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**FEBRUARY NEWS**  
**2024**

FOR GOD SO LO**V**ED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GA**V**E  
HIS ON**L**Y  
BEGOTT**E**N  
SO**N** SO  
THAT **T** WHOSOEVER  
BELIEVES **I**N HIM  
SHALL **N**OT PERISH  
BUT HAVE **E**TERNAL LIFE

# St. Philip Lutheran Church

## St. Philip Church & Preschool Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Jason M. Lee  
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Nursery Assistant: Roz Hanlon

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### 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.  
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### 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  
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### Our Church Council:

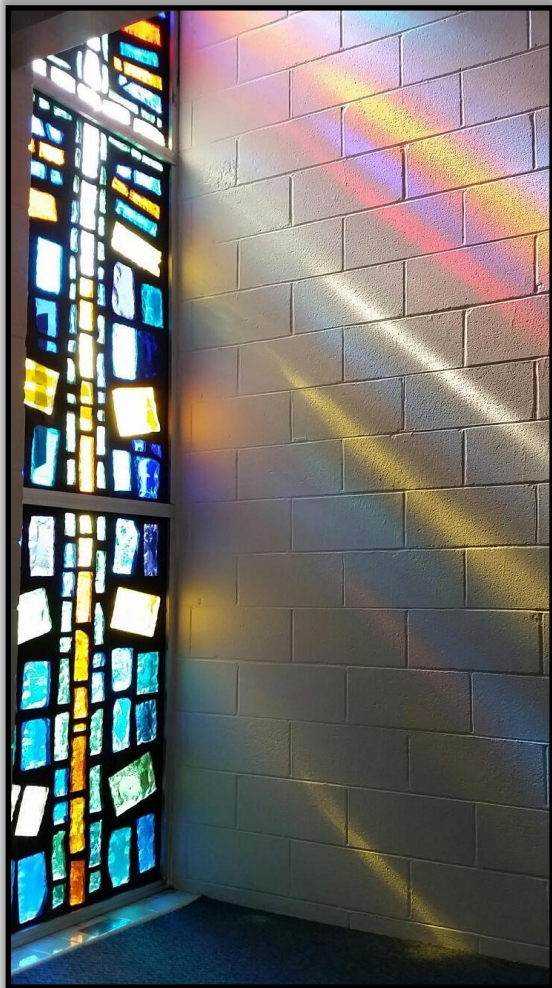

Dave Witmer, Susan McClelland, Linda Albert,  
Shauna Shea, Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel,  
Glenn Stef, Ronda Anderson, and Roz Hanlon.



## *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.





**St. Philip Lutheran Church**

**2023 Non-Budget Benevolences**

Benevolence Funds	Equity Accounts	1/1/2023 Equity Balance	Income Accounts	2023 Jan-Dec 31 Income (Received)	Expense Accounts	2023 Jan-Dec 31 Expenses (Paid)	2023 Balance	12/31/2023 Balance to carry over to 2024
Benevolence -- ALL (HH, H4K, LWR, B&G)	3080-20		4080-20	4,467.68	7080-20	4,267.68	200.00	200.00
Helping Hands	3080-21		4080-21	5,602.14	7080-21	5,367.14	235.00	235.00
Help 4 Kids	3080-22		4080-22	458.50	7080-22	448.50	10.00	10.00
Lutheran World Relief	3080-23		4080-23	580.00	7080-23	570.00	10.00	10.00
Boys & Girls Club	3080-24		4080-24	284.00	7080-24	274.00	10.00	10.00
Homeless Ministries	3080-25	377.57	4080-25	995.00	7080-25	816.31	178.69	556.26
Christmas in July	3080-26		4080-26	5,385.00	7080-26	5,385.00	-	-
Benevolences - Meals on Wheels	3080-28		4080-28	120.00	7080-28	120.00	-	-
Benevolences -Disaster Relief	3080-28		4080-28	73.00	7080-28	73.00	-	-
Benevolences - Blessing Box	3080-29	294.91	4080-29		7080-29		-	294.91
Lutheran Men in Mission			4080-30	275.00	7080-30	275.00	-	
Mobile Meals			4080-31	75.00	7080-28	75.00	-	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>672.48</b>		<b>18,315.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,671.63</b>	<b>643.69</b>	<b>1,316.17</b>

**SUMMARY**

Benevolence Gifts Distributed in 2023	Shared	Designated	Total Gifts
Helpng Hands of Myrtle Beach	1,066.92	5,367.14	6,434.06
Help 4 Kids	1,066.92	448.50	1,515.42
Lutheran World Relief	1,066.92	570.00	1,636.92
Boys & Girls Club	1,066.92	274.00	1,340.92
<b>Total Gifts distributed in 2023</b>	<b>4,267.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,927.32</b>

Christmas in July Gifts Received	5,385.00		
Waccamaw Youth Center		1,795.00	
Churches Assisting People		1,795.00	
LSC - Foster Children in Horry County		1,795.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,385.00</b>

**SUMMARY**

Other Gifts			
Homeless Ministries		816.31	
Meals on Wheels		120.00	
Disaster Relief		73.00	
Lutheran Men in Mission		275.00	
Mobile Meals		75.00	
<b>Total Distributed</b>			<b>1,359.31</b>

**Total Benevolences distributed in 2023 17,671.63**

American Century Benevolence Funds to be Awarded	Cash or Equity	1/1/2023 Equity	Date	Jan-Dec 2023 Income (Received)	Expense Accounts	Jan-Dec 2023 Expenses (Paid)	Balance in 2022 Benevolence 3080-02	Balance in 2023 Benevolence 3100-02.5
Balance in ACI Benevolence Withdrawal	3080-02	1,124.47	1/1/2023				1,124.47	
Lutheran Services Carolinas -- Refugees			6/1/2023		3080-02	500.00	624.47	
Lutheran World Relief--Hurricanes			6/1/2023		3080-02	500.00	124.47	
Balance in ACI Benevolence Account	3080-02		10/14/2023				124.47	
ACI Benevolence Distribution Fund for 2023	3100-02.5		5/8/2023	4,600.00	3100-02.5			4,600.00
Mobile Meals			10/27/2023		3080-02	124.47	0	
Mobile Meals			10/27/2023		3080-02.5	2,600.00		2,000.00
Christ United (for bus--homeless assistance)			12/12/2023		3080-02.5	2,000.00		0
<b>Totals in ACI Benevolence Funds</b>		<b>1,124.47</b>		<b>4,600.00</b>		<b>5,724.47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**SUMMARY**

Recipients of ACI Benevolence Withdrawals		
Lutheran Services Carolinas - Refugees		500.00
Lutheran World Relief - Hurricanes		500.00
Mobile Meals		2,724.47
Christ United - Homeless Ministry Bus		2,000.00
<b>Total Gifts distributed from Benevolence Endowment</b>		<b>5,724.47</b>

**BENEVOLENCE GIFTS IN BUDGET OF ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH**

South Carolina Synod - ELCA	8,580.00
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**TOTAL BENEVOLENCE GIFTS DISTRIBUTED IN 2023 31,976.10**

A carry-over of \$1,124.47 from the ACI Benevolence distribution in 2022 was available with the \$4,600 ACI Benevolence distribution in 2023.

A total of ACI Benevolence funds of \$5,724.47 was given in 2023, as follows:

Lutheran Services Carolinas \$500; Lutheran World Relief \$500; Mobile Meals \$2,724.47; and Homeless Bus assistance \$2,000.

A total of \$8,580 was included in the budget for benevolences for Mission Support for the SC Synod and ELCA.

1/5/2024

Linda Albert, Treasurer



## St. Philip Lutheran Church

Time Period: January 1 - December 31, 2023	General Fund	Preschool	Benevolence	Capital Campaign	Misc Restricted Funds	Totals
General Fund Offerings, (Regular, QCD, Tithe.ly, On-line)	330,999					330,999
Other Receipts	7,100	107,233	18,315	350,250	19,959	502,857
<b>Total Church Operating Income, Preschool, Benevolence, Etc.</b>	<b>338,099</b>	<b>107,233</b>	<b>18,315</b>	<b>350,250</b>	<b>19,959</b>	<b>833,856</b>
Expenses & Disbursements (Actual)	334,536	90,743	17,672	55,843	9,087	507,880
<b>Net Operating Income or (Loss) and Other Balances</b>	<b>3,563</b>	<b>16,490</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>294,408</b>	<b>10,872</b>	<b>325,976</b>
Other Increases/Decreases	8,610	(7,350)			(7,599)	(6,339)
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>12,173</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>294,408</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>319,638</b>

\*Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday, Jan-Dec 2023 (53 Sundays)  
*(This weekly average includes Offerings & QCD gifts.)*  
 Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday in 2022 (52 Sundays)  
 \*Average offerings include General Fund gifts only.

6,248  
5,525

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Albert, Treasurer

2023 Average weekly worship attendance, Sundays, 8:30 a.m. = 46  
 2023 Average weekly worship attendance, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. = 105  
 2023 Average weekly online viewing, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. = 145

Submitted by Linda Hendricks, Parish Admin

### Property Report - Dave Ramsey

- ⇒ Pastor continues to work with City and the Consultant to finalize permit application and solicit plans for contractor bids for dirt parking lot project.
- ⇒ New caulking applied to windows along 63rd Ave. near the Fellowship Hall; thanks to John Angus and Phil Wolfe.
- ⇒ Thanks to Joan Oberrender for purchasing a new American Flag and a new Christian Flag for the church.
- ⇒ Thanks to all who continue to keep the grounds and the building taken care of.

### St. Philip Faith Stories: "Full-Circle" - Jeff Church

"There were things I learned as a kid that no one thought were sinking in - but they did!" Jeff Church's childhood involved regular worship attendance with his grandmother. It wasn't always something he wanted to do, but as part of the family, church attendance was very much expected. Despite that, it was in church - particularly when he started to meet some of his peers who became friends - that he started to grow in his faith.

"It became about relationship and friendship," Jeff reflected. "I attended Bible school, but it was the friendships that led me to come back." Thanks to being in church, Jeff discovered a relationship with God through relationships with others. "God is here and God is there, and I feel I can worship anywhere." But Jeff also knows that being part of a faith community is important - especially for his two daughters. So, the Church family set out to find a faith community where their daughters could feel connected. "We were looking for the type of fellowship that I grew up in, that made an impression on me," he expressed.

And that is precisely what Jeff and his family found at St. Philip. When Jeff and his family arrived, they were confident the church was committed to educating and involving children. They witnessed kids and youth learning about God through youth events, children's choir, church camps, and more. "Those were things we were looking for and things that St. Philip supports. Our kids can connect in different ways."

Jeff feels comfortable that he can pass along to his daughters what his family passed on to him: an experience of the Christian faith in ways they will remember for a lifetime. "It is so beneficial for our children. They get to build this wonderful thing; the kids get to experience God with their peers."

Now, Jeff eagerly anticipates his daughters' ongoing journey in faith and looks forward to the ways he can be meaningfully involved. His excitement extends to his family's contributions to the Forward Together capital campaign. In a poignant full-circle moment, Jeff found himself contributing an unexpected family gift that was passed on to him. It's a concrete expression of the legacy of faith that spans generations.

As St. Philip continues to cultivate connections, educate the youth, and uphold the values that resonated with Jeff in his younger days, the story of faith carries on - passed along in ways we trust will sink in, and because of God, they certainly will.



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

January 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the St. Philip Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, in the Conference Room.

**Call to Order:** 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, Glenn Stef, Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel, Roz Hanlon, and Shauna Shea. Others present: Jenn Loeswick (Preschool Director). Council Members not present: Ronda Anderson. Others not present: John Sparkman (Director of Music Ministry).

**Opening Devotions and Discussion:** Pastor Jason read a passage from Mark 5 and led a discussion related to Jesus making changes/transformations and how it relates to us.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Glenn Stef and seconded by Jim Seidel to approve the Council Minutes dated December 12, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Committee Reports:**

- Music and Worship Committee meeting minutes from January 2, 2024 were reviewed.
- Property Committee report submitted by Dave Ramsey and presented by Pastor Jason Lee. Bids for contractors for the parking lot will begin soon as plans are in the final stages.
- Fellowship Committee meeting minutes from January 8, 2024 were reviewed.
- Youth Committee: events are planned for January 20, 2024 (Saturday morning breakfast and movie), February 11, 2024 (after church lunch and activity), and March 23, 2024 (Easter egg hunt and activities). Older youth Sunday School continues to be well attended.
- Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on January 23, 2024.
- Outreach Committee homeless meal planned for January 27, 2024.

**Staff Reports:**

- Pastor's report submitted for January 2024 by Pastor Jason. Highlights include: Christmas Eve services were well attended with 300+ attendance combined. The Holden Evening Prayer services went very well with good attendance. John Sparkman and Pastor Jason are working on plans for Lent. There is an increase in homebound visits. Starting in Lent, communion will switch to intinction. There will be information and announcements to help prepare the congregation for this change. Ash Wednesday services are scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, at 12:15 and 6:00 p.m.. Lenten meals and worship will also be starting back. Parking lot plans are moving slowly.
- Jenn Loeswick, Preschool Director: The preschool is getting back into regular routine after returning from the break. Preparations have started for the online auction fundraiser in April. Two new students are joining the preschool in January. Jenn is interested in a class (online and in-person) to work towards a nature-based teacher certification.

**Ratify Email Votes from the Month:** None

**Items for Discussion/Approval:** Dave Witmer updated that we are all set with American Church Group (Brotherhood Mutual) insurance. Membership lists are being researched and reviewed to identify inactive members (per Bylaws defined as someone who has not communed and contributed in the preceding calendar year). Currently 4 individuals and one couple are identified. A letter will be mailed to them confirming intent for inactive status.

**Leadership Development:** Pastor and Council discussed the article "Leadership and Church Size Dynamics: How Strategy Changes with Growth" by Dr. Timothy Keller. This ties into Pastor's sabbatical studying and coaching for size transitions. Plans are being finalized for Pastoral coverage during sabbatical and processes are being reviewed to ensure seamless coverage of Pastor Jason's responsibilities and duties. Shanna Cisson (Chair Sabbatical Committee) will be meeting with council to facilitate the process.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Dismissal:** Motion was made by Susan McClelland and seconded by Glenn Stef to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. The next Regular Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

## Communion Distribution during the Season of Lent

Each Sunday we gather for Word and Sacrament - hearing the word of God proclaimed and sharing in the Lord's Supper. In Holy Communion, we are sustained, nourished, and strengthened to live out our call of witness and service in the world. Communion is central to our worship service.



Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through the Sundays in Lent, we will transition to distributing communion by intinction. Intinction involves dipping the consecrated bread (wafer) into the chalice of wine and then eating. We will continue to come forward to the head of the aisle for distribution. We will receive the wafer from the pastor and move to the chalice of wine, dipping the wafer. Be mindful not to submerge your fingers. If you accidentally put the wafer in your mouth, the pastor will offer another wafer to you. The pastor will still have gluten-free wafers and packets of grape juice, should that be your preference.

There are many reasons for this change. Theologically, this method of distribution better symbolizes the unity we have in Christ. As individual members of the body of Christ partake from the one cup, it visually represents the idea that all of us, though diverse, are included, equal, and part of the one body of Christ. There is one Bread, one Vine, and one Body of Christ.

On the practical side, this method of distribution ensures we are good stewards of what God has given. Plastic waste will be eliminated. This is a more economical use of wine, limiting the unused leftovers. It saves the Altar Guild much time filling up one cup instead of 160 cups (or more). In embracing this method of Communion distribution, we look forward to a season of deeper reflection, unity in Christ, and responsible stewardship, as we continue to gather around the one Bread and one Cup as the one Body of Christ.

## Sabbatical Reminders and Updates

In the summer of 2024 (June 1-September 15), Pastor Jason and family will be taking a sabbatical.

A "sabbatical" is a significant amount of time away from ministry responsibilities and is to be used for both professional growth and personal renewal. A sabbatical intends to sharpen the recipient's skills and to refresh both the spiritual life and a sense of calling. A Sabbatical is not an additional vacation.

Sabbaticals, unlike vacations, assume that the congregational council and the synod play a significant role with the rostered minister in the planning, execution, and evaluation in shaping the outcome. There will be learning and growing that occurs, both for Pastor Jason and for the congregation of St. Philip.

Over the coming months, more detailed plans will be shared, including an overview of what Pastor Jason will be studying while away, who will be our interim pastor during that time, and other answers to questions we all may have. If there are other questions, please speak to Pastor Jason or any member of the Sabbatical Committee: Dick Albert, Shanna Cisson, and Jim Eubanks.



## Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting Highlights

January 8, 2024

**Attendance:** Don LeTourneau, Pastor Jason, Teddy Janosick, Patrick Wilson, Gail Kane, Barb Poloni, Audrey McVean, Roz Hanlon, Barbara Miller, and Shanna Cisson

**Feeding the Homeless:** Patrick reported in January we will be serving Chili and Baked Potato; in February we will be serving Chicken Pot Pie and Salad; and in March we will be serving Pizza. We are looking for another driver for van pickup. Discussed checking with Food Lion for boxed meals which they offer at a discount at the end of the year.

**Blessing Box:** Roz reported that supply closet is filled. Discussed schedule for filling the Blessing Box. All of us will check when we are at various meetings at church to see if box needs filling.

**Mobile Meals:** Audrey reported they are now serving 40-45 people. They received \$1,080 from the Chapin Foundation which celebrated their 80th anniversary. St. Philip also received \$1,080 from the Chapin Foundation celebrating their 80th anniversary.

**Meals on Wheels:** Barb reported they are still searching for a building. Frozen meals are being supplied. Everything is in storage for now.

**Helping Hands:** Barb reported that a total of 1,517.6 lbs. of food was given from St. Philip to Helping Hands in 2023. Souper Bowl of Caring will be held on February 11 (Super Bowl Sunday). Collection of food will take place and "soup pots" will be available for monetary donations. Barb will contact Executive Director, Tony Gardner, to learn of any specific pantry needs.

**New American Program:** Barbara reported that over 400 items were collected for the Coat Collections. Items included coats, blankets, hats, etc.

**Reading Buddies at Myrtle Beach Primary and Boys and Girls Club:** Gail reported that Kim Thomas of Myrtle Beach Primary is the contact for Reading Buddies Program. They are ready for reading buddies. Volunteers must complete online background check form. Gail reported that Karen Vassell is the new CEO of the Boys and Girls Club. Changes have been made to improve tutoring areas. They are also ready for volunteer tutors.

**Benevolence:** Don led discussion on current benevolences (Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach, Help 4 Kids, Lutheran World Relief, and Boys and Girls Club). Current benevolences distributed for 2023 were \$17,671.63. ACI Benevolence Funds distributed totaled \$5,724.47. Benevolence Gift to SC Synod -ELCA totaled \$8,589.00. Total benevolences distributed for 2023 of \$31,976.10.

Committee discussed current benevolences. A motion was made by Shanna Cisson and seconded by Roz Hanlon to switch Lutheran World Relief to Lutheridge for 2024. Motion passed. Further discussion will be held at a later date regarding Christmas in July selection.

Pastor Jason led discussion regarding other outreach activities to get involved in besides Feeding the Homeless. Patrick and Shanna will meet separately to brainstorm different activities. It was suggested that we try to do something once a quarter to start.

The next Mission & Outreach meeting will be on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

### St. Philip BENEVOLENCES for 2024

Help 4 Kids

Boys and Girls Club of the Grand Strand

Lutheridge, NovusWay Ministries

Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE GRAND STRAND



**HELPING HAND**  
OF MYRTLE BEACH

**NovusWay**  
Ministries







# February Worship Schedule



**Assisting Minister**

2/4 (8:30) Joe Baxter; (10:30) John Iredell  
 2/11 (8:30) John Iredell; (10:30) Wendy Seidel  
**2/14 (12:15) John Iredell; (6:00) Dana Lee**  
 2/18 (8:30) James McIlrath; (10:30) Angie Morris  
 2/25 (8:30) Wendy Seidel; (10:30) Millie Wolf

**Lector**

2/4 (8:30) Bob Taggart; (10:30) Martha Sosebee  
 2/11 (8:30) Shauna Shea; (10:30) Barb Poloni  
**2/14 (12:15) Mary Shelly; (6:00) Barbara Miller**  
 2/18 (8:30) John Iredell; (10:30) Mary Shelly  
 2/25 (8:30) Shanna Cisson; (10:30) Regine Perez

**Usher**

2/4 (8:30) Linda Prochaska; (10:30) Dave Witmer  
 2/11 (8:30) Ronda Anderson; (10:30) Kelley Hiller  
**2/14 (12:15) Don Letourneau; (6:00) Patrick Wilson**  
 2/18 (8:30) Shanna Cisson; (10:30) Dennis Hiller  
 2/25 (8:30) Teddy Janosick; (10:30) Jack Ledford

**Camera Operator, 10:30 service**

2/4 Dave Ramsey  
 2/11 Jim Seidel  
**2/14 Joe Baxter (6:00)**  
 2/18 Joe Baxter  
 2/25 John Iredell

**Tellers**

2/4 Marty & Barb Poloni  
 2/11 Odella Madeja and Dianne Siew  
 2/18 Elsie Angus and Carol Washington  
 2/25 Elsie Angus and Carol Washington

**Altar Guild (Saturday dates listed)**

2/3 Gail Kane and Linda Prochaska  
 2/10 Carole Ledford and Marianne Tetreault  
**2/14 Gail Kane**  
 2/17 Kathy Buckley and Shanna Cisson  
 2/24 Dave & Sharon Ramsey

**Filling the candles in the sanctuary for February:**

Dave Ramsey

**Crucifer/Acolyte, 10:30 service:**

*\*Schedules will be emailed to the parents*

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

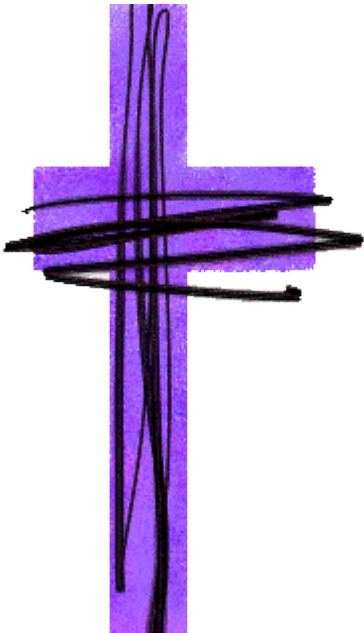
2/4 Sarah Prinzi  
 2/11 Daniel Barth  
 2/18 Redding Soderberg  
 2/25 Beth Fife

**Children's Sunday school 2nd grade and higher, 10:00 a.m.**

Teachers: Shauna Shea, Dana Lee, and Wendy Seidel

**Children's Church, 10:30 service**

Roz Hanlon





## MUSIC NOTES with John

*"In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike!"*

Throughout this season following Epiphany, we've been celebrating the light of Christ shining from the manger into all the world. One of the ways we've expressed this in worship has been to sing Kathleen Thomason's moving hymn *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* each week as we share Holy Communion as a community. This hymn communicates deep conviction and personal sincerity, while avoiding any pretense. The first person writing invites all those singing to join Jesus, the Light of the World, in discipleship—our lifelong journey of faith. The second line of each verse deepens this commitment:

Verse 1: "I want to follow Jesus."

Verse 2: "I want to look at Jesus."

Verse 3: "I want to be with Jesus"

But it is the refrain that carries the essence of the hymn's meaning, with its scriptural allusions that quote from Revelation 21 and 22 that distinguishes this hymn from many earlier expressions of discipleship.

The simplicity of the music and text does not imply a simplistic faith, however. "I Want to Walk as a Child" reminds us of one of the central paradoxes of our faith, that in following Jesus we become as a child to fully appreciate and understand the depth and mystery of the kingdom of God.

As the weeks of Epiphany come to a close, I hope you'll join in worship to sing this and many other great hymns of our faith, and to hear the joyful music St Philip's musicians of all ages have prepared to help us turn from the shadows around us, looking instead towards the light of Christ everywhere our journeys lead us.



**Lunch Bunch** had a great time of fellowship and enjoyed some good food at Maggi D's in January. We welcome everyone who is able and available to join us for lunch!

In February, we will gather for lunch on **TUESDAY, February 20**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** at **Café Old Vienna**, 1604 N. Kings Hwy, in Myrtle Beach. **\*Note the day and time change.** Please sign up on the sheet provided by the front entrance of the church. Reservations have been made for 26 people.



#### Remaining Lunch Bunch Schedule

- ⇒ March 18, 12:30 p.m. - **Callie Baker's Firehouse Bar & Grill**, 910 Lake Arrowhead Rd., Myrtle Beach
- ⇒ April 15, 12:30 p.m. - **Sneaky Beagle**, 5040 Carolina Forest Blvd., Myrtle Beach
- ⇒ May 20, 12:30 p.m. - **Crave Italian Oven & Bar**, 5900 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach



#### NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Pastor Jason will offer two new members classes on Sundays, February 11 & 25, beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to find out about the history of St. Philip, the Lutheran faith, or to ask any questions you may have about membership.

Please speak to Pastor Jason after either after worship or contact him directly if you are interested in attending the classes, [prjlee@aol.com](mailto:prjlee@aol.com). St. Philip will welcome new members on Sunday, March 3, during both worship services.

#### Fellowship Committee - Inara Keelin

The Fellowship Committee will have our Lenten soup, salad, and bread suppers in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings starting February 21 through March 13. We will start serving at 5:30 p.m. with worship starting at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Soup choices will be vegetarian or meat-based. Come join us for delicious homemade soups and engage in Fellowship prior to our worship service.

Our monthly committee meeting will be on Monday, February 5, in the Fellowship Hall at beginning at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping serve your church family throughout the year, come join in the planning of upcoming events and activities. Contact me (Inara) directly at 843-602-8770 if you are interested or have any questions.

#### T-H-A-N-K Y-O-U!

St. Philip Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$406.83 to The Boys and Girls Club of The Grand Strand on December 15, 2023. Your kindness supported the furthering of our mission, *"To inspire and enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens."*

*With deep gratitude, Karen Vassell, CEO, The Boys and Girls Club of The Grand Strand*

Dear St. Philip,

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity for the children. It makes a difference in a child's life to have the basic necessities. With your support, we are able to provide this for children in need. Thank you!

**Barb Mains and Volunteers, Help 4 Kids Back Pack Buddies**

Dear Pr. Lee and Congregation,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,795 in December 2023 to Lutheran Services Carolinas for the Pee Dee Foster Care program to provide Christmas gifts for foster children served in Horry County. Your support allows us to extend hope and healing to others. We are so grateful for your partnership in this vital work.

*Yours in Christ, Ted W. Goins, Jr., President, LSC*

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat



# FEBRUARY 2024

1  
Esther Circle  
10am  
  
NA 8pm

2  
**Ground Hog Day**  
  
NA 8pm

3  
NA 8pm

4  
Worship 830 &  
1030am  
Adult Bible study  
935am  
Kids Sunday School  
935am  
Childrens Choir  
11-45am-1230pm  
NA 6pm

5  
Fellowship  
Committee  
1030am

6  
Worship & Music  
Committee  
630pm

7  
Handbells 101  
515-600pm  
  
Handbells 6pm  
  
Choir 7pm

8  
NA 8pm

9  
NA 8pm

10  
**Men's Breakfast  
830am in the  
Fellowship Hall**  
  
NA 8pm

11  
**Souper Bowl of  
Caring Sunday**  
Worship 830 &  
1030am  
Adult Bible study  
935am  
Kids Sunday School  
935am  
**New members class  
935am**  
Childrens Choir  
11-45am-1230pm  
**Youth event,  
1130am-2pm**  
NA 6pm

12  
Ruth Circle  
630pm

13  
Cub Scouts 6pm  
  
Church Council  
6pm

14  
**Valentine's Day**  
  
  
**Ash Wednesday  
Services  
12:15 & 6:00 pm**



15  
NA 8pm

16  
NA 8pm

17  
NA 8pm

18  
Worship 830 &  
1030am  
Adult Bible study  
935am  
Kids Sunday School  
935am  
Childrens Choir  
11-45am-1230pm  
NA 6pm

19

20  
**Lunch Bunch at  
Café Old Vienna,  
2pm**

21  
**Lenten Supper  
530pm in the  
Fellowship Hall;  
service to follow  
at 6pm**  
  
Handbells 630pm  
Choir 7pm

22  
NA 8pm

23  
NA 8pm

24  
**Feed the  
Homeless today**  
  
NA 8pm

25  
Worship 830 &  
1030am  
Adult Bible study  
935am  
Kids Sunday School  
935am  
**New members class  
935am**  
Childrens Choir  
11-45am-1230pm  
NA 6pm

26

27  
Cub Scouts 6pm

28  
**Lenten Supper  
530pm in the  
Fellowship Hall;  
service to follow  
at 6pm**  
  
Handbells 630pm  
Choir 7pm

29  
**Leap Day!**  
  
NA 8pm





## St. Philip Preschool

St. Philip Preschool is rolling into 2024 full of JOY! We had a wonderful Christmas program in December before we had our winter break, and had the most family participation in any program we have had to date. Everyone seemed to have a lovely break and enjoyed some good downtime before heading back to school and into a new year.

Betsy Gaynor, our substitute teacher, was a bright light for us the first couple weeks back, subbing nearly every day as we started off the year because of teachers being sick, cars broken down, and children's doctors appointments. But we are still joyful because Betsy brings her sunshine all the time and the teachers all support each other. We made it through the "big storm" we had in January with very minimal clean-up on the playground, which I was thankful for. Horry County was operating on a 2-hour delay the day after the storm which meant that we would be closed, but after checking with our teachers, we were able to be open from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. that day.



We have received 2 registrations for our 2s class for next fall and had a tour recently as well, which resulted in a new friend joining our 3s class on January 17. Doretha Duncan (the church sexton) has a grandson that started preschool with us on January 18, and I have another upcoming tour scheduled for our 4s class to possibly join us next fall.



Wednesday, January 17, and Thursday, January 18, we had Soccer Stars come to our preschool to do a free demo class. If we have enough families sign up, we will offer Soccer Stars as an additional activity once a week. I know we have some families who are already excited about this!

In February, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with class parties and our Fruit of the Spirit for the month is LOVE.

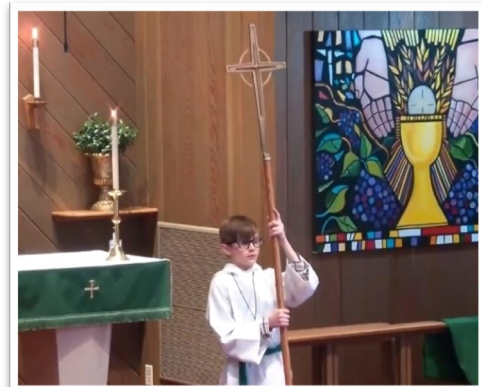
2023 tuition statements have been given out to the preschool families for tax purposes. We are working on our online auction information for April and getting things organized. *Stay tuned!*

## St. Philip Youth Event, Sunday, February 11

*"Let us build a house where love can dwell."* All St. Philip youth is invited to join us as we explore how we can share God's love through hospitality and welcoming others. Join us Sunday, February 11, following the 10:30 worship service. Lunch will be provided followed by activities.

## February Acolyte Ministry News - John Iredell/Shauga Shea

As the final days of the Epiphany season came to a close, the Acolytes are preparing for the Lenten season - Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the glorious Resurrection Sunday. The Acolytes will again take an active role in helping lead the worship services. During this time, Acolyte training will be available for anyone age 8 or older. Please see Pastor Jason or the Acolyte coordinators, John Iredell or Shauna Shea, if you are interested. May everyone have a Blessed and meaningful Lent.



## 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: Don Flickinger, Elsie Angus, Bill Houston, Chris Burton, Hans Duerr, Marty Poloni, Carol Renne, Barbara Stemler, and Maxine Robinson.

Prayers for loved ones/friends of members and regular attendees:

**AJ & Regine Perez** - Hannah T. (granddaughter), Donna L. (colon cancer); **Audrey McVean** - Lora D. (mother); **Barbara Boord** - family of Braylen Sanders, Jodi B. (daughter), Shelly F., Michael A. (brain cancer), Stephen I. (cancer), Josey G. (surgery); **Barbara Miller** - Janice R. (aunt), Doug K. (brother), Patti W., Leon K., Tayssir, Michelle; **Bill & Nancy Houston** - Jesi S. (niece); **Beth Fife** - Robin R. and her sister Tammy G.; **Beth Neubauer** - Judith Worsley (sister); **Bob & Betti Taggart** - Helen G., Dan B., Ellen H., Betty A., Jessica D. (granddaughter), Lannette P.; **Bonnie DiPalma** - Michele L.; **Carol Renne** - Fran K. (son-in-law); **Chuck & Donna Krohn** - Max K. (grandson); **Daniel & Samantha Barth & family** - Zoe (cancer treatments); **Dave & Lottie Witmer** - Jim H.; **Dave & Sharon Ramsey** - Joan H., Vivian B., Abi B.; **David & Sherri Crawford** - Tina B. (cancer treatments), Dennis & Betty D.; **Don & Bonnie Letourneau** - Darrell R. (brain cancer); **Dianne Sice** - Karen R.; **Ellen Hayward** - *family of Ricky R.*; **Ellen Yates** - Linnea L., Tim I. (cancer); **Frank & April Troglauer** - Keith P., Hope H.; **Gail Kane** - Mike L., Sherry L.; **Gary & Lucille Moore** - Candy (sister), MacKenzie (granddaughter), Josh L. (has been deployed); **Geno & Keila Sebia** - the Sebia family, Angelina, Val, Sebastian; **Hank & Pat Moody** - Pr. Pam C.; **Henry & Rita Lewis** - Garry R., Francine N.; **James & Joyce DeNoon** - Steve S.; **James McIlrath** - Romaine M., Karen M., Mark C.; **Jeff & Cynthia Church** - Trey S., Ana M.; **Jessica & Brian Lowe** - Gavin O., Rene B., Baker family; **Jim & Connie Lafferty** - John F.; **Jim & Malinda Eubanks** - Ava (granddaughter with Leukemia); **Joan DiLorenzo** - Betty and Carol (Joan's sisters), Bill B. (son-in-law); **John & Elizabeth Adams-Mager** - Chris M. (John's brother with lung cancer); **John Sparkman & Brent Lank** - reconciliation between Sue and Delia; **Joe & Paula Baxter** - Grace N., Richard G., Oleksii K., Laura & Debra, Pat S., Mrs. Page, Joseph C. (cancer), Kathy M. (loss of husband), Wayne, Kevin, Joe L. (cancer), Debra & Laura (daughters), passing of Allen, Damian (loss of father), Julianne (passing of godchild); **Jonah and Anna Lee** - Mallory and Camden W. (cousins); **Kinter & Susan McClelland** - Robin & Vince W., Charles H. family of Melissa McClelland Rowles; **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); **Marianne Tetreault** - Kenny M.; **Mary Ann Lowe** - Greg L.; **Marjorie Allen** - Cristina G.; **Martha Sosebee** - Bobby J. (cancer); **Marty & Barb Poloni** - Rob Mc (transplant), Kris K. (convulsions), Jay P. (job), Helen T. (cancer); **Mary Shelly** - Rosemarie H., Cole W.; **Maureen Ciarlo** - Baby Ember; **Mike & Diane Ballard** - Robert L. (Diane's father); **Odella Madeja** - the Oberkempt family; **Pérsida Rivera-Méndez** - Raymond R. (son); **Rebeka Burr** - Brett S.; **Redding Soderberg** - Tom, Neely & Hayes P. (passing of son, Carter); **Robin Heuer** - Ann, Rick, Jerry, family; **Roz Hanlon** - Family, David G., Witney B., KT (cancer). Cindy W.; **Sam LaMarr** - Charlie (needs liver transplant); **Skip Barth** - Mother Superior Stella, Ann S., Jodie & John, Susan, Nancy E. (sister).

### Happy Anniversary!

Ed & Inara Keelin, February 4

Jack & Carole Ledford, February 8

### Happy Birthday!

- 2/1 Chuck Krohn, Betti Taggart
- 2/6 Renna Barth, Bailey Lowe
- 2/8 April Dean, Donna Krohn
- 2/9 Morgan Lowe, Redding Soderberg
- 2/12 Billy Alford
- 2/13 Marilyn Burns, Jeff Lohmeyer, Carol Renne, Frances Tilton
- 2/17 Peggy Mann
- 2/19 Ronda Anderson, Dave Crawford
- 2/20 Robin Wolfe
- 2/21 Dori Brandt, Doris Longe (snowbird)
- 2/25 Sharon Ramsey
- 2/27 Sherri Miller





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