any responsibility and I choose to send my child to camp.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed forms to: [St Philip Preschool 6200 N Kings Hwy 29572](#) or  
email them to: [stphilippreschoolmb@gmail.com](mailto:stphilippreschoolmb@gmail.com)

Payments for camp can be made with cash or check only. Please register by June 1st



# May Worship Schedule



## Assisting Minister

5/5 (8:30) Rebeka Moran; (10:30) Millie Wolf  
 5/12 (8:30) Wendy Seidel; (10:30) Dana Lee  
 5/19 (8:30) Wendy Seidel; (10:30) Angie Morris  
 5/26 (8:30) Joe Baxter; (10:30) John Iredell

## Lector

5/5 (8:30) Maureen Ciarlo; (10:30) Dana Lee  
 5/12 (8:30) Shauna Shea; (10:30) Mary Shelly  
 5/19 (8:30) Shanna Cisson; (10:30) Pésida Rivera-Méndez  
 5/26 (8:30) Barbara Miller; (10:30) Wendy Seidel

## Usher

5/5 (8:30) Linda Prochaska; (10:30) Madge Rosenberg  
 5/12 (8:30) Teddy Janosick; (10:30) Kelley Hiller  
 5/19 (8:30) Ronda Anderson (10:30) Dennis Hiller  
 5/26 (8:30) Robin Heuer; (10:30) Steve Wiker

## Camera Operator, 10:30 service

5/5 Joe Baxter  
 5/12 Jim Seidel  
 5/19 Lauren Zuschlag  
 5/26 Dave Ramsey

## Crucifers/Acolytes, 10:30 service

*\*Schedules will be emailed to the parents*

## Tellers

5/5 Elsie Angus and Carol Washington  
 5/12 Odella Madeja and Dianne Siee  
 5/19 Marty & Barb Poloni  
 5/26 Marty & Barb Poloni

## Altar Guild (Saturday dates listed)

5/4 Gail Kane and Linda Prochaska  
 5/11 Shanna Cisson and Kathy Buckley  
 5/18 Audrey McVean and Dianne Siee  
 5/25 Dave & Sharon Ramsey

## Filling the sanctuary candles for MAY:

Dave Ramsey

## Children's Church leader, 10:30 service

Roz Hanlon

## Kid's Sunday school, preschool - 1st grade, 9:35 a.m.

5/5 Beth Fife  
 5/12 Daniel Barth  
 5/19 Sarah Prinzi  
 5/26 Daniel Barth

## Children's Sunday school teachers

### 2nd grade and higher, 10:00 a.m.

Shauna Shea, Dana Lee, and Wendy Seidel

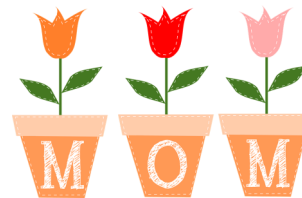
## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 2



## MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 12



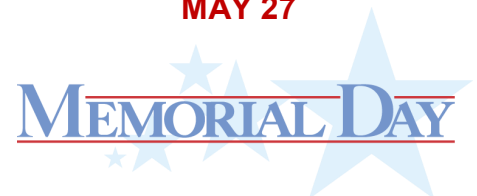
## PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19



## MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 27





Our **church youth** had a great time on Sunday, April 14, at the Jungle Safari Mini Golf after church. There were 15 youth and 5 adults “putting” around, having fun, and enjoying the spectacular weather the Lord provided! Thanks to Shauna Shea for all the pictures.



The **St. Philip Fellowship Committee** will have their monthly meeting on Monday, May 6, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping us serve our church family, please come join us as we plan for upcoming events. We would love to have you!

On Sunday, May 19, we will host a Meet & Greet in the Fellowship Hall following each worship service. Come and join us for time of fellowship and conversation, while enjoying coffee and a sweet treat! Any questions about the Fellowship Committee, please feel free to contact Inara Keelin directly, 843-602-8770.

### Property Report – Dave Ramsey

- ⇒ Irrigation system Spring maintenance completed, no issues.
- ⇒ Clogged sinks repaired (boys and girls restrooms); sink screen placed in girls bathroom sink (thanks to Patrick Wilson).
- ⇒ Sidewalks around the South side and front entrance of the church pressure washed at no cost; business donation.
- ⇒ Working with electrical contractor to make repairs: light in audio hallway off sanctuary; front outside wall light; breaker box serving the kitchen.
- ⇒ Continued thanks to Barb Poloni, Marianne Tetreault, Elsie Angus and all others who continue to help keep the church grounds attractive.

### St. Philip Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch enjoyed lunch at the Sneaky Beagle in April! They will have their last gathering for this season on Monday, May 20, 12:30 p.m. at **Crave Italian Oven & Bar**, 5900 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach (near St. Philip). Please sign up on the sheet provided by the front entrance of the church or call the church office to have your name added to the list. Reservations have been made for 26 people. Please join us!

If you have suggestions or recommendations of future restaurants to visit, please let Don Letourneau know, [captddl@aol.com](mailto:captddl@aol.com). Lunch Bunch meets annually, September - May. See **YOU** in September!



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	2 <b>National Day of Prayer</b> Devotions with Esther Circle, 10am in the sanctuary NA 8pm	3 NA 8pm	4 NA 8pm
5 Worship 830 & 1030am; Kids Sunday school 935am; Adult Bible study 935am; <b>Baptism 1030am; New members class 935am</b> NA 6pm	6 Fellowship Committee 1030am <b>Mobile Meals delivery week</b>	7 Cub Scouts 6pm <b>Mobile Meals delivery week</b>	8 Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm <b>Mobile Meals delivery week</b>	9 NA 8pm <b>Mobile Meals delivery week</b>	10 NA 8pm <b>Mobile Meals delivery week</b>	11 <b>Men's breakfast 830am</b> NA 8pm
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> Worship 830 & 1030am Kids Sunday school 935am Adult Bible study 935am NA 6pm	13 Mission & Outreach Committee 530pm  Ruth Circle 630pm	14 Church Council 6pm	15 <b>Book study 630pm in the Conference Room</b>  Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	16 NA 8pm	17 NA 8pm	18 NA 8pm
19 Worship 830 & 1030am; Kids Sunday school 935am; Adult Bible study 935am; <b>Meet &amp; Greet after each service; New members class 935am</b> NA 6pm	20 <b>Lunch Bunch to Crave Italian 1230pm</b>	21 Cub Scouts 6pm	22 <b>Book study 630pm in the Conference Room</b>  Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	23 NA 8pm	24 NA 8pm	25 Feed the Homeless today  NA 8pm
26 Worship 830 & 1030am; Kids Sunday school 935am; Adult Bible study 935am; <b>Receive new members today; Install Interim Pastor today</b> NA 6pm	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church office closed  	28 <b>Festive Brass of Myrtle Beach concert at the MB Convention Center 7pm</b>	29 <b>Book study 630pm in the Conference Room</b>  Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	30 NA 8pm	31 NA 8pm	

**Oh, Baby!**

**Congrats** to Lee Eymold & Chuck Mancuso on the birth of their grandson, Hudson Patrick Richards, born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

**Congrats** to Daniel & Samantha Barth on the birth of their son, Walter Daniel Barth, born April 5. Walter has 5 older siblings - James, Silas, Hudson, Eve, and Renna.

**Congrats** to AJ & Regine Perez on the birth of their twin great-grand sons, David James Szczepanski & Thomas John Szczepanski, born April 6 to Allison Perez Szczepanski and her husband, Kyle Szczepanski.

**Congrats** to Daniel & Ashley Rojas on the birth of their daughter, Catalina Lilia Rojas, born April 12. Catalina is the sister of Sofia, granddaughter of Bonnie DiPalma, and great granddaughter of Ed Walder.



Dear Members of St. Philip,

I appreciate so much your care and concern during my recent surgery and recuperation. Your prayers, cards, calls, and other ways of sharing were very helpful. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such a caring congregation!

**Love and blessings, Linda Albert**

Dear St. Philip Lutheran,

On behalf of all of us at the Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation. Your kindness allows us to provide essential programs and activities that make a positive, lasting impact on the children and families we serve. Thanks to you, we can offer a safe place for learning, growth, and fun.

**With endless gratitude, Dr. Karen Vaggell, CEO, The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand**

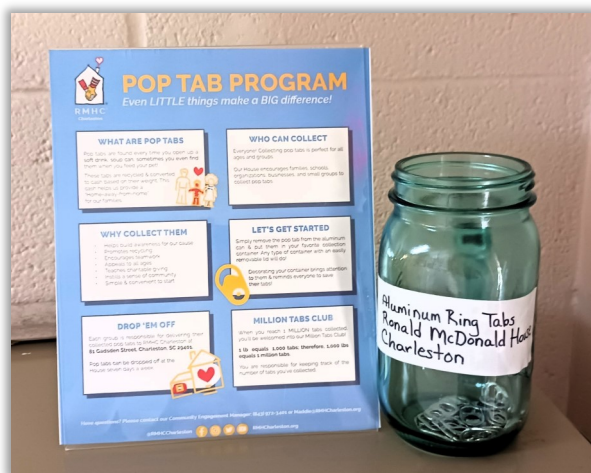
Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$250.13 received on April 16 to use where needed most. Because of your generosity, God continues to change lives through our outdoor ministry. We can continue to give counselors the opportunity to learn new skills, sense new callings, and serve in the places God needs them.

**In Gratitude, Rev. Mike Ward and Deacon Mitzie Schafer, Lutheridge, NovusWay Ministries**

***Even LITTLE things make a BIG difference!***

The collection of pop-tabs continues! Please bring in your pop-tabs (or pull tabs) from items such as canned foods, sodas or other beverages, even canned pet food - anything that has a pull tab is acceptable. Place your tabs in the large, green glass jar (see picture) that is sitting on the information table by the front entrance of the church. The tabs are recycled and converted to cash to help benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Charleston, SC. Thank you!



**Feeding the Homeless May 25: Menu - Hamburgers with all the fixins'**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA9A923A1FF2-48684671-may2024>

On Saturday, May 25, St. Philip is feeding our homeless brothers and sisters. We will need many hands to help set up, serve, clean, and take down. We also will need lots of help in bringing food.

If you plan to bring food, we ask that you bring your warm, ready to eat dish on Saturday morning between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Some items can be brought in ahead of time. Please place chilled items in the kitchen refrigerator and frozen items in the white freezer. We expect to serve about 40 meals, plus we send 20 to-go boxes to deliver, so we will need lots of support! If you have any questions, please contact Audrey McVean at [amcvean@sc.rr.com](mailto:amcvean@sc.rr.com) or Patrick Wilson at [patrickwilson.va@gmail.com](mailto:patrickwilson.va@gmail.com).

## Sabbatical Interim Pastor

Over the past several months, we have been preparing for Pastor Jason's (and family) sabbatical this summer, June 1 through September 15, 2024.

In previous announcements, we have discussed what a sabbatical is and what it is not. A "sabbatical" is a significant amount of time away from ministry responsibilities and is to be used for both professional growth and personal renewal. It is not a vacation. There will be learning and growing that occurs, both for Pastor Jason and for the congregation of St. Philip.

We have shared the topic of his study over the summer. The question, "*What would we need to change to integrate the next 50 people God wants to send us?*" will guide his learning. Pastor Jason will be working with Pinnacle Leadership Associates to proactively navigate St. Philip's growth into the future. The ultimate goal of this learning is to, along with leadership at St. Philip, develop a church-specific size transition plan for the future health of St. Philip.

While away, we will have an Interim Pastor, Rev. Beth Neubauer, who will lead worship, provide pastoral care, and offer guidance and direction as needed.

As a member here at St. Philip, Pastor Neubauer is familiar with its history and culture, knows many faces and names, and is connected strongly to all of the ministries, projects, and renovations we aim to fulfill. While she will not be acting in a full-time role, Pastor Neubauer will be available in the office one day per week, as well as in case of emergency pastoral care needs.

We thank Pastor Neubauer for her willingness to serve and bless the congregation in this way. Please continue to pray for Pastor Jason, Pastor Beth, and St. Philip during this sabbatical time, that it may lead to renewal, revitalization, and preparedness for the future.

### St. Philip Faith Stories

#### "Continuum" – Rev. Beth Neubauer

Ordained in 1976, Rev. Beth Neubauer spent many vacations at the Grand Stand, seeking respite from her ministerial duties. When she retired from full-time ministry in 2017, she eagerly embraced a new chapter, immediately relocating from Maryland to her new home in Carolina Forest, wanting to live that vacation lifestyle permanently. Yet, the shift to Myrtle Beach, with its new surroundings and new faces, initially left her feeling disconnected. The familiarity of her past life seemed distant in her newly retired state.



And so Beth sought to find something that connected her to her life before. That's when she discovered St. Philip Lutheran Church. "It is a place where I am fed in the pew," Beth explains. "The worship here is rooted in a strong liturgical tradition, emphasizing Word and sacrament, complemented by a mission of service and outreach."

At St. Philip, Beth has found more than just a connection; she encounters a faith that transcends her surroundings. Despite the newness of her environment, she felt an enduring presence of God. "There is a continuum of God's grace," Beth reflected. "I have been blessed wherever I've been, and I continue to feel that grace here."

Beth's connection with St. Philip continually reminds her of the broader communion of saints — those no longer on earth and those not in immediate proximity. "It's not merely about friendship," Beth remarks. "It's about support in times of need, sharing joy, and being enveloped in music and song. It's about community."

Beth's involvement extends beyond regular worship; through engaging in the church's outreach programs - including serving meals to the homeless and participating in Vacation Bible School - she has met people who have truly fleshed out the community. "It made me feel at home," she says.

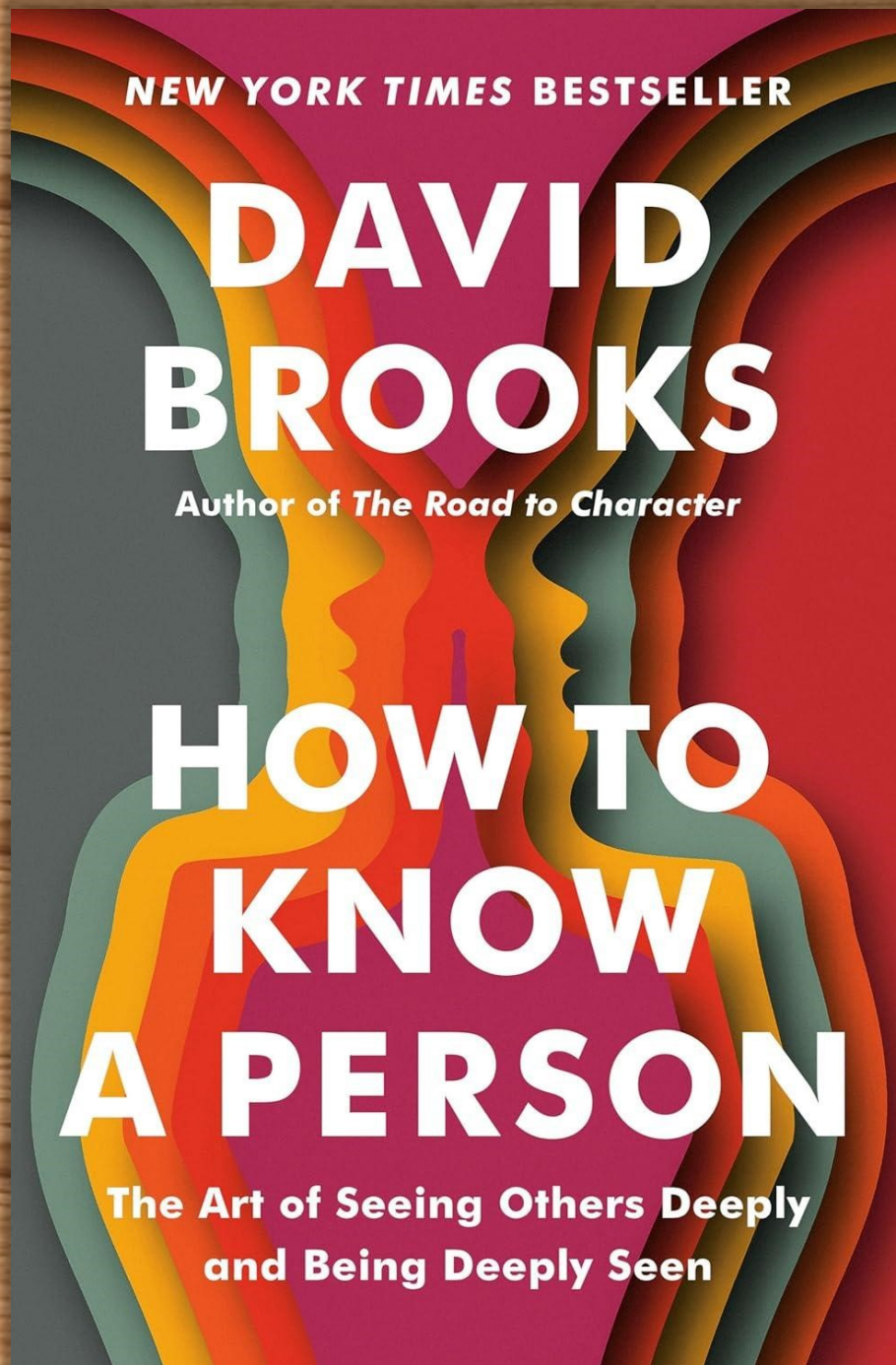
Through these experiences, she has found that while her location has changed, the fellowship of God's people at St. Philip provides a steadfast connection to her faith and to a continuity in God's grace, no matter where she is.

As we approach Pastor Jason's sabbatical in the summer of 2024, Beth is set to become an integral leader in our community as our Interim Pastor. Her role will help others find their own connections within the continuum of faith at St. Philip, just as she has.

## **Book Study & Discussion: "How to Know a Person"**

Join member of St. Philip, Pr. Pérsida Rivera-Méndez, for a book study discussion on, "How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen," by David Brooks. We will begin on Wednesday, May 15, and continue each Wednesday through June 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Each session will be about an hour long, where we will discuss three chapters. We look forward to rich and engaging conversations!

Please come prepared by reading the selected chapters for each session ahead of time. Pastor Jason Lee will have books available for purchase for \$20 for those who want to start reading right away. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the information table by the front entrance of the church if you plan to join us for this exciting book study, as we seek to expand our welcome and knowledge of God's diverse people among us.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those who are sick, in the hospital, or in hospice care and for all front-line workers in the medical field; for all First Responders and all Police Officers. For all victims of war and violence in our nation; for refugees and asylum seekers in the U.S.; for those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world; for all missionaries near and far. For our Community and Nation; for our President, our Vice-president, our government, and our local and state officials; and for all our United States service men and women.

Prayers for church members and regular attendees: Joan Oberrender, Patti Klosterman, Bill Houston, Chris Burton, Hans Duerr, Marty Poloni, Carol Renne, Barbara Stemler, and Maxine Robinson.

Prayers for loved ones/friends: **AJ & Regine Perez** - Hannah T. (granddaughter), Donna L. (colon cancer); **Audrey McVean** - Lora D. (mother); **Barbara Boord** - Albert Z. (ALS); **Barbara Miller** - Patti W., Leon K., Tayssir; **Bill & Nancy Houston** - Jesi S. (niece); **Beth Fife** - Tammy G.; **Beth Neubauer** - Judith W. (Beth's sister), neighbors in Haiti (Village of Hope School & Clinic); **Bob & Betti Taggart** - Ellen H., Jessica D. (granddaughter), Lannette P., George S., Lorrie D. (daughter); **Bonnie DiPalma** - Michele L.; **Carol Renne** - Fran K. (son-in-law); **Carol Washington** - Suzanne W. (cancer); **Chuck & Donna Krohn** - Max K. (grandson); **Connie Lafferty** - Ron K. (brother, health issues); **Daniel & Samantha Barth & family** - Zoe (cancer treatments); **Dave & Lottie Witmer** - Jim H.; **Dave & Sharon Ramsey** - Vivian B.; **David & Sherri Crawford** - Tina B. (cancer treatments), Dennis & Betty D., Marilyn D. (Sherri's mom); **Don & Bonnie Letourneau** - Darrell R. (brain cancer); **Ellen Yates** - Tom I. (cancer), Jack D. (cousin); **Frank & April Troglauer** - Keith P., Hope H., Heather W.; **Gail Kane** - Mike L., Sherry L.; **Gary & Lucille Moore** - MacKenzie (granddaughter), Candy and Terry (Gary's sister and brother, both with terminal cancer); **Geno & Keila Sebia** - the Sebia family; **Hank & Pat Moody** - Anne Moody Douglas (Hank's sister); **Henry & Rita Lewis** - Garry R., Jackie W.; **James & Joyce DeNoon** - Steve S.; **James McIlrath** - Romaine M., Karen M., Mark C.; **Jeff & Cynthia Church** - Kenneth S., Ana M.; **Jessica & Brian Lowe** - Gavin O., Rene B., Baker family; **Jim & Malinda Eubanks** - Ava (granddaughter with Leukemia); **Joan DiLorenzo** - Betty and Carol (Joan's sisters), Bill B. (son-in-law); **John Sparkman & Brent Lank** - reconciliation between Sue & Delia, Greg & Kim B. (Brent's sister & brother-in-law); **Joe & Paula Baxter** - Tom (son-in-law with cancer), Joe (cousin with cancer), family-Barbara, Donny, Laura, Debra, Lydia, Derek, Paul, Virginia, Nicole; **Jonah and Anna Lee** - Mallory and Camden W. (cousins); **Kinter & Susan McClelland** - Robin & Vince W., Charles H. family of Melissa R., Barry S.; **Kip & Ronda Anderson** - Sarah S., Earl S., Debbie K., Becky L., Allan B., Chet H., Buddy D., Rae Jean D., Terry G., Dave & Patti J., Kim A.; **Lee Eymold & Chuck Mancuso** - Joan S. (Lee's sister), David C. (cancer), Mark S., Hudson R., (new grandson); **Madge Rosenberg** - Catherine R. (daughter); **Marianne Tetreault** - Kenny M.; **Marjorie Allen** - Cristina G.; **Martha Sosebee** - Bobby J. (cancer), Amber and Korben; **Marty & Barb Poloni** - Rob M. (transplant), Kris K. (convulsions and surgery), Helen T. (cancer), Deb M. (healing for RA), Helen T. (cancer); **Mary Shelly** - Rosemarie H., Cole W.; **Mike & Diane Ballard** - Robert L. (Diane's father); **Odella Madeja** - the Oberkempt family; **Pérsida Rivera-Méndez** - Raymond R. (son); **Rebeka Moran** - Brett S.; **Redding Soderberg** - Tom, Neely & Hayes P. (passing of son); **Robin Heuer** - Ann, Rick, Jerry, family, Joyce, Desiree, Claudia, Bob, Erica; **Roz Hanlon** - David G., Sachs/Todd family, Whitney B., KT (cancer). Cindy W., Keleti, Carol F., Norman W.; **Skip Barth** - Mother Superior Stella, Ann S., Jodie & John, Susan, Nancy E. (sister); **Terry Price-Werner** - Don W. (health), Val B. (surgery); **Wendy Seidel** - Kurt B. (brother).

### Happy Birthday!

5/1 Jackie Orcutt  
5/3 Bill Houston, Odella Madeja  
5/8 Susan McClelland, Glenn Stef  
5/9 Brent Lank, Barbara Myers  
5/10 Madilyn Church, Mark Moran  
5/11 Sherri Crawford, Benjamin Prinzi  
5/12 Joan DiLorenzo, Bill Storm  
5/13 Randy Mann  
5/15 Joseph Madeja, Sherry Turczynski  
5/18 Valerie Barba, Nancy Houston  
5/20 Bryson Zuschlag  
5/23 Jim Hoke  
5/24 Lucille Moore, Beth Neubauer  
5/25 Deana Holbrook  
5/27 Chuck Mancuso  
5/29 Kip Anderson



**Celebrate!!**

### Happy Anniversary!

5/2 Daniel & Ashley Rojas  
5/7 Ed & Carole Demmy  
5/8 Quentin Rudolph & June Holshouser  
5/10 Dave & Sharon Ramsey  
5/11 John & Kathy Gabler  
5/13 Ed & Brenda Sheffer  
5/15 John & Elsie Angus; James & Karen McIlrath  
5/17 Bob & Linda Davies; Joe Heindlmeyer & Sherri Miller  
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